It seems as if, just a few days ago, preparations were being made for Easter and now September is upon us. Wow, that seemed fast. I guess, one adage over the years has proved true: Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. Soon, and before we know it, the songs of Christmas will be in our ears—we can't stop it or slow it down—I guess we just embrace it.

The Covenanter

SEPTEMBER 2022

Winter

However, between now and those days of holly-jolly merriment, there are many activities happening in the life of our church. Listed below are a few of these, and I hope you will find opportunities for worship, volunteerism, spiritual development, fun, and fellowship.

In response to an overwhelming number of you who desire a continued study into the rest of The Revelation, I will offer a series of weekly classes beginning on Monday, September 12th from 11:30am-12:30pm in room 317, concluding on October 17th. This class will be a review of the materials covered in the recent sermon series, a survey of the remaining chapters, and an opportunity to receive the blessing God promises to those who read and hear The Revelation.

Our concert series will kick off in October with the Braun/Small Duet. Please join us on Sunday, October 23rd from 3-5:00pm for a wonderful afternoon of music.

On October 12th, 19th, and 26th, Tom Eastwood, our churches financial advisor, will offer a class that addresses Budgeting While Living on a Fixed Income, Protecting Investments, and Estate Planning.

Friday, November 11th from 5:30 - 7:00pm in room 317, I will host a Marriage Enrichment Class. Topics to include: Marriage and Its Purpose, The Selfless Spouse, Intimacy, and The Joy of Marriage.

Kid's Night Out will take place on the following dates: October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th with drop off at 5:30pm and pick up at 8:30pm. There will be activities, meal, snacks, and a T-shirt for each child.

Of course, we will continue to have our Chapel service at 8:15am and another opportunity for worship at 10:30am in our main sanctuary. Alongside these opportunities for worship, our Sunday School Classes will continue to meet and are always welcoming newcomers.

These are just a few ways you can get involved and participate in the life of our church. Of course, many of these events require the work of volunteers and if you would like to help in any way, I know there are others who would greatly appreciate another set of hands.

Until the Whole World Hears,

Pastor Darren

Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 AM | Sunday School: 9:15 AM 400 S. Lakemont Avenue | Winter Park, FL 32792 | 407-647-1467 | www.winppc.org



Relationships in Action (RinA) • Room 301 @ 9:15 AM

Relationships in Action is a Sunday School class that studies "with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other." They are interested in Biblical, historical, and current social issues in terms of how they affect the lives of others and how we, as followers of Christ, can be a factor in positive change. Everyone is welcome.

9/4—No Class

Labor Day Weekend—Enjoy!

9/11—The Holy Land Revealed: From Roman Annexation to Herod the Great

This lesson will examine the reign of Herod the Great following the Roman takeover of the Hasmonean Kingdom. A primary focus will be on the strategies that he employed to consolidate and maintain power.

9/18—The Holy Land Revealed: Herod as Builder - Jerusalem's Temple Mount

Herod was a ruthless king who was not above eliminating members of his own household to retain power. But among archaeologists, Herod is known as probably the single greatest builder in the history of Palestine. This lesson will explore some of Herod's buildings around the country, beginning with Jerusalem.

9/25—Spiritual Conversations with Penny Walsh

The Relationships in Action Sunday School class continues its "spiritual conversations" series with a visit from our organist Penny Walsh. Penny writes: "After 40 years in church music ministry, I can affirm that I have always felt God's guidance. There were many times that I was amazed at how things lined up. It has been interesting where and how I've landed jobs including how I ended up at WPPC. I'll tell you more about that music journey and more on Sunday September 25th!" It will be a treat to hear Penny's story and spiritual journey

SEEkers Class · Room 315 @ 9:30 AM

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.



ARE WPPC GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION CRACKERS SOY/DAIRY/GRAIN FREE?

Yes! As of the July Communion service we have made a change to accommodate as many members as possible. The new product is free of all of the above ingredients and they have met with rave reviews. At the 10:30 service there is a designated Elder, usually on the outside aisle, who has a small silver tray with that gluten-free element on it. If that is your preference, please indicate to the Elder so that you may partake in Communion safely.

SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE - 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

On July 24th we received \$661.25 for the third quarterly 5 Cents A Meal Offering. These monies were sent to the Central Florida Presbytery - PATH program (Presbyterian Answer To Hunger). Presbytery disburses these monies to the Second Harvest Food Bank (25%), Society of St Andrew (SOSA) (21%), Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR) in Guatemala (21%), and Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PC (USA) mission workers in Madagascar (21%). The balance covers administrative costs. Thank you to all who support this offering and the agencies that are served.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 2nd. It's exciting to think we'll be sharing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Christians worldwide!

On that day we will collect your offering for Peacemaking, one of the four Special Offerings of the PC (USA). Our partners in the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly will use 75% of this offering for various peacemaking projects throughout the world. The Compassion Committee has selected IDignity (<u>https://idignity.org/</u>) to be the local recipient of 25% of our collection. This program was founded by members of five downtown Orlando churches in 2008 to assist the disadvantaged in Central Florida to navigate the complexities of obtaining their personal identification. The documents IDignity obtains on behalf of their clients enable them to apply for employment or school, secure access to shelters, vote, seek help from social service programs, open a bank account or cash a check, secure housing, or overcome many obstacles to becoming self-sufficient. The cost to obtain these documents is high and demand for these services has yet to ebb. More than 120 volunteers serve 200-250 people in need every month. This connects to the global witness of Christ's peace.

Thank you for your generosity and donating to this Special Offering, furthering our Christian connection to those in our community who are less fortunate than we are. Please check the Peacemaking Offering on your pew envelope. The church office will also accept your donations by mail or on-line.

Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you. John 14:27

~ The Compassion Committee

GLOBAL HOLIDAY MARKET

Looking to do some one stop shopping without walking the malls and looking for parking? The WPPC Global Market is your answer. Mark your calendars for **Saturday November 5 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Sunday November 6 between services and until 1:00 PM**. You can purchase lovely and useful items for the holiday, birthdays, etc., as well as yourself, while making an important difference in the lives of others. You don't even have to travel internationally to do your shopping—a bonus with jammed flights.

Ten Thousand Villages - As pioneers of the global fair-trade movement we create opportunities for artisans in developing countries, breaking the cycle of generational poverty. Shop with us during the market for an assortment of holiday ornaments, nativities, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets, kids' gifts - alpaca fur stuffed animals, bicycle pizza cutters, assorted soaps, gifts for the men - compasses, mini telescopes, and socks with a conscious. Along with so many more things. Stop in at the store at 329 N Park Ave, Winter Park or browse online at <u>www.tenthousandvillages.com/winterpark</u>.

Alliance for Reforestation (AIR) will feature beautiful items from Guatemala (chosen by Anne Hallum herself in Guatemala) for your home and personal accessories as well as beautiful and healthy plants for your garden or balcony. Your gifts will also support planting trees to prevent deadly landslides and building fuel efficient stoves for families in Guatemala. These stoves also prevent lung disease by venting the fumes outside.

Ukraine Orphan Assistance Foundation will feature a drawing of restaurant gift cards – always a good gift for someone or yourself and help their work in serving needy refugees and youth in Ukraine.

Heifer International will feature a drawing of a beautiful art work by Carol Pickler as well as the opportunity to help families obtain needed animals to support their families.

Society for Saint Andrews—still a surprise what they will offer. Your gift will support food for needy people.

Peace Olive Oil—high quality olive oil that will also support struggling Palestinian farmers.

Fair Trade – coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts (need we say more).

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Memory

As new organizations join, we will keep you posted. If you have a suggestion, please contact us (Sue Rudolph, 407-325-6495 or <u>suru@cfl.rr.com</u>).

We are also looking for volunteers who can help as greeters and sales help. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the church and community. Please help also by spreading the word.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Mary Van Hook who passed August 14th.



DEACON NEWS JERRY FITZGERALD, DEACON

STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

Today I am reminded of my favorite poem, written by the great American poet Robert Frost. I love it so much that I committed it to memory decades ago. It has served me well.

Whose woods these are I think I know, His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near, Between woods and frozen lake, Darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake, To ask if there is some mistake, The only other sounds are easy wind, And downy flake.

The woods are lovey, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.

Scholars have attempted for years to determine the meaning of these words. Frost never said. For me, and I hope for you, the meaning is clear. The "owner of the woods" represents all of the things that strive to keep our attention from contemplation on the beauty of Heaven and deter our determination to get there. The "dark woods" represent eternity. They are only dark because we know little of their substance. The "little horse" is our connection to this world. Its "harness bells" are the jangling insistence of the responsibilities attendant to our life on earth. The "easy wind and downy flake" are the promises of God that sit soft and gentle on our spirit. The last lines are an anthem of our faith and our hope as we keep on toward that marvelous goal!

I often yearn for eternal peace in the company of loved ones long gone, resting in the arms of my Saviour...and JOY!

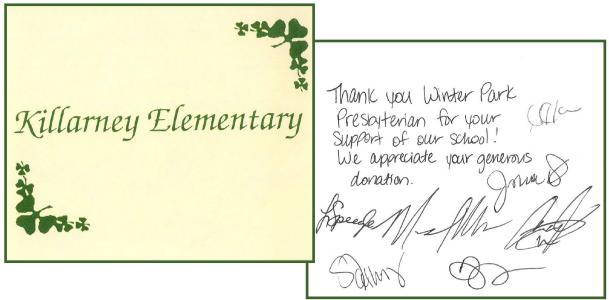
What do you think?



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Killarney Elementary sent a certificate and a nice note of appreciation.



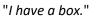




THIS CHILD HERE UPDATE ROBERT GAMBLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"We are from Kherson," She said. Kherson is a city decimated by Russian rockets and artillery. "We lived underground. Four weeks." "Did you pay Russian soldiers for permission to leave?" I asked. "Three hundred dollars." She said. "For the two of us." We stood there for a few moments while I tried to think of the next thing to say. "I was worried about my cat," she said, "So I took her with us when we left. She's coming to camp." "On the bus?" I asked



At 10:30pm on Monday, August 1st, our bus left from Izmail. We crossed the border from Ukraine into Romania and later into Bulgaria, arriving in Varna at 7 am.



It is impossible to convey the experience of refugees and people displaced by the war in Ukraine. I can say their homes were destroyed by rockets, artillery, and tank fire, but that's only a statement of facts. Even to say that grandparents or children were killed sounds like a generalization.

Acts of terrorism in America, 9/11, or mass shootings come close, but still. You have to imagine soldiers coming into your house, and while you lay



face down on the floor, taking all food from your shelves and fridge, your television set and valuables, simply choosing what they want and walking out with it. You must imagine your own house gutted by fire, your automobile burned and lying upside down.

You must see your sheets, pillows, dishes, living room lamps, cushions, wall art, and toiletries mixed in with the mud and charred lumber, sheetrock, and broken brick. You must imagine the elderly dying from lack of food and water or smoke inhalation as they hide underground from the madness outside. Only then can you begin to understand the



trauma these families have experienced. I show these faces so you will see what mothers and children displaced by this war look like. The expressions reflect their experience at camp, not home. We do not heal these people. We give them a week free of air raids, free of that



anxiety; a week in dormitories with good food, rest, and conversation.

Kids play in the pool, explore the Black Sea, and run on the beaches. Many speak of desperate lives. Some meet with our psychologists. Families meet families who suffered. Now they support each other. These relationships, over time, will help. Specialists in trauma say people need an experience of life as normal to recover. That's what we give them.

Midweek, our staff took care of all 27 children while the mothers visited the Grand Mall in Varna. When they returned, they thanked us. One woman said, "Today I know I am not only a mom, I am a woman."

This Child Here is a validated ministry in the Presbyterian Church and a U.S. 501c3 at work in Ukraine, believing children deserve a life grounded in peace and dignity.

Donations by mail go to: This Child Here P.O. Box 2531 Ormond Beach Fl 32175

To subscribe to their newsletter go to <u>www.thischildhere.org</u>.



