



The Covenanter

MAY 2022



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May has arrived. It is a month that for many marks a transition. It is a time of graduation, the completion of one chapter in life and the beginning of another. This is an exciting time; looking back we can view what we have accomplished. We can see where we have failed. We can see where we tried again. We can see where we learned from our mistakes or not, and how that has shaped us into the person we are today. However, standing amid transition is also intimidating. The future is unknown and new things are by definition unfamiliar.

We also celebrate moms. Of course, I believe in celebrating moms every day, but at least once a year the focus is centered upon mothers. For those who will celebrate with their mom by going to lunch or dinner or with cards, flowers and phone calls, enjoy each moment. Take special care of those moments. Create memories.

For others, Mother's Day can be painful. It can be a day that brings negative emotions and thoughts. It can be a reminder of abuse or neglect one experienced. On the opposite side, pain may seep to the surface because we miss our moms. Maybe this is the first Mother's Day since mom died, and so it is especially confusing as a myriad of emotions fills our hearts - emotions like joy, because of mom's love, and that she is no longer suffering, but also sadness and despair seemingly run alongside at the same pace, because there is no phone call, dinner, lunch, afternoon visit or chat. At mom's house today, there are only blank walls and an empty chair.

Perhaps, even worse is knowing that this will be your last opportunity to celebrate mom as she is sick, dealing with a recent terminal diagnosis. Maybe you're that mom and your time here, with those you love, is ending. What do you do? What do we do?

Well, for me, it's helpful to remember life is a series of transitions. Many of these transitions are joyful, but not all. In fact, some are very painful. I find myself reaching for the phone to call mom or dad and ask them about their experience – it was always so helpful to hear their wisdom wrapped in care, concern and love, not always what I wanted to hear, but what I needed to hear.

Amid these chapter divisions and the silenced voices, we once knew and those we have yet to encounter, I believe the Scriptures and The One they describe reminds me life is our end, not death. I'm encouraged to venture into today, next month and next year knowing God has walked ahead of me. I'm hopeful as I see God bringing about good from what I believe to be irredeemable suffering. I'm prayerful, giving thanks and confessing doubts. I'm grateful for what God has done and is doing. I'm amazed by God's patience with me and I'm intrigued to see beyond my limited horizon, moving from one transition to the next.

Thinking about transition, change, life and death, Paul writes the following, "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all die, but we will all be changed— in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

To be sure, a transition, a moment, a new reality worth celebrating.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Darren

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Graduation is a wonderful milestone in the lives of our Youth. It's a time that we send them out into the world, confident that they have the tools they need to move into young adults. At the same time it is also an opportunity to acknowledge all that they have accomplished thus far in their lives and let them know that though they may leave our congregation for a different kind of life, they are never far from our hearts and minds. This year, due to scheduling conflicts, we will be celebrating our graduates at two separate times.

On Sunday, May 8, we will be taking time in the service to recognize Griffin Seel. There will be an opportunity to hear about all his accomplishments and his plans for the future in the service as well as speak with him afterward and leave a card of support for him. Also, don't forget to grab a piece of cake on your way out and say congrats to his parents!

On Sunday, May 22, we will celebrate Sutanya Thomas!



MAY 15TH

Join us as we have our first annual End of the Year Celebration. On Sunday, May 15 the Preschool VPK children will be here to sing for us at the 10:30 service. After the service everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship. Enjoy hotdogs with fixins, chocolate chip cookies, drinks, and Kelly's Home-made ice cream. Activities include: bounce houses for toddlers and preschool age children, and PJ the clown will be making balloon creations.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
9:15—10:15 AM

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (R IN A) • ROOM 301

Relationships in Action is a Sunday School class that studies issues “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” 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.

May 1—May 22: “Luther”

During the month of May the 2003 film “Luther” will be shown in 30 minute segments, followed by a discussion of the life of Martin Luther and the film’s authenticity. Please join us to enjoy how Germany and America came together with actors, like Joseph Fiennes, Alfred Molina, Claire Cox and Sir Peter Ustinov, to portray the life of this epic figure in Christian history. The class will be led by Reta Jackson with questions on *Luther* and the beginnings of the Protestant Reformation to open discussion. All are welcome.

