

In this, the season of Easter (which lasts until Pentecost on May 20, 2018), the scripture readings invite us to consider what resurrection life entails. What does it mean for us that the crucified Christ was risen from the dead? How does that transform what we do and how we think?



Perhaps above all, the resurrection gives us hope.

Yet, in all honesty, we never completely shed our fear.

Descartes observes: "Hope is a disposition of the soul to persuade itself that what it desires will come to pass, which is caused by a particular movement of the spirits, namely, by that of mingled joy and desire. And fear is another disposition of the soul, which persuades it that the thing will not come to pass. And it is to be noted that, although these two passions are contrary, one may nonetheless have them both together, that is, when one considers different reasons at the same time, some of which cause one to judge that the fulfillment of one's desires is a straightforward matter, while others make it seem difficult. And neither of these passions ever accompanies desire without leaving some room for the other."

Despite the fact that honest hope always leaves room for fear, the resurrection assures us that life does win over death; that love does conquer hate; that good does vanquish evil.

The challenge for us is to not be locked in our routines; to not let fear guide us; to open our arms to others around us; to risk loving; to allow the Spirit of God to enliven us.

May we have the eyes to see this new life appearing around and in and through us.



Grace and peace,

# Just for pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade recipes on a knead-to-know basis.



It's Contagious

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	- An -	TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4	SATURDAY 5
	Mazzo	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	WPPP Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary	<b>Library Open</b> 9:00am	Friendship Club 11:30am, FH	
M	AY		Worship Mtg. 4:00pm, Rm 303	Caregiver Support 10:00am, Rm 303	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, CE Bldg.	
	TAR		WM Ringers 6:00pm, Rm 102			
A PARTICIPAL PROVIDENCE			Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary			
SUNDAY 6	MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11	SATURDAY 12
Communion Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel	<b>Library Open</b> 9:00am <b>Tai Chi</b>	Elizabeth Circle 10:00am, Parlor Staff Meeting	WPPP Family Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary Preschool Board	Library Open 9:00am Communion at	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School	11:30am, FH Book Club	10:30am, Rm 301	10:00am, Rm 301	Westminster WP 11:00am		
9:15-10:15am	7:00pm, Rm 303	Young at Heart Concert	Worship Mtg. 4:00pm, Rm 303	Committee Night		
Salt of the Earth 3:00pm, Panera		2:00pm, Sanctuary	WM Ringers 6:00pm, Rm 102	6:30pm Chairs 7:00pm Prayer Svc		
Youth Group 5:00pm, Rm 204			<b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary	7:30pm Meetings		
SUNDAY 13	MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18	SATURDAY 19
Mother's Day Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Salt of the Earth 3:00pm, Panera Youth Group 5:00pm, Rm 204 SUNDAY 20 Graduation Sunday Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Salt of the Earth 3:00pm, Panera	Library Open 9:00am Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Hannah Circle 7:00pm, Rm 301 MONDAY 21 Library Open 9:00 am Ladies' Game Night 6:00pm-Dinner 7:00pm-Games, Parlor	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Sustainment Visioning Team 12:00pm, Rm 303 TUESDAY 22 Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Worship Mtg. 4:00pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6:00pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary WEDNESDAY 23 Coalition Food Prep 9:00am/Kitchen Worship Mtg. 4:00pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6:00pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir	Library Open 9:00am Deacon Meeting 7:00pm, Rm 301 THURSDAY 24 Library Open 9:00am Coalition Prep Meal 9:00am/Kitchen Session Meeting 7:00pm, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm FRIDAY 25 Coalition Food Prep 9:00 m/Kitchen Sort Toiletries 10:00am/Kitchen Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Serve the Meal	Wedding 10:00 am
Youth Group 5:00pm, Rm 204			7:15pm, Sanctuary		4:30pm/FH-gather 5:30pm Depart	
SUNDAY 27	MONDAY 28	TUESDAY 29	WEDNESDAY 30	THURSDAY 31		
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Salt of the Earth 3:00pm, Panera Youth Group 5:00pm, Rm 204	Office Closed	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Worship Mtg. 4:00pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6:00pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	<b>Library Open</b> 9:00am		Kindness Is Never Out of Season





# Worship Services 8:15 am (Chapel) 10:30 am (Sanctuary)

#### Sunday School • 9:15 AM

#### <u>Children</u>

#### Nursery for ages 1 month – 3 years (608) Ages 3 years – Grade 2 (101) Grades 3 – 5 (201)

At Winter Park Presbyterian Church we are blessed to host Sunday School classes for young and elementary aged children. Both classes use a curriculum called *Deep Blue*, which invites children to explore the stories of the Bible through video, crafts, games, and mission. In Sunday School they will begin to form the building blocks for a lifelong, deep faith in Christ.