ALLIANCE FOR INT'L REFORESTATION UPDATE

"We're in the midst of an action-packed summer at the Alliance for International Reforestation. Our 2021-22 season is on track to plant 740,598 tree seedlings and train farmers in regenerative agriculture in 60 communities. Volunteer groups returned to Guatemala for the first time since 2019: We had teams from St. Luke's Presbyterian in Dunwoody, GA; University of Central Florida; the Foley family from Florida; church members from Central Florida Presbytery and St. Stephens Episcopal Church; Roger Montes from Colorado; the Kosmas family from New York and Virginia and friends from Big Canoe, Georgia (photo, below). Over the course of four weeks in June our amazing volunteers planted trees, shared meals and experiences with families, and built a record 16 efficient stoves!"





town of

homes.



Building a stove is a team effort; RIGHT: Juan Leja Tax with family of Calanche Perez, and Paul and Malcolm Kosmas.

"Training and supporting Maya farmers has always been AIR's focus, but when the pandemic temporarily closed some communities, AIR's technicians reached out to municipal governments for tree nursery space. Now, AIR is also providing seed bags and establishing nurseries with several municipalities. Guatemala's national forest institute, Instituto Nacional de Bosques (INAB), is actively recommending AIR to communities seeking reforestation support in central Guatemala."

"With your help we have successfully completed our capital campaign to raise matching funds for construction of a new training center in Panajachel. We are currently obtaining permits and addressing utility issues, slowed by the pandemic. We hope to break ground for construction later this year. This new facility and new Technicians will allow AIR to expand our support for farmers and reforestation in western Guatemala significantly."



It doesn't look like much now,

Please go to <u>www.airguatemala.org</u> for more about Alliance for International Reforestation.



TRANSITIONS ORPHANS ASSITANCE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER FROM AUDREY SANTIAGO, DIRECTOR PAGE I





www.transitionsoaf.com

August 14, 2022

Dear Friends,

So, how are our Ukrainian friends doing these days? I've been asked that question quite often lately. Perhaps this picture that several of my Ukrainian friends shared with me sums it up better than the thousand words I could write to try to tell you.



Difficult. Frightening. Horrendous. Exhausting. Unbelievable. Uncertain.

All of these words are just the tip of the iceberg to what life is like in Ukraine right now. I see the stress on people's faces. I hear it in their voices. I even think that stress is beginning to take a physical toll on the health of some. Those in Odesa deal with bombs and frequent air raid sirens and wonder if they should stay or go. Those who have gone to safer countries just want to go home, and they also wonder if they should stay or go.

I struggle daily with my own emotions about this war, and I easily identify with the meme above, but I try always to remind myself that whatever I'm feeling is nothing compared to what Ukrainians are feeling.

The war has been going on for six months now and our staff members in Odesa haven't missed a beat in keeping our mission going. For six months they've seen to it that our families and our orphans in the villages continue to be provided for. And they didn't stop there. With their help, we have extended our assistance to widows and pensioners in the Odesa area. Thanks to our staff for their faithful service, *and thanks to you* for providing the means, no one is being forgotten in this crisis. You've see some pictures already, but here are a few more of this enormous effort.



TRANSITIONS ORPHANS ASSITANCE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER FROM AUDREY SANTIAGO, DIRECTOR PAGE 2



Staff member, Maryana's words about these pictures:

"45 families with many children!"

"There are 263 people!"

"That's how many people and many children in the Primorsky district received help today!"





Sorting and packing



TRANSITIONS ORPHANS ASSITANCE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER FROM AUDREY SANTIAGO, DIRECTOR PAGE 3



Now, that's a lot, but that's not all. Other positive things are happening in Odesa right now, and I am excited to share that news with you, too.

You may recall that, a year ago, we were busy collecting funds to build two new transitions homes for our foster and girls' home families. It was truly miraculous that within a few short months our monetary needs were met, and construction began. It was the first time we had embarked on a building project with all the funding upfront. We had high hopes that our families would be settled into the new homes by this summer.

When war broke out, construction came to a screeching halt. Our sights turned to other, more urgent concerns, and the foundations sat waiting. They are waiting no longer. Construction has resumed and those foundations have walls upon them.





TRANSITIONS ORPHANS ASSITANCE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER FROM AUDREY SANTIAGO, DIRECTOR PAGE 4



Now we are hoping that these homes will be completed and ready for our families to come home to when the war is over. Of course, we all hope that the end of the war will be sooner, than later. And in the meantime, amidst all the death and destruction, there is still life in Ukraine. And life is for living. So, we move on, day by day, taking care of each other as best we can, and looking forward to and building towards better times.

