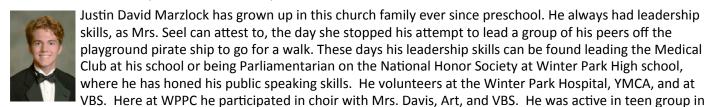


I love milestones. Perhaps it's because I'm a reader and the idea of finishing one chapter and beginning another has always thrilled me. Baptisms, weddings, driver license, first jobs...throughout our lives there come wonderful times that we gather together to celebrate our successes and milestones. There is perhaps no time that makes me feel more like this than Graduation Sunday. To me it always has had the feel of ending one chapter and starting another. It is it is an honor to pause for a moment with our graduates, to look at all the places they've been, the people who have helped them come so far already, and then help them turn their attention to their future. To those things they haven't done yet, the people who are yet to come into their lives, and the ways that they will change us through their own transformations.

This year we have the great honor of gathering together on May 19th to celebrate two fine graduates who have been with Winter Park Presbyterian Church nearly all their lives. Justin Marzlock and Ethan Thomas.



middle school with Mr. Suereth and in high school with Emily Wasser. Justin works as a life guard for the City of Winter Park. He enjoys basketball and lacrosse. He is graduating from the IBC Biomedical program at WPPH this May 2019 and will continue his passion for Biology and Business at the University of Florida where he plans to pursue the Health Care Medical field.



Winter Park Presbyterian Church has been a part of Ethan's life since he was born. Ethan was baptized at WPPC when he was a baby and was confirmed here when he was in middle school. Ethan sang in the WPPC Children's choir throughout elementary school and still plays his violin for Sunday church service from time to time. Ethan has been a member of the WPPC Handbell Choir, participated in Vacation Bible School, participated in Youth Group, and was a regular at Sunday School through much of high school. Ethan continues to contribute to our weekly Sunday service, either as one of the Audiovisual

Technicians, or as a liturgist. Ethan has excelled academically and has been on the Trinity Prep School Honor Roll every semester since the sixth grade. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, cocaptain of FRC Robotics team, a member of the school's Competitive Programming Team, and Trinity Varsity Bowling Team. In addition, Ethan has achieved the level of black belt in Taekwondo and has received the rating of "Superior" almost every year for his violin solos at the Federation of Music Clubs competition. Ethan's volunteer activities include participating in a VOSH Southeast trip to Dominican Republic, volunteer computer programming teacher assistant, and volunteer Taekwondo teacher assistant. Ethan has been accepted to the University of Central Florida Honors College where he plans to study Computer Engineering. Ethan was awarded the prestigious UCF Provost Scholarship for academic achievement.

Both Justin and Ethan have been faithful contributors to WPPC, allowing the work of God to be done through them on many occasions. On May 19th we will honor them in a special moment during the 10:30 service and then afterward gather in fellowship hall for a celebratory reception to congratulate them and send them on to the next chapter in their lives! In addition to attending, please consider bringing a card with encouraging words written inside of it that they can take home with them and be reminded of all the people from this chapter of their lives who have supported them. We hope to see you there!

Emily

		<u></u>	WEDNESDAY 1 Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	THURSDAY 2 Library Open 9am-Noon Caregiver Support 10am, Rm 301	FRIDAY 3 Parents' Night Out 5:30pm, FH	SATURDAY 4
SUNDAY 5	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11
Communion Worship Service 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Salt of the Earth 3pm, Panera Bread Youth Group 5pm, Rm 204	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Book Club 7pm, Rm 303	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Vision 2020 Mtg. 6pm, Rm 301	PS Board Meeting 10am, Rm 303 Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Communion at Westminster WP 11am Committee Night 6:30pm Chairs 7pm Prayer Svc 7:30pm Meetings	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 12	MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15	THURSDAY 16	FRIDAY 17	SATURDAY 18
Mother's Day Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Hannah Circle 7pm, Rm 301	Elizabeth Bible Study 10-11:30am, Parlor Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Young at Heart Concert 2pm, Sanctuary	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Deacon Meeting 7pm, Rm 301		
PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Salt of the Earth 3pm, Panera Bread						
SUNDAY 19	MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 24	SATURDAY 25
Graduation Sunday Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Salt of the Earth 3pm, Panera Bread Youth Group 5pm, Rm 204	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Ladies' Game Night 6pm-Dinner 7pm-Games, Rm 317	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen Session Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Sort Toiletries 10am/Kitchen Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Serve the Meal 4:30pm/FH-gather 5:30pm Depart	JATORDAT 23
SUNDAY 28	MONDAY 27 Office Closed	TUESDAY 28 Staff Meeting	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY 31	
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May 5—The Holy Land Revealed: Samaria and the Northern Kingdom of Israel

After the 10 northern tribes broke away from Judah and formed their own kingdom, eventually Samaria became its capital, only 35 miles from Jerusalem. Tremendous tension and rivalry developed between them. Join us as Professor Jodi Magness describes this period from the Hebrew Bible in Lesson 6 from the series. Mike Galyean will lead this discussion.