#### <u>Youth</u>

#### Middle School & High School (202)

One of the most important aspects of growing faith in Youth is the freedom to ask questions. Our Youth Sunday School uses a curriculum that encourages youth to do just that. *Re:form* asks youth to explore their faith using questions. Some of the topics they cover through this class is the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, the disciples, Jesus, and other topics that are relevant to the world today.

#### <u>Adults</u>

#### Relationships in Action (301)

Relationships in Action is adult Sunday School class that studies issues "with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other." Each week features a different theme and a different speaker to present each topic (see May schedule on page 5). They are interested in social issues that affect their lives and the lives of others and how we as followers of Christ can be a factor in positive change.

#### Seekers (315)

The Seekers is a discussion based adult Sunday school class that studies a wide variety of topics ranging from Books of the Bible to Theology to Current Events. They are a support group that spends time on fellowship as well as discussion and they are able to disagree, yet move in a positive direction during their discussions.

# **Opportunities for Growth**

#### Salt of the Earth Young Adults

3:00 pm @ Panera Bread on Aloma Ave.

#### **Youth Group**

5:00 pm (204)

# <u>Book Club - The Abibliophobes (for those afraid of running out of reading material)</u> The group discussion is open for everyone who likes to read!

The Book Club meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in room 303. May 7th - "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Drew Byrne at <u>drewbyrne26@gmail.com</u>.



# Friendship Club Friday, May 4 @ 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Friendship Club will have their last luncheon and program for this "year" on Friday, May 4 at 11:30 AM. Featured for your entertainment will be the Boone High School Jazz Band. One of our WPPC youth is a member of this band. They will join us for lunch and then play some jazz classics for us. Product of the month is baby items. Please make your reservations by noon Wednesday, May 2, and request transportation from the Mayflower or the Towers at the same time. Lunch will be chicken and rice with all the fixings. Cost is still only \$5.



<u>Elizabeth Circle</u> <u>Tuesday, May 8 @ 10:00 AM in the Parlor, CE Bldg.</u> The Elizabeth Circle meets monthly on the second Tuesday



#### Hannah Circle Monday, May 14 @ 7:00 PM in room 301 The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday. We welcome anyone to join us!



# Ladies Game Night Monday, May 21 @ 7:00 PM in room 102, CE Bldg.

All WPPC women are invited to join us at our monthly game night (the 3rd Monday of each month). We typically play Hand & Foot and Bridge, but feel free to come and introduce your favorite game. Better yet, come at 6:00 PM and build a salad. One lady brings greens, and everyone else brings a cup of something to go into the salad such as onions, beets, chopped eggs, beans, corn, cheese... or anything of your choosing. Bring your own drink and favorite salad dressing and, if you would like, a snack/munchies for later. Come alone or bring a friend. Questions? Call Carla Gehrig at 407-678-8396.



# **Cell Phones for Soldiers and Glasses for VOSH**

Thanks for all the cell phones and glasses that have been brought to the church. This is an ongoing ministry, and it proves how just one congregation can make a difference. From the faithful WPPC members we have collected thousands of pairs of glasses in the years since we started, and the cell phones number over 100! The drop boxes are on the white cabinet in Fellowship Hall.

# RELATIONSHIP IN ACTION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

# May 6

In the first of a three part series, the R in A Class will hear the representatives of three standing committees of our church as to each committee's area of responsibility and current annual cycle of activities. The series will be led by Matt Straub.

# May 13

Bill Beardall will discuss the future of the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program. Bill is a professor at the University of Texas School of Law and the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Center, a non-profit employment justice and civil rights organization with offices in Austin, San Antonio and Dallas.