Thank you for remembering us in your thoughts and prayers and with your support. Your gifts are both life-changing and life-saving in this uncertain time.

With gratitude and love, Audrey

We continue to accept donations for our war relief efforts in Odessa.

**Checks are still the quickest means to donate:

Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, Inc.

541 Evening Sky Drive	-or-	3530 Diamond Leaf Lane
Oviedo, FL 32765		Oviedo, FL 32765

Online options:

PayPal is also pretty quick.

Network for Good will administer your donation made on our behalf, but it takes some weeks for payment to reach our bank account.

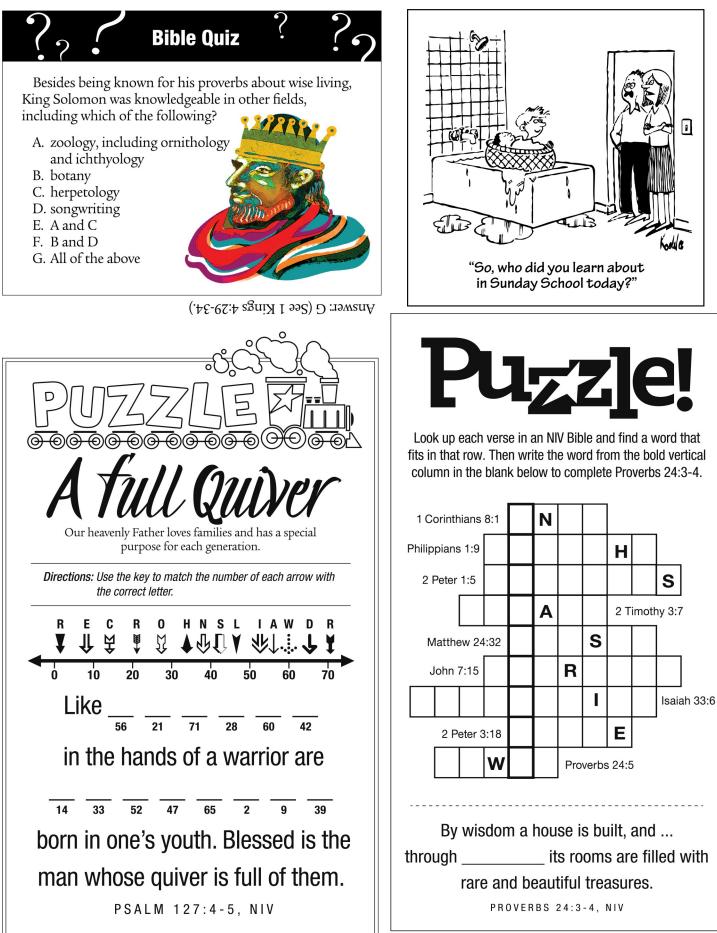
Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.

When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.

I wasn't suited to being a tailor. Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting. I was a banker ... until I lost interest. I realized there was no future in being a historian. Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli. I studied to become a doctor but had no patients. My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind. When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining. I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job. Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!



Answer: arrows, children

SEPTEMBER



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 <u>nangalyean@gmail.com</u>.

What	When
Bake brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 9/7 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal	Thurs 9/8 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 9/9 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 9/9 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 9/9 4:00-7:30 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 9/9 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 <u>nangalyean@gmail.com</u>.

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida is a Compassion Committee Ministry.

SEPTEMBER

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VPK Alligators class teachers Christy Kearney and Miriam Gabra



VPK Llamas class teachers Jessica Valentin and Desiree Felix



VPK Koalas class teachers Susan Richcreek and Vanessa Hollingsworth



VPK Dolphins class teachers Marjie Hutchinson and Bethanne Seel



Three year old Ladybugs class teachers Nora Yurt and Anne Cleary



Three year old Kittens class teachers Aida Nassar and Helene Rothell



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Two year old Owls class teachers Delaney Pickett and Rochelle Washington



Two year old Butterflies class teachers Katie Garlinger and Alison Bodeep



Two year old Sharks class teachers Gail Cannaday and Katie Daniels



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