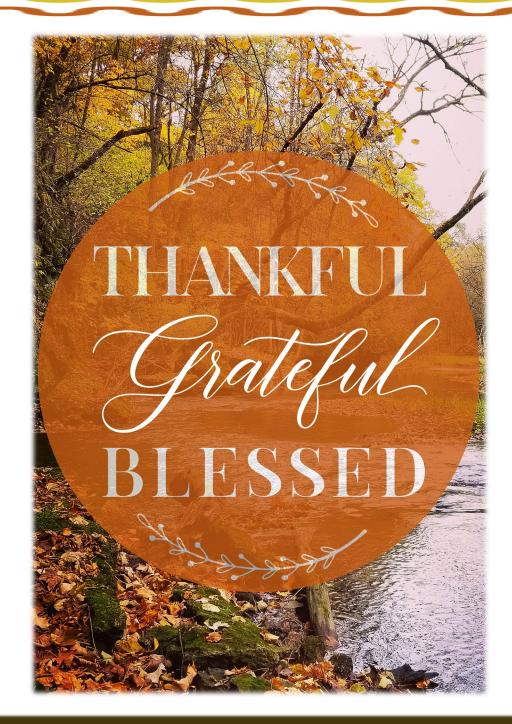


The Covenanter



November 2023



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November		Coalition Mix & Bake Brownies 9am/Kitchen PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Serve the Meal 3:30pm/FH-gather 4:00pm/Depart	Global Market 9am-1pm, FH	
SUNDAY 5	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11
Communion Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30 Service	Tai Chi I I:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary PS Board Mtg 10:30am, Rm 301 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary			
SUNDAY 12	MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15	THURSDAY 16	FRIDAY 17	SATURDAY 18
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30 Service Organ Concert 3pm, Sanctuary	Tai Chi II:30am, FH Hannah Circle 6pm, Rm 301	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Family Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Communion Svc Westminster WP I I am Joint Diaconate/ Session Meeting 6:30pm, FH	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 19	MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 24	SATURDAY 25
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30 Service	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Happy THANKS GIVING	Office Closed	
SUNDAY 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30		
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30 Service Bible Recap Group 11:30am, Rm 301	Tai Chi I I:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Coalition Mix & Bake Brownies 9am/Kitchen PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen		

THANKSGIVING HUMOR Why did the turkey decline dessert? Because it was stuffed. Why did the turkey cross the road twice? To prove he wasn't a chicken. What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner? Your nose. Why didn't the chef season the turkey? There wasn't enough thyme. Why did the turkey leave the band? People were fighting over the drumsticks.

THE JOY OF GIVING

Having been a Presbyterian pastor for over 50 years, as is our tradition, this season of the year is always a time when we make our financial faith commitments for the year to come. I'm sure it coincides with a time when all the crops had been gathered in and there was a genuine spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude to God for God's provisions.

Most Presbyterian churches also are projecting their financial needs for the coming year and are building their budgets. For the pastor and the people this can be the most uncomfortable time of the year. Most pastors are uncomfortable asking for their people's financial commitments, fearing that it appears like they are trying to raise their own salaries. Often the people in the pew are uncomfortable seeing their pastor uncomfortable. Add to that the old perception that churches specialize in motivating by guilt.

I'll never forget after preaching a sermon on faith and giving on a commitment Sunday, getting two very different responses from two friends. One asked me, "Why did you beat around the bush? Just come out and ask us to give." The other asked, "Why did you hit us over the head with guilt?"

With all that said, I have come to look forward to this season and Commitment Sunday. This positive anticipation comes from the understanding that many scholars say that

Jesus talked about money more than any other subject.



I also have come to the realization that our giving should be out of joy and not guilt. In my own life and family, as well as the loves of countless others, I have seen the joy of giving being the greatest motivation as they thanked God for God's love and grace.

That sense of joy in giving comes from the idea that I am not giving primarily to a church, denomination, budget, person, or human institution. I am giving to the One who is called "The Giver of All Good Gifts. No person, church, or human institution is perfect. I will always find something

with which I don't agree and can use as an excuse for not giving. But, if I'm primarily giving to the God from whom all blessings flow, that's different.