# May 20

We will look at Judaism through Adam Hamilton's six-part series on Christianity and World Religions. Just as within Christianity, there are branches or divisions within Judaism. In the United States there are three major divisions: Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. This lesson will primarily deal with two of those and look at similarities and differences with our own Christian Faith. This lesson will be presented by Mike Galyean.

# May 27

Memorial Weekend - No Class





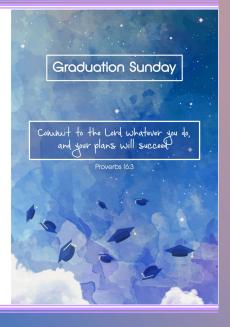
Volunteers are desperately needed for Vacation Bible School this year. In the past, WPPC has been proud to host 100 children for this important event. This year, unless we get more volunteers, we'll have to begin turning children away once we reach 50. We are in need of six more volunteers to fill the following positions: Recreation Leader, Science Leader (Tuesday and Thursday only), two Storytellers (one day each), and two Group Leaders for four year olds. These positons are vital and simple. Instructions are provided in handy, very detailed books and volunteers will work closely with Emily Wasser to plan activities. Please, if you are available June 18-22, consider participating in this very important summer ministry.



On Sunday, May 20 we will celebrate Graduation Sunday. This year we have two graduates:

> Stephen Boyle Garsha Thomas

This the special time in the life of our graduates. Directly after the 10:30 service, we will have a reception honoring them and the work that they have accomplished during this chapter in their lives. Come and celebrate with us as we honor this major milestone in the their lives.



#### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

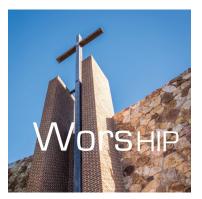
Do you know what *Worship* is? Webster's Dictionary tells us it is respect and honor to a person of importance. It is reverence to a divine being or supernatural power. There are a number of descriptions of what worship is.

There are five elements of worship with a theological grounding for each element.

- Prayer is the heart of Worship.
- Scriptures is the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the word, which can also be expressed in music.
- Baptism is needed only once It is a response of repentance, faithfulness, and discipleship.
- Lord's Supper is a foretaste of the kingdom meal; thanksgiving, communion of the faithful.
- Self-Offering is recognizing the gifts of the spirit, self dedication, commitment by giving and sharing.

Worship is of primary importance to our life as people of God. It is the means by which faith is formed within us. Worship is a dialogue between God and His people.

You will find books on Presbyterian Worship located in section #285 in our church library. There you have books on church history, catechism, worship, creeds and beliefs.



# SPECIAL OFFERING—*CARING FOR GENERATIONS* SUNDAY, MAY 13

For more than 50 years Florida Presbyterian Homes and Westminster Communities of Florida have been connected to the church through a covenant agreement, first with the Synod of Florida and then with the Synod of South Atlantic. Because of generous contributions by Presbyterian congregations, residents at Florida Presbyterian Homes and Westminster Communities of Florida can count on the Benevolent Assistance program for support. This safety net assures residents that they will continue to remain in their homes and get the care they need.



Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did to one of the least of these my brethren, you did to Me."

WPPC will gratefully accept your special offering on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018. All of the donations we receive will be sent to Westminster Retirement Communities. ~ The Compassion Committee

# PENTECOST OFFERING—AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE SUNDAY, MAY 20



Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, bringing us a new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible 'possible.'

The Pentecost offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the PC (USA). Gifts to the Pentecost Offering help bring God's transforming, redeeming love to children at-risk, guide and nurture young people's growing faith and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders—all in the name of Jesus Christ.

The benefits are all around us. Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at -risk in their own communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$10 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

Sixty percent of the offering will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Ministry Agency for ministries with children at-risk, youth and young adults.