May 12—Personal Experience with Immigration

Mary Beardall Hoffman of Deland Presbyterian Church and Dr. Luis Rodolfo Ibarra of Nicaragua, will be our speakers. Rodolfo is a medical doctor from Nicaragua, who had to flee the country after receiving death threats from the government for refusing to deny medical treatment to protesters. He will be speaking on his personal experience with the immigration system in our country and his application for political asylum in the United States.

May 19 - Continuing the Spiritual Conversation Series

Carol Alves, will bring news of our neighbor church, St. Richard's Episcopal Church, which has been a partner in some of WPPC's outreach activities. Matt Straub will moderate the class.

April 28—No Class - Memorial Day Sunday



MAY 12th RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION WILL HOST DR. LUIS RODOLFO IBARRA

Mary Hoffmann from the Deland Presbyterian Church will introduce her family's friend, Dr. Ibarra, who has fled the turmoil and violence in his native land of Nicaragua to seek political asylum in Central Florida. Mary and Fred Hoffmann met Rodolfo while on a mission trip to Nicaragua when he was just a boy of 13. The Hoffmanns



formed a relationship with Rodolfo as they watched him mature since the year 2000 and were so proud to see him study in Cuba to become a family physician.

According to the *New York Times*, "Something is gravely wrong in Nicaragua. With a violent political crisis that has ruined the economy and challenged President Daniel Ortega's hold on power, people are fleeing the country in droves.... There have been nationwide street protests, resulting in the police killing hundreds and wounding thousands. (*New York Times*, Aug. 6, 2018)

Dr. Ibarra treated the wounded protesters and worked with other surgeons and doctors to care for those in need. The result was horrific: his home was attacked and he was robbed, beaten and sent death threats. He had no choice but to flee and find his way to our country where he is now caught in America's immigration crisis. Here is our chance to hear a personal account of the plight of a refugee and the family that is sponsoring his entrance into our country. Come to room 301 on May 12th, 9:15 Sunday School hour, to hear Dr. Ibarra with Mary and Fred Hoffman tell his story.



Our sympathies are extended to the families and friends of those recently passed.

Grant Barnard April 16, 2019 DG Snyder April 16, 2019

> Ginny Seel April 22, 2019



Visit; check; checkup. Go to see and spend time with someone socially; go to see someone for a specific purpose; chat; come to a person in order to bring comfort or salvation. These are a few of the definitions of the word "visit" that explain in good part what the Deacons and others in our congregation do for each other. We visit after worship services on Sunday mornings during coffee hour or during other church -related events, such as Friendship Club, Tuesday Nights Together, circle meetings, and committee meetings.

But what about members whom we haven't seen in church for a while? Do you wonder what happened to them? Will they come back? How can we find out? When someone cannot come to the place where the church gathers, we may go to them.

The Deacons are the group whose chief mission is to provide comfort and compassion to the church's members. We visit members in their home, nursing home, rehabilitation center, or hospital. Some of our homebound members are at Westminster Winter Park, The Mayflower, or other retirement homes around the area. Occasionally we learn that someone has had a fall and is temporarily in the hospital. The Deacons have a schedule in which one person is assigned to each local hospital for every week of the month. When we find out that the person will go to a rehabilitation facility until they are able to return home, we visit them there as long as they want us to come.

The principal message here is that someone must let the church office know when a member is in the hospital, rehabilitation facility, or nursing home and would like for a Deacon to visit. That someone is usually a family member, who may or may not be a member of WPPC. They may live out of state and not think about contacting the church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to church and who would like for a Deacon to visit, please contact the church office. They will pass along the message to the Moderator or Hospital Visitation Coordinator so that a visit can be made. If the member does not wish to have visitors, or cannot have visitors for certain reasons, call the church office anyway. The Deacons will send a card to let the member know that we are praying for them. Any way that we can voice the love of Christ to a person who is ill or lonely is time well spent.

Do you know of a member of WPPC who would make a good Deacon? Someone who is compassionate and cares about the welfare of others? Then send their name to the Nominating Committee, which will select the slate of church officers for the next three year term, which begins in January 2020.