There is also joy in giving to something or someone you love and in whom you are investing yourself. You are actively participating in the life of a person, a project, or ministry. Your love is being translated tangibly into action. Case in point, Alice and I moved to Winter Park to be near our granddaughter and her parents. We have found indescribable joy in financially being a part of her life and development. The joy of that investment in her is among the most meaningful we experience in our lives.

Alice and I have found that same kind of joy in committing a tithe or 10% of our income to God through the church and other ministries we believe in. At both worship services on November 12th, we will have the joy of making financial faith promises to God for 2024. I'm looking forward to that opportunity and hope you will join us. If you can't be present, you can bring or send your commitment cards to the church office. Prayerfully consider what God might be calling you to commit.

The sermon for November 12th will come from II Corinthians 9:6-7 - "Remember this: Whoever saves sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever saves generously will reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

May God bless you and make you a blessing,

Jim Capps





Global Christmas Market

Saturday, November 4 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sunday, November 5 11:30am - 12:30pm

Start your holiday shopping early this year. The Global Christmas Market has various non-profit vendors offering unique gifts for you and your family and friends. You will find handcrafted jewelry, ornaments, Christmas décor, scarves, soaps, whimsical items, candles, food mixes, honey, beautiful plants, and much more.

All funds collected go directly to the non-profit organizations. Please come and support them and the wonderful work they do to help people in need.



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Please bring NEW toys only. The toys will be made available at discounted prices for parents to purchase their gifts with dignity.

Toy Collection
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Toy Delivery **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

Suggested Toys

Bicycles, Skateboards, Scooters, Helmets, Tricycles; Dolls of All Colors; Arts & Crafts Kits; Play 'Pretend" Kits, Jewelry & Makeup; Sports Balls of All Kinds; Educational Games & Books; NEW Socks, Pajamas, Play Clothes, Underwear for Boys/Girls; Cars & Trucks (Especially Medium/Large Vehicles); Toys, Clothing & Blankets for Infants & Toddlers; Baby Diapers (Newborn to Size 5)



You can also help by ordering through Amazon. Send your order to:

Hope Community Center - Christmas Toy Sale 1016 North Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712



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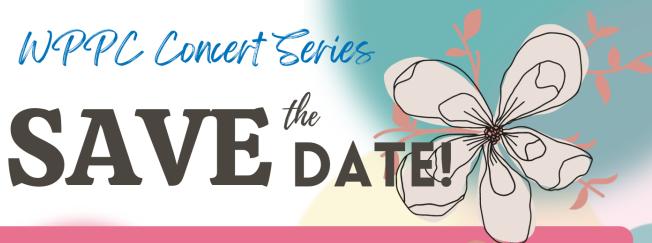




Poinsettias

Our WPPC sanctuary will once again be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. The plants will be distributed to the sick and shut-ins, or you can pick up your plant after the 7pm Christmas Eve Service.

The cost for each plant is \$15. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out a form and return it with your check to the church office by December 14th. Forms are available in the front office and in the narthex.



2023 / 2024

BRAUN/SMALL DUO CLASSICAL VIOLIN & PIANO Sunday, October 22 3pm **THE GREAT AMERICAN BIG BAND**Sunday, January 28 3pm

25TH ANNIV. ORGAN CONCERT ADAM BRAKEL, ORGANISTSunday, November 12 3pm

CENTRAL FL SUNSHINE FLUTES
Sunday, March 10 3pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MUSIC BASILICA CHOIR MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE Sunday, December 17 3pm

MAGIC OF BRONZE
CENTRAL FLORIDA'S COMMUNITY
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
Sunday, April 28 4pm

Please note the time change from 3 to 4pm.

There is no charge for the concert, although donations will be accepted.

Meet and greet reception to follow each concert.



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WPPC Concert Series Presents

25TH ANNIVERSARY ORGAN CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 3PM

featuring

ADAM J. BRAKEL, ORGANIST



The spellbinding and artistically masterful performances by Adam J. Brakel have led to him being compared to Liszt, Gould, Bernstein, and Paganini. National Public Radio hailed him as "an absolute organ prodigy with the technique and virtuosity that most concert pianists could only dream of...he is the Franz Liszt of the organ." His playing is distinguished for its energy, passion, and transcendent virtuosity that serves the music without distracting, and, most importantly, musical maturity and communicative power. Mr. Brakel is Director of Music at St. James Cathedral and for the Diocese of Orlando, Florida.

A reception will follow the concert.

There is no charge for the concert, although donations will be accepted.