Forty percent of our offering will be used by our congregation on behalf of children at-risk in our own community. For the second consecutive year we are supporting Thornwell's local mission, the Building Families Program, a community-based child abuse and neglect prevention program providing in-home counseling services to families with tools to thrive and not merely survive. A Family Specialist works alongside families experiencing crises—any situation that disrupts the peace and harmony of the family. Rebekah McConn is the Family Specialist, hosted at Maitland Presbyterian Church. She is a Master's level family therapist and began working in our community in July 2016. Anyone may refer a family to the Building Families Program, even the family itself! Call Rebekah at 407-906-9087 or e-mail her at ebekah.mcconn@thornwell.org with your questions.

With your support, these agencies can help meet the needs of these vulnerable neighbors. Thank you for your support on Sunday May 20, 2018. Remember to wear RED for Pentecost! ~ The Compassion Committee

#### **DEACON'S DEN**

Life is full of uncertainty — illness, disability, aging, and death — to name a few. If we focus on the negative, we will always be depressed. But if we focus on faith, hope, and love in God, we can face anything with a positive attitude. Thomas Aquinas said, "Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand." The theologian and philosopher has influenced the Catholic church and Western thought since the thirteenth century.



R. C. Sproul said the following based on Hebrews 6:19. "Hope is called the anchor of the soul, because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made." Sproul (1939 – 2017) has been described as "the greatest and most influential proponent of the recovery of Reformed theology in the last century." He had to give up high school athletics in order to work to support his family. He went on to earn several college degrees, taught at numerous colleges and seminaries, and authored several books on Christian apologetics. He survived the Big Bayou Canot train wreck of 1993, a stroke in 2015, and suffered from diabetes and long-term chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Throughout his career, he kept a positive attitude and lived by the above quote.

A prime example of hope in the face of disability is Joni Eareckson Tada. After suffering a diving accident that left her paralyzed from the shoulders down at age 17, she spent two years in rehabilitation, where she felt anger, depression, suicidal thoughts, and religious doubts. After she learned to paint and write with the brush or pen between her teeth, she was able to be productive, and hope for a better future speared her forward. She has written over forty books, starred in an autobiographical film, and is an advocate for people with disabilities. She also sang the title song in a feature film, "Alone Yet Not Alone", which was nominated for an Oscar. Her television program, Joni and Friends, began in 1979 and has become an international organization to "accelerate Christian ministry in the disability community".

Joni has also been successfully treated for breast cancer, but still suffers frequent pain from her earlier accident. Despite all of this, she can say something that humbles all able-bodied people: "The best we can hope for in this life is a knothole peek at the shining realities ahead. Yet a glimpse is enough. It's enough to convince our heart that whatever sufferings and sorrow currently assail us aren't worthy of comparison to that which waits over the horizon." No words can explain "Hope" like these, especially since they come from the person who wrote the book "Heaven: Your Real Home".

How can we do anything else but hope?



#### Young at Heart Concert

The Young at Heart Chorale, sponsored as a community outreach by the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, will present their Spring concert on Tuesday, May 8 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary. There will be a reception afterwards in Fellowship Hall and all are invited to this free event.

The program will include many familiar songs and end with an Irving Berlin Medley. Several of our members sing in the chorus and it is directed by Jodi Tassos and accompanied by Gail Fote.







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# Thank you to all the wonderful families for your support of WPPP.

# YOU ROCK!



May 16	Honor our VPK students, Noon
May 24	VPK End of Year Party, 10:30AM-12:30PM
May 30	Last Day of School—No Extended Day
June/July	Summer Camp Sessions: #1-June 11, #2-June 25, #3-July 2, #4-July 9, #5-July 16, #5-July 23, #6-July 23 July 27 Last Day of Summer Camp
June 18-22	WPPC Vacation Bible School, 9:00AM-Noon (register at www.winppc.org/forms)
June 19-23	Art Camp and Music & Movement Camp, 12:30-4:00PM
August 10	Meet Your Teacher Day
August 13	First Day of Preschool

# HAVE A FUN, SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!





# **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS** - Here's How to Help

We are delighted to be serving in the new Men's Service Center which has brought many positive changes. Now 250 "residents" are housed there; the "residents" and the folks coming in from the outside "community," are served separately. We are asking volunteer servers to please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office. Volunteers are limited to 15.