May 29: All About Jesus

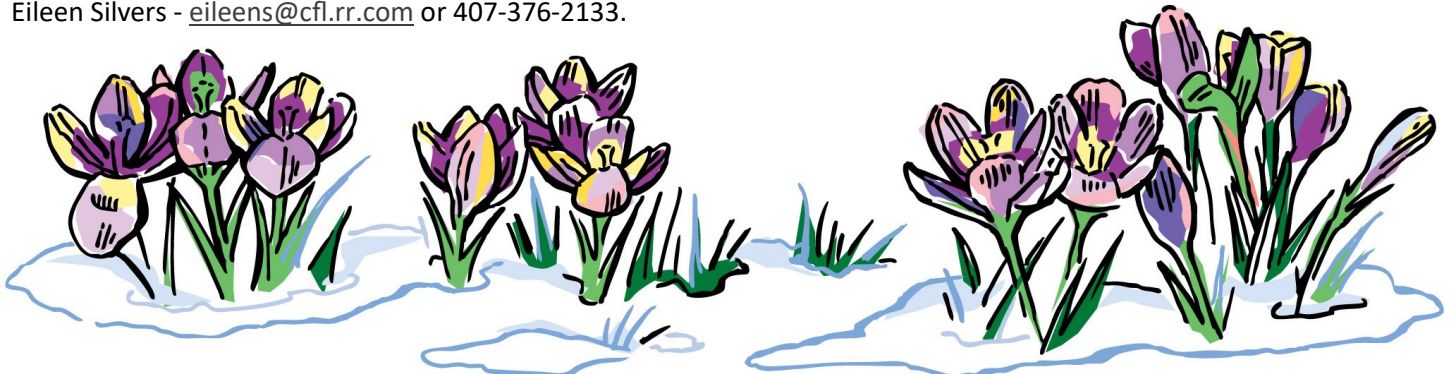
Dr. Jay Van Hook will discuss disputes about Jesus in the early church and their relevance for Christians today.

SEEKERS CLASS • ROOM 315

The Seekers is a discussion based 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.



Hannah Circle continues with in-person meetings on Monday, May 9. The group meets at 7:00 PM in Room 301. This year they have been studying the Horizon Bible Study put out by the PC(USA) entitled *What My Grandmothers Taught Me! Learning from Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus*. They feel blessed to have Pat Morgan as their knowledgeable and fearless study leader. All women of the church are invited to join this 2nd Monday of the month gathering of sisters who pray together, study together and enjoy a lot of fellowship. For questions, please contact Eileen Silvers - eileens@cfl.rr.com or 407-376-2133.





SEEK YE FIRST

Occasionally, as part of our worship service, we sing Karen Lafferty's beautiful little song setting the words of Jesus (Matt 6:33) to music:

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added unto you...Alleluia!"

What does it mean to "seek" as it is written here? There is a second verse (Matt 7:7) to the song that will help us:

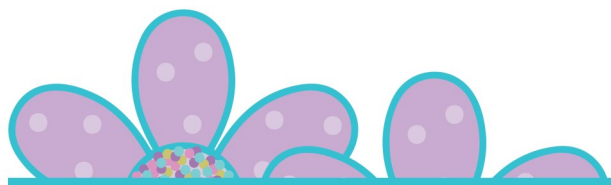
"Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you...Alleluia!"

Note the words "seek", "ask", and "knock". These are action verbs. They require us to act. This is not couch-potato theology, folks. It is active, energetic, and *required!* To illustrate, we can again read the words of this verse applying the "negative alternative":

"Do *NOT* ask and it shall *NOT* be given unto you, Do *NOT* seek and ye shall *NOT* find, do *NOT* knock and the door will *NOT* be opened unto you...Alleluia!"

Alleluia, indeed! Did it chill you to read those words as it chilled me to write them? Suddenly the first verse becomes thunderously clear. Our Saviour said, "SEEK YE FIRST!!"