Friendship Club: The Friendship Club is taking a break and will meet again on Friday, October 4.

Book Club: The WPPC Book Club (aka The Abibliophobes [those that are afraid of running out of reading material]) generally meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in Room 303 of the church. The books, which include a wide variety of new fiction, classics, and non-fiction, are selected by the participants for several months in advance. Newcomers are welcome at any time to enjoy the discussion and to experience the fellowship. For more information contact Drew Byrne—drewbyrne26@qmail.com.

Hannah Circle: The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 PM in room 301. Our next meeting is May 13th.

Elizabeth Bible Study: The Elizabeth Study Group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. Our next meeting is May 14th.

Ladies Game Night: All Winter Park Presbyterian Church women are invited to join us at our monthly game night. We usually play Hand and Foot and Bridge, but feel free to come and introduce your favorite game. We typically meet the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7:00 PM. 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/munchie for later. Come alone or bring a friend! Our next Game Night is May 20th. Questions? Call Carla Gehrig at 407-678-8396.



Let's think about the Library. Winter Park Presbyterian Church established the Library in 1958. It has served the congregation in many ways during these years. We need the help of the congregation to make this vast collection of books (over 5000) serve its' purpose. Do you know where the Library is? Signs will direct you there. Also, a table of adult books from the Library is located in the Narthex where directions instruct you on how to sign them out for two weeks.

Every Thursday morning, Nancy Appich reads to several classes from the preschool. Then the children check out books—40 or 50 books go home with them each week. These children learn from the beginning of the school year how to behave in a library and how to care for books so they aren't damaged. This is a volunteer service of your church.

It is said people in general may forget the last things they learned rather than the things they learned first. But it is seldom religion is forgotten because if they learned of God when they were young, it would be natural for them to cling to these childhood thoughts. If they learn of Him in later years, they remember Him because of the future and life itself. There is never a phase where religion does not play a part. This is why we at Winter Park Presbyterian Church provide for our children. At Baptism, we promise to provide nurture and training for our children. That is why Church School is so important. Also Vacation Bible School has classes in the Library where books are found.

Frequently using the library are Sunday School teachers, Bible study group leaders, and church officers. In the library are many beautiful and interesting books on art, music, history, and travel besides a supply of biographies, fiction, religious books, large print fiction, and reference books. The library is open in the mornings Sunday, Monday and Thursday. To gain access at other times, a key can obtained from the front office.



The Pastor Nominating Committee wishes to thank the members of the congregation for your enthusiastic participation in our recent church-wide survey. Over 125 responses were received! This was an almost overwhelming response and a sign of how much we all love our church and are invested in its future.

The PNC continues to meet on a weekly basis, and we have spent the last several weeks analyzing the survey results, looking for common themes in the responses and discussing how to incorporate these themes into our church's "Mission Information Form," or MIF. Once completed, the MIF will be reviewed and approved both by our Session and by the Central Florida Presbytery's Committee on Ministry before it is submitted to the PCUSA. After this major step has been completed, we will begin to receive names of ministers to review as to their fitness to serve as our new senior pastor.

We are making progress, and we deeply appreciate your continued prayers and words of support.



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. Due to 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, even though they have outlived their financial resources. They can experience an increased lifespan due to better health and medical care; higher costs of healthcare and prescriptions, and the economy have presented a whole new set of concerns which could be overwhelming without assistance from those who are more fortunate.

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

WPPC will gratefully accept your special offering on Mother's Day, May 12. All of the donations we receive will be sent to the Westminster Retirement Communities Foundation. Thank you for your caring support of this ministry. ~ The Compassion Committee

AIR Celebrates 25
YEARS OF SERVICE

Anne Hallum, founder of Alliance for Reforestation-Guatemala, thanked Winter Park for its support during the last 25 years. AIR helps improve the lives of people in Guatemala through planting trees that prevent deadly landslides and improve agriculture, building fuel efficient stoves, educating students, providing scholarships. AIR responded to the deadly volcanic eruption last summer by providing boots for first responders to rescue people from the hot ash, replenishing trees and food for communities, and an early warning system. AIR has received several awards from the United Nations for their community based work. Many volunteers from WPPC have helped in this work. You can help support AIR at the Global Market—plants (from Denise and Glen Riccio), gift items from Guatemala, and surprises from Crystal Fern. Go to www/AIRGuatemala.org to learn more about AIR.