What	When
Bake brownies & mix PB&J (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 5/23 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 5/24 9:00-11:00 AM
Bag brownies ; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 5/25 9:00-10:00 AM
<b>Donate</b> unopened travel-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors), Handi-Wipes & quart Zip-Lock bags to hold them. The folks also appreciate environmentally-friendly tote bags, and plastic grocery bags to carry toiletries and PB&J sandwiches. <b>NO CLOTHING PLEASE</b> . Contact Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903)	All month: Place in COALTION giant storage box located in Fellowship Hall
<b>Reading Donations:</b> Magazines for men (sports, cars, National Geographic, news), religious magazines/booklets, paperback books.	
Sort and bag toiletries & reading donations (Marilyn Bryant 407-252-7499)	Fri 5/25 10:00 AM-Noon
<b>Prepare</b> to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 5/25 4:30-5:15 рм
<b>Serve</b> the Meal. Please join us in the WPPC Kitchen for departure to the Coalition for the Homeless at 5:30 pm and return by 8:00 PM. Volunteers please wear closed toed shoes to the Homeless Coalition. It is a violation of the health code to wear flip-flops. Please call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 5/25 5:30-8:00 PM NOTE: THE CHURCH VAN IS RESERVED FOR THIS FUNCTION.
<b>Cleanup kitchen</b> - wash, sanitize items used; store supplies (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 5/25 8:00-8:30 pm
<b>Financial Donation</b> : Make check out to WPPC. Note on the memo line "Coalition for the Homeless" - mail to WPPC or bring to the church office.	Any Time

#### HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 50 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide a wonderful meal and a bag of toiletries to our guests at the Coalition. We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent:

- Sort/bag toiletries at church (1 hr/mo)
- Make PB&J sandwiches (seated) at church (1 hr/mo)

If you could help out with this special mission, please call or email Nancy Galyean (info below).



Any of the above gifts, or your time, are so appreciated! To help in any way, please contact: Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903 or nangalyean@embarqmail.com



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Nancy Appich Don Erwin, Jr. Shaheed Mohammed Sutty Ramcharan Marna Williams	2 Marianna LaRue Lori Pantoliano	<b>3</b> Connie Tallungan	<b>4</b> Lurene Braswell Lee Corbett Ben Reece	5
6 Jason Mahoney	7 Scott Hagen	8 Lily Boyle	<b>9</b> Dan Kittinger D.G. Snyder	<b>10</b> Susan Davis Lindsay Seel Woody Storey	11 Jodi Tassos	12
13	14 Frank Hellinger	<b>15</b> Bethanne Seel	16	17 Almeda Dean	18 Maya Buhler	<b>19</b> John Connor Denise Delorme Will McCurdy Fred Murray
20 Phil Ettinger Scott Frazier	21 Jessica Davidson	22	23 Marti Hicks	24 Flossie Hellinger Griffin Seel	25	26 Ryan Yadav
27 Sandra Brunelle David Dodd	28 Crystal Fern Jeffry Jontz Lloyd McGuire	<b>29</b> Alan Davis Sharyn Jontz Lorna Wellmeier	30	<b>31</b> Stephen Boyle Steve Marshall, Jr. Margie Meliza		





The Rev. Dr. Jason T. Micheli, Senior Pastor The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor for Family Discipleship Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant Justin Chase, Director of Music Deniz Uz, Organist Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music Kenny Lovelace, Sexton Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton

#### SESSION

#### 2018 Hal Eastburn Reta Jackson Don McCarter Debby Roberts Sara Van Arsdel

Phyllis Woods

2019 Will Lawrence Will McCurdy Rachel Myers Dail Pribil Doug Reece Debby Tallungan 2020 Doris Anguish Marilyn Bryant Rick Davis Steve House Larry Seel

	DIACONATE	
<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Peggy Bargar	Nancy Appich	Ardyth Austin
Almeda Dean	Barbara Edwards	Caroline James
Carol Howell	Bonnie Gaughan	Nancy Johnson
Betty Johnston	Fran Morrissey	Jim McKinney
Sevilla Morse	Cynthia Nants	Ellenorr Osterhaus
Ginny Seel	Eileen Silvers	Matt Straub

#### MISSIONARIES

Rev. Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell - Brazil Jenny Bent - Dominican Republic Mark Hare - Haiti Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

