

The Covenanter

Winter Park PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2025













THURSDAY, MAY 15 11:30AM IN FELLOWSHP HALL

Join us for a fun, hands on creative experience! Our guest, Emily Bader, will lead us in making "Cheer Mugs." Please bring a plain coffee mug and a pair of scissors or clippers. All other supplies, including the flowers, greenery, and oasis will be provided. You will leave the gathering with a cheerful flower arrangement in a mug. The cheer mug is meant to be passed to a friend or someone who many need some cheer.

We will gather at 11:30am for a Chef Scott catered lunch at the cost of \$15. Please make your reservation by Monday, May 12. Call the church office at 407–647–1467 or sign up on the list located on the bulletin board in the front office hallway.

As always, you are welcome to join us around the table with your own lunch or come just for the program at 12:15pm.

Bring a neighbor or friend as we gather to arrange lovely flowers into a Cheer Mug to brighten the day for someone.

We hope to see you there!

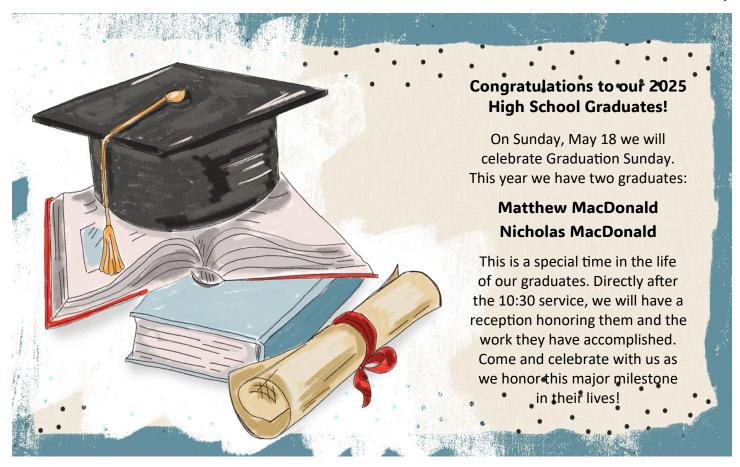


Let's remember those less fortunate than we are by bringing a breakfast item to give to our local food pantry.











SPECIAL OFFERING—CARING FOR GENERATIONS | SUNDAY, MAY 11

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."

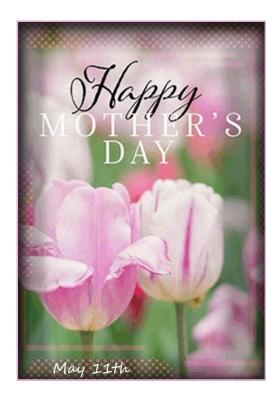
WPPC will gratefully accept your special offering on Mother's Day, May 11th. All the donations received will be sent to Westminster Retirement Communities Foundation.

GENTLENESS

In the wake of changes in our church, we need to keep in mind that God is in charge. As brothers and sisters in the Lord, it is vital to remember what has brought us together and should keep us together in years to come. Our mental health is dependent upon our relationships with each other, and we cannot allow anything to destroy our sense of community.

We are programmed to seek and to display extravagant over-reaction to changes in our modern world. But gentleness is the moderating grace amid chaos and conflict, and is vital to bringing God's peace to our struggles. How can we be gentle? How can we restrain from over-reacting to the wounds, offenses, and slights that come our way? The Lord is our vindication. He is our example. He is our comfort, our hope and our strength. We need to seek God to be our point of character and gentleness in the middle of the chaos and conflict around us. We need to ask that God's presence be made known and that our character reflects that presence in all that we do and say, especially with gentleness. We are all here because of our love of God and one other, the foundation of our mental health.

"Wendy Stafford





Deacons' Den

Debbie Pauzar

Each one of us is called to love and care for others, to live out our faith obeying Jesus who instructed us to love one another. Though we are officially elected to be Deacons, you also have a heart like Christ, a Deacons' heart, when you love others. This love sets all of us apart as the children of God.

The Deacons are called to pray, call, email, text, send cards, visit those in need and perform acts of kindness. We distribute the altar flowers after church on Sunday. We provide gift baskets for parents of new babies and ensure care notes and booklets are displayed and available. And we participate in serving Communion and providing memorial receptions for grieving families.