Mary Van Hook (recent volunteer), Mary Beardall (one of the earliest volunteers), Anne Hallum



Audrey Ball recently returned to Odessa, Ukraine where she has been engaged in a volunteer ministry with orphans for over ten years. An important challenge has been to provide the support needed for these young people when they leave an orphanage because this can become a very desperate time for many. Recently a Transition Home for Boys was established in partnership with Share the Hope that has been an important resource. This left the girls, who are very vulnerable, without such help. The good news is that thanks to several individuals, it is now possible to offer this service to girls also. The three houses that were built for young orphan families are now being expanded to six as funds become available. These programs can make it possible for the young people to escape the sad futures experienced by so many orphans in Ukraine. WPPC has supported this ministry through the Compassion Committee and the Global Market as well as your personal contributions. ~Compassion Committee



FIRST THREE HOMES, COMPLETED IN 2016



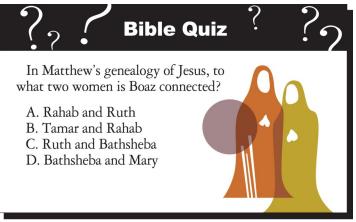
CURRENT BUILDING PROJECT - HOMES 4, 5, AND 6



NEW HOPE TRANSITIONAL HOME (FOR BOYS)



DELIVERING CARE PACKAGES TO THE VILLAGE







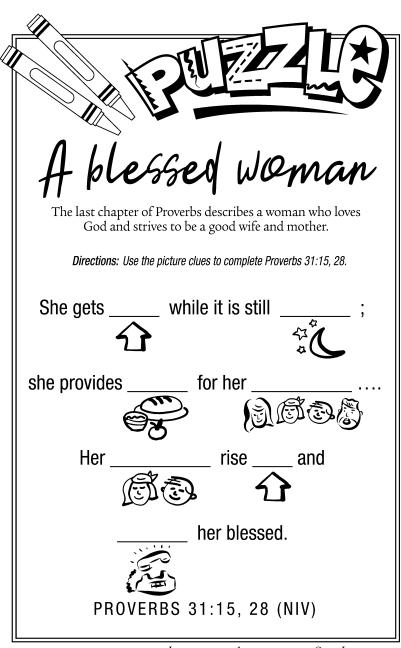
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALI FRAZIER!

Ali is 12 years old and came in first place in the State Gymnastic Competition in Her age level! The competition was held in Fort Myers.

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- · Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" and a sticky kiss.









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 5/22 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 5/23 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies ; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 5/24 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate 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. NO CLOTHING PLEASE . Contact Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903)	All month: Place in COALTION giant storage box located in Fellowship Hall
Reading Donations: 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 5/24 10:00-11:00 AM
Prepare to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 5/24 4:30-5:15 PM
Serve 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 5/24 5:30-8:00 PM NOTE: THE CHURCH VAN IS RESERVED FOR THIS FUNCTION.
Cleanup kitchen - wash, sanitize items used; store supplies (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 5/24 8:00-8:30 PM
Financial Donation : 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
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			Nancy Appich Shaheed Mohammed Marna Williams	Marianna LaRue Lori Pantoliano	Connie Joy Tallungan	Lurene Braswell Lee Corbett Ben Reece
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Jason Mahoney		Lily Boyle	Dan Kittinger	Susan Davis Lindsay Seel Woody Storey	Jodi Tassos
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		Frank Hellinger	Bethanne Seel		Almeda Dean	Jim Tinkey
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Will McCurdy Fred Murray	Phil Ettinger Scott Frazier			Marti Hicks	Flossie Hellinger Griffin Seel	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Ryan Yadav	David Dodd	Crystal Fern Jeffry Jontz Lloyd McGuire	Alan Davis Sharyn Jontz Lorna Wellmeier		Stephen Boyle Margie Meliza	







The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton
Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton

SESSION

2019	<u>2020</u>	2021
Will Lawrence	Doris Anguish	Phillip Anderson
Will McCurdy	Marilyn Bryant	Lisa Dreasher
Rachel Myers	Rick Davis	Jayne Leach
Dail Pribil	Steve House	Shaheed Mohammed
Doug Reece	Larry Seel	Peter Rice
Debby Tallungan	Bob White	Nelson Roe

DIACONATE

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Nancy Appich	Ardyth Austin	Mike Galyean
Barbara Edwards	Caroline James	Reta Jackson
Bonnie Gaughan	Jim McKinney	Julie Kent
Fran Morrissey	Ellenorr Osterhaus	Curtis Koon
Cynthia Nants	Dennis Schmalstig	Sara Van Arsdel
Eileen Silvers	Matt Straub	Jeanne Vinci

MISSIONARIES

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