Lord, we are Your children. Create in us a renewed hunger to know You. Enrich us by the power and majesty of the Holy Spirit. Keep us asking, seeking and knocking all the days of our lives, and take each of us into Your loving embrace when we leave this world for another! Amen (So Be It)!



Welcome to WPPC
Anna Caparis
We're glad you're here!



The Young at Heart Chorale will present its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 10 at 2:00 PM at WPPC. Several members of our church choir sing with the Young at Heart, which is directed by Jodi Tassos. The program will include songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein and a medley of Disney favorites. All are invited to the free event.

NEWS FROM UKRAINE



Audrey Ball Santiago and Robert Gamble met with R and A and the WPPC congregation to inform us regarding recent developments in Ukraine. Audrey is the Director of Ukraine Transition Orphan Assistance Foundation and Robert of This Child Here in Ukraine.

Audrey reported that most of the orphans involved in their program have been able to leave Ukraine to stay in other European countries. The young men who are over the age of 18 are required to remain and support the defense of the country. Odessa is creating a variety of defensive actions to prepare for an anticipated assault on the city area. The Foundation is helping people financially in several ways at this time. The orphans and their caregivers need support where they are currently living. There are many families still living in the broader Odessa area that desperately need help for food and other supplies.

Robert described the situation generally in Ukraine and his difficult trip from Ukraine. He also arranged for R in A to meet via satellite with a community leader in an Eastern Ukrainian city near the Romanian border. Robert is working with her to supply funds to purchase needed supplies for individuals who have fled their homes with little more than a small suitcase. He also shared comments about the war and their lives written by Ukrainians.



WPPC promoted an opportunity to provide financial help for the people of Ukraine and the organizations seeking to care for them through the Presbyterian Disaster Foundation, Ukraine Transition Orphan Assistance Foundation, and This Child Here. The Compassion Committee thanks the WPPC community for its generous support for these important causes.



April 11, 2022. Diana's family has been living in the university dormitory for almost a month. Before that, the children were hiding from the bombing in the basement of Nikolaev, they were very scared. Today, children study remotely at school, participate in sports sections of the city and really want to return home. This Child Here provided them with food and hygiene products.



April 11, 2022. Anna and her children came from Kherson. *This Child Here* brought them food, diapers, baby food, & hygiene products.



**CARING FOR GENERATIONS
SPECIAL OFFERING | MAY 8TH**

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, 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 8, 2022. All of the donations we receive will be sent to the Westminster Retirement Communities Foundation. Thank you for your caring support of this ministry. ~ Compassion Committee



**PENTECOST OFFERING | JUNE 5TH
AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE AND
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, descending as tongues of fire over the heads of the Apostles, giving them the gift to speak to all nations in their own tongues and spread the Good News. The Spirit also brings us a new life on this day. 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". This special offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people by inspiring them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world to build a life of faith--all in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Pentecost offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the PC (USA) during the church year. The first 60% of our donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (25% to assist young adult volunteers serving communities; 25% to guide youth ministries; and 10% to advance child advocacy). The remaining forty percent of our offering will be used on behalf of children-at-risk in our own community. This year we are supporting one of Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida's residential homeless shelters – their Center for Women & Families (CWF), which opened in 1993. CWF is a 240-person capacity shelter serving single women, single women with children, single men with children, and intact families. All who live in CWF receive safe shelter, warm, nutritious meals, and case management services to help them get back into a home of their own as quickly as possible. Case managers work with each client to establish a budget, along with a detailed self-sufficiency plan. With your support, these agencies can help meet the needs of these vulnerable neighbors.

Remember to wear RED to celebrate Pentecost!

THE COMPASSION COMMITTEE THANKS ALL WHO SUPPORT THESE SPECIAL OFFERINGS.



COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help

We are delighted to again be serving in the Men's Service Center at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office, or contact Nancy Galyean at 407-929-0903 or nangalyean@gmail.com.

What	When
Bake brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 5/11 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 5/12 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 5/13 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines (news, sports, cars, National Geographic, religious magazines/booklets, paperback books)	All month: Place in COALITION giant storage box in Fellowship Hall.
Prepare to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 5/13 3:30-4:00 PM
Serve the Meal. Join us in the WPPC kitchen for departure to Coalition at 4:00 PM and return by 7:30 PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway or call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 5/13 4:00-7:30 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 5/13 7:30-8:00 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.	Anytime

HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 50 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide and serve a wonderful meal to our guests at the Coalition.

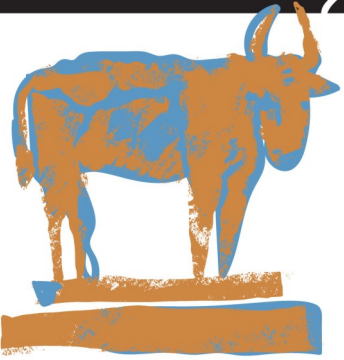
We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent.

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@gmail.com.


Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

A. Joshua
B. Levi
C. Caleb
D. Aaron



Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)



Oh, by the way, don't use the salt.
I'll explain later.

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LOVED
Beyond
MEASURE




PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



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daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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EXODUS 20:12, NIV



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<u>8</u> Lily Boyle Norlin Ham	<u>9</u> Dan Kittinger	<u>10</u> Susan Davis Lindsay Seel Woody Storey	<u>11</u> Jodi Tassos	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> Bethanne Seel	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Almeda Dean	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Fred Murray	<u>20</u> Phil Ettinger Scott Frazier	<u>21</u> Annette Weidner
<u>22</u> Mary Joann Robertson	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Griffin Seel	<u>25</u> Beverly Carpenter	<u>26</u> Ryan Yadav	<u>27</u> David Dodd	<u>28</u> Crystal Fern
<u>29</u> Alan Davis	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Stephen Boyle Sue Howard Margie Meliza				



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Barbara dePaula	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Steve House Carolyn Wolf	<u>10</u> Theresa Coker Ron Ellman Craig Osterhaus	<u>11</u> Janet Barnes
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Bill Duncan Alexander Reece	<u>15</u> Winnifred Riccio	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Nancy Glancy Donna Thompson	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Fern Barnard	<u>22</u> Enid Marr	<u>23</u> Jo Russell	<u>24</u> Richard Ferguson	<u>25</u> Patrick Boyle
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Dan Meadors Sue Rudolph	<u>28</u> Gary Wolf Tom Woodward	<u>29</u> Denise Ferguson	<u>30</u> Mitch Bargar Don Paulsen		



Children in the Ladybugs 3-year-old class relax with homemade frozen juice pops in the garden after a busy splash day.

Our campus has been bustling with special activities as the school year comes to an end. The children in all age groups are enjoying splash parties with a sprinkler tunnel plasma car wash (some call it a kid wash!), water games and experiments, shaving cream painting, obstacle courses, refreshments and other celebratory activities.

On Sunday, May 15th, Winter Park Presbyterian Church will honor our VPK graduates. During the church service, students from all four VPK classes will come together to sing songs. After the service, families are invited to join in outdoor activities on the preschool campus. There will be a bounce house, hot dogs, ice cream, PJ the Clown, and special activities for children.

On Wednesday, May 18th, we are welcoming our VPK parents back to Chapel with our very special VPK Chapel Celebration. Each of the four VPK classes will perform lovely songs they have learned during the school year. Then all four classes will join together to sing one last song. The Director and the Associate Pastor will present each child with a Bible and a cross necklace. We will close with prayer and adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for cake and juice.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open, and a few spots may still be available. Please call us at 407-629-0727 to check availability for your child.



We will miss our wonderful VPK students and pray for their future success as they move on to Kindergarten!

Pictured are students from the Alligators VPK class (top to bottom, left to right): Lucy, River, Penny and Wilson.





The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
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 Penny Walsh, Organist
 Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
 Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

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 Jay Van Hook

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 Jim McKinney
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