The memorial receptions involve planning, securing needed items, using creative talents and communicating with the grieving family to meet their needs. We work to prepare days in advance and clean up afterwards.

We are a small group of dedicated Christians who love the Lord and our church family. But we could not do our job without your encouragement and support, especially those who volunteer to serve beside us at memorial receptions. You are a gift from God, serving Him as you serve those in great need.

Most of us have lost loved ones, have experienced the pain of grief and therefore understand how hard memorial services can be. Romans 12:15 tells us to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. Here is our opportunity to obey the Lord as we offer loving hearts of comfort and support for those grieving the loss of their loved ones.

I am always amazed how grief intertwines with a celebration of joy at our church's memorial services. There are tears, but there are also sweet memories full of smiles. There is an emptiness, a deep longing for their loved one to still be here, yet there is also the loving Presence of the Lord and those they love who are still here.

So, whether we rejoice or mourn,

it is His Love for us and our Love for Him,

Velcome



a Love so Powerful

it fills our hearts with both joy & compassionate empathy which sees us through even the pain of loss because we know the TRUTH

the CERTIANTY, the HOPE,

this JOY of GRACE...

THAT ETERNAL LIFE BEGINS WITH OUR LAST BREATH.

Child of Grace

Environmental Education

Madagascar

A.I.R.
Guatemala

School of Linguistics
Asia

Iglesia de Santa Clara
Presbyterian
Cuba

Wycliffe Nigeria This Child Here
Ukraine

Transitions Orphan
Assistance Fdn.
Ukraine

Community Health
HIV/AIDS
Madagascar

Ecological
Sustainment
Costa Rica

WPPC supports nine International Missions through the Compassion Committee. They are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletin each week.

If you would like to learn more about these missions...

- Where they are located
- Who they serve
- What they actually do
- How they are selected
- How much they receive

...please join us in Room 301 at 9:15 on May 4th.



COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA -Here's How to Help

Winter Park Presbyterian Church has been involved in a feeding ministry even before the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless was created in 1987. We serve on the 1st Friday of each month. If you would like to donate your time to prepare the food during the week before the 1st Friday, please review the information below and contact the Team Leader listed. If you would like to serve,

What	When
Bake brownies / Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Wed 4/30 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal / Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Thurs 5/1 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies / Wendy Jamison 407-739-7858	Fri 5/2 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines for men, women, & children (news, cars, sports, 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 Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Fri 5/2 3:30-4:00 PM
Serve the Meal. Join us in the WPPC kitchen for departure to Coalition at 4:00PM and return by 7:00PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway <u>and</u> call Anna Caparis (707-889-4768) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve. The Coalition requires each volunteer to register.	Fri 5/2 4:00-7:00 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 5/2 7:00-7:30 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.	Anytime

HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 40 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: Anna Caparis

707-889-4768 or annafromal@yahoo.com



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FUN EXTRAVAGANZA!



FRIDAY, MAY 9TH, 2025 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

AGES 4 MONTHS - 11 YEARS OLD

\$20 PER CHILD

DINNER AND SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED!





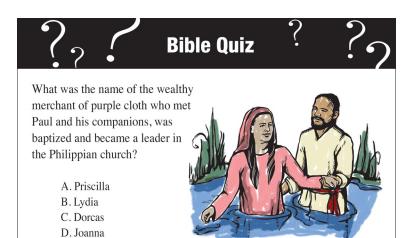


KID'S NIGHT OUT

REGISTRATION

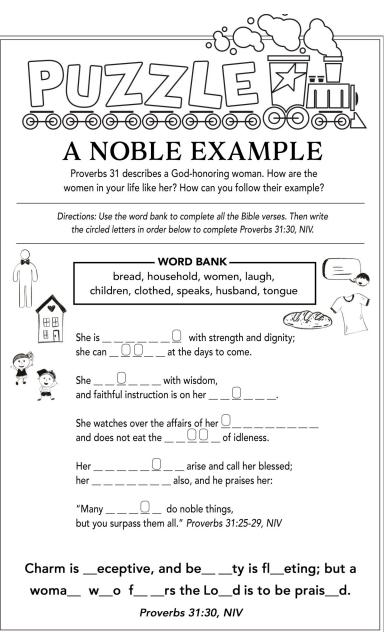
PLEASE SUBMIT PAYMENT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.
PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE BY CHECK OR CASH. NO ONLINE
PAYMENT OPTION IS AVAILABLE.