WHAT A GREAT FALL FESTIVAL!

Everyone had so much fun at the Fall Festival! During the service some of the preschool children came and sang for us and then after church many of the preschool families came and joined us for fellowship, food, and fun! Please take a few minutes to check out the pictures that Frank Jamison posted at https://www.winppcphotos.org/Fall-Festival-10-15-2023/.

GLOBAL CHRISTMAS MARKET 11/4, 9AM-1PM & 11/5, 11:30AM-12:30PM



Make the Global Christmas Market an event. Come with friends, shop 'til you drop, and then go and have lunch at one of Winter Park's fine eateries! The Global Christmas Market features various non-profit vendors offering unique gifts for you and your family and friends. Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a colorful marketplace, with plants, jewelry, household items, Christmas décor, accessories, food and many other enticements. All funds collected go directly to the non-profit organizations.

CUBA PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES NEXT TRIP

The next Cuba Partnership trip to Cuba will be March 11-19, 2024. They will fly into Santa Clara and visit Presbyterian churches in El Centro Presbytery, in the provinces of Villa Clara and Sancti Spiritus. For more information and to get a copy of the application, please go to <u>cfpresbytery.org/cuba</u>. Applications must be received by December 15th to allow sufficient time to obtain the required religious visas.



PRESCHOOL UPDATE



The preschool is currently holding a food drive. The class with the most items will win an Ice Cream party from Kelly's Ice Cream. Items being collected are canned vegetables, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cornbread, rice, canned yams, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, pumpkin puree, beans, and broth, should anyone want to help any of the classrooms out. We have our Fall Clean Up on Saturday, November 4th and are looking for volunteers and donations to help clean the

preschool playgrounds and surrounding areas. Please contact Nicole (<u>nicolef@winppc.org</u>) if you would like more information about the food drive or clean up.





Dear Church Family,

November is a time to reflect on how thankful we are for God's blessings. We have so much to be truly thankful for. Together, we share the blessing of our church home.

First, we are incredibly blessed to be His chosen, adopted children, co-heirs with God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, forgiven of all our sins through Grace. As we wait to be with the Lord in heaven, the Lord has provided us with a church home here on earth where we can experience glimpses of what heaven's eternal fellowship will be like.

We are so blessed to have this church home, which is God's House, His Holy Temple. We have the history and beauty of our church, the love, and deeds we share here.

We are blessed to have such beautiful music fill our church home, bells that ring which also witness to our secular neighbors, the multi-talented, awesome choir, soloists, and musicians.

We have the blessing of all of those who serve the Lord, who give of their tithes, time, and talents, not out of obligation, but because their hearts reflect love for the Lord, our church and for those in the world who are in great need. We have a wonderful administrative staff and a Pre-School that is so successful, they have waiting lists.

And we are blessed to have Pastor Bess to connect, to lead and nurture all these blessings as well as his wonderful sermons which glorify the Lord. The sermons, the Bible reading, and the music all contribute to the very reason we come to church: to worship the Lord together, to hear His Word of Truth, to learn and grow in our knowledge of Him.

A church that worships the Lord together, prays to the Lord together, sings about the Lord together, works for the Lord together, stands on the Word of God as truth in all things together, seeks the Lord's will together and LOVES each other as the Lord LOVES us, is a faithful church home of the Lord's.

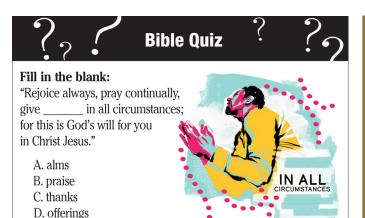
God has been so good to us, dear friends. So together, let us honor and love the Lord with our whole hearts, united with Him in the Spirit of Holy Righteousness and love for one another.

Jesus wrote letters to 7 churches in the book of Revelation... if He were to write a letter to our church... may He always find in us qualities that would honor His Holy name.



May we strive to please Him in all we do in humble gratitude for His Loving Grace.





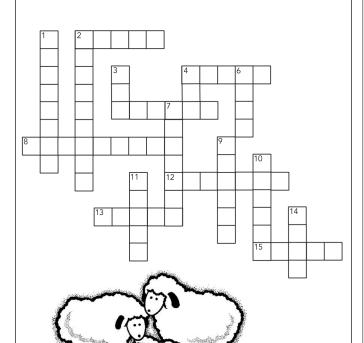
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CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

ROCK — We call Christ "the Solid Rock," remembering his parable about the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24). Jesus changed his disciple Simon's name to Peter, meaning rock, saying he'd build his church "on this



rock" (Matthew 16:18). Although some Christians understand Peter to be the rock-foundation of Christ's church, others interpret the foundation as faith in Christ, which, Jesus said, was revealed to Peter by God.

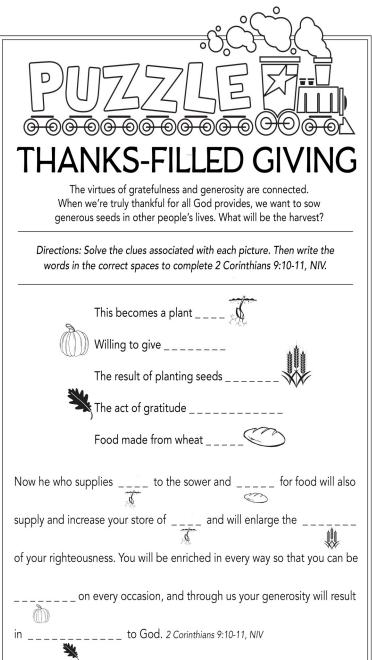


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- 2. cause of Job's trouble
- 4. twinkling, heavenly lights
- 6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
- 8. creature of the deep (41:1) 12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
- 13. sores
- 15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

- 1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
- 2. affliction
- 3. had seven sons
- 4. ocean
- 5. precipitation
- 7. Job had 500
- 9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
- 10. Job had 3,000
- 11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
- 12. Job had 500 yoke







COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - 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, please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office, or contact Anna Caparis at 707-889-4768/annafromal@yahoo.com.

What	When
Bake brownies / Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565	Wed 11/1 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal / Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Thurs 11/2 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies / Joann Robertson 407-678-8254	Fri 11/3 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 11/3 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 7:00PM. 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 11/3 4:00-7:00 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 11/3 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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Martha Heine Edmund Short	6 Debbie Pauzar	7 Barbara Ogburn	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	10 Becky Manuel	11 Gay Jung
12 Sawyer Bartholomew Elaine Ellman Amanda Frallicciardi Christine Rich	13 Allen Shaw George Sumrall	14 Helen Ammerman	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	18 Gayle Ernst
19 Avery Erb	20 Martha Campbell Sevilla Morse Reta Peterson	21 Dail Pribil	22 Sean Tallungan	23 Curtis Harrison	24	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	27	28	29 Samantha Blood	<u>30</u>		



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3 Rene Cuthill Sara Woodward	4	5 Beverly Tavel	6 Doris Anguish	7	8 Terry Irwin Sylvia Reaves Dawn Sumrall John Trexler	<u>9</u>
10 Reta Jackson Robert Walker	11 Linda Morse	12 David Lee, IV	<u>13</u> Berta Hall	14 Alissa Mahoney Connie Swensk	15 Linda Beaty	16 Walter Newsom, III
17 Jamison Fagan Melinda MacDade Ann McDonald	18 Betty Gale Case	19 Julie Kent Holly Small Stephen Smith	20	21	<u>22</u>	23 Lee Adler Cynthia Nants
24	25 William Darcy Julie Frazier Tasha Lampe	26 Julie Rankin Ellis Roe	27 Clark Ranson	28 Howard Evans	29 Gary Henderson Lil Rea Ellen Skelton	<u>30</u>
31 Patrick LaRue Glenn Riccio Brandon St. John						







The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Senior 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

Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator

Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs

Adam Davies, Sexton

SESSION

<u>2023</u>

Syd Davis Fred Kittinger Malcolm MacDiarmid Jim McKinney Dawn Sumrall

2024

Mike Galyean John Gehrig Jayne Leach Audrey Santiago Sara Van Arsdel

<u>2025</u>

Theresa Coker Mary Ferguson Cathy House Glenn Riccio Ron Thompson

DIACONATE

2023

Ron Ellman Betty Johnston Sevilla Morse Cynthia Nants Jyme Smith

<u>2024</u>

Lisa Dreasher Jerry Fitzgerald Nancy Galyean Andy Riccio

2025

Meg Baldwin Anna Caparis Lynne McKnight Debbie Pauzar Deborah Roberts

MISSIONARIES

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