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Want to Shape The Future of the Church?

That future is before you as our Youth Groups, the Jr. Highs and Sr. Highs who are looking ahead at their journey of faith and with questions of direction and guidance. In other words, someone who might help lead, teach, and share while, in the process, they grow in their own journey. Listen for the Spirit's call and prayerfully consider your response. There are many opportunities to serve the Lord in Youth Ministry here at WPC – as PYC Sponsors, Wednesday night leaders, Sunday School teachers, planners, drivers, host, and more. It is service for an awesome group of youth and with a great team of adults,

"2 By 2" Big Hit in North Texas



Our terrific youth musical on the road. A great example of what can be done when our adults volunteer to work with our kids. Several pictures taken by Randy Moore of the Youth Musical

presentations at Hurst and Grapevine churches can be found online at <http://gallery.me.com/randy.moore/100003>

with a purpose that is priceless. If you would like to join us, please contact Rev. Caressa Murray or John Grady, Youth Elder. It is a path that is life changing!



WPC Cookbook

Don't Miss Out!

It has been over 10 years since the last WPC Cookbook was published. The Fellowship Committee is planning another one to be delivered in time for Christmas giving. The cost of each book will be determined by how many recipes we can get.

Each member is asked to look through their favorites and send them to us. Ask your relatives, neighbors and friends to submit theirs! The more the better. If

there is a story to go with it, include it. We would like to have as much history as we can get in this issue. Recipes are not copyright protected but "names" such as famous chefs and brands are so be careful to remove them. Whoever submits the recipe will have their name included and if we have more than one person submitting the same recipe, all names will be noted. Send your recipes via email (preferred way) at fellowship@websterpresby.org or

pick up a form in the office, complete it and drop it in the recipe box there. Please DO NOT send your recipes to Shannon or Carolyn. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS AUGUST 15TH.** Pre-sales will start the same day. Only 2 more weeks to go! Hurry! Don't miss out!

Family of Faith Ministry



August 1st is the date for a summer potluck picnic! This will follow the 10AM service so wear your "picnic" clothes that day and come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun potluck. The Fellowship Committee will cook the hamburgers and Gourmet Style hot dogs and all the fixin's will be provided. We are asking members to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, picnic appropriate