CHILD'S NAME: _	
AGE: ALLERGIES:	
	CHILD'S NAME:
	ALLERGIES:
CHILD'S NAME: _	
AGE: ALLERGIES:	
	PARENT'S NAME:
	E-MAIL:
	CONTACT PHONE:
	EMERGENCY NUMBER:



Answer: B (See Acts 16:11-15, 40.)





Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below. VEE (Genesis 3:20) NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20) **RBAHEOD** (Judges 5:7) KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5) EHLA (Genesis 30:14) CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22) MOIAN (Ruth 1:22) RAAHS (Genesis 17:19) AMYR (Matthew 2:11) ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13) 16 10 17

PRESCHOOL NEWS



MAY 2025

What an incredible journey we've had this year!

To the Preschool's cherished families, we extend our deepest gratitude for entrusting us with the care and education of your precious children. The children have flourished in ways that never cease to amaze us. Each day, they demonstrate remarkable resilience, curiosity, and compassion as they navigate the world around them. From forging new friendships to mastering new skills, and learning about the word while also building a relationship with God.

As we conclude this school year, we congratulate all the 2024-2025 graduating students for all of their dedication and are honored that they selected our school as a stepping stone towards their foundation in their future endeavors.

Upcoming Events

- · May 5-9: Teacher Appreciation Week
- · May 12: Muffins with Mom
- · May 15-16: Annual Art Show
- · May 22: VPK Graduation
- · May 26: Memorial Day/No School
- · May 28: Last Day of School

Registration

We are accepting registration for our 2025-2026 school. To inquire for more information please visit www.winppc.org or call 407-629-0727

The Lord bless us, and keep us.
The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, peace both now and evermore.

Amen



We pray you enjoy your summer with your family and friends!







<u>5/1</u>

Nancy Appich
Shaheed Mohammed
Marna Williams

5/2

Marianna LaRue Lori Pantoliano

5/3

Mary Ferguson

5/4

Lee Corbett Dave Rea

5/6

Greg Brown Jason Mahoney

<u>5/8</u>

Norlin Ham

<u>5/9</u>

Dan Kittinger

5/10

Susan Davis Lindsay Seel Woody Storey

5/11

Jodi Tassos

<u>5/15</u>

Beverly Salmon Bethanne Seel

5/17

Almeda Dean

5/19

Fred Murray Dennis Salmon 5/22

Joann Robertson

5/25

Beverly Carpenter

5/26

Ryan Yadav

5/28

Crystal Fern

5/29

Alan Davis

5/3 I

Stephen Boyle Sue Howard Margie Meliza



6/2

Matt Straub

6/6

Frances Swope

6/7

Barbara dePaula

6/9

Steve House Carolyn Wolf

6/10

Theresa Coker

6/11

Janet Barnes

6/14

Bill Duncan

6/16

Mary St. John

6/17

Nancy Glancy

6/21

Fern Barnard

6/22

Enid Marr

6/24

Richard Ferguson

6/25

Patrick Boyle

6/27

Dan Meadors Sue Rudolph

6/28

Marsha Johnson Gary Wolf Tom Woodward

6/29

Denise Ferguson

6/30

Mitch Bargar







The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Adult Ministry Coordinator
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Sandra Shafer, Pianist
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Valerie Beltrán, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Adam Davies, Sexton
Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
Rosaura Velazques, Assistant Director of Preschool Programs
Katie Daniels, Preschool Administrative Assistant

SESSION

2025

Theresa Coker Mary Ferguson Cathy House Glenn Riccio Ron Thompson

<u> 2026</u>

Syd Davis Betty Johnston Shaheed Mohammed Nelson Roe

2027

Maria Garton Brandon St. John Carel Thompson Phyllis Woods

DIACONATE

2025

Meg Baldwin Anna Caparis Lynne McKnight Debbie Pauzar Deborah Roberts Paula Smathers

2026

Ernestine Beattie
Sue Howard

2027

Cynthia Nants Robert Nevill

MISSIONARIES

Mark Hare & Jenny Bent - Costa Rica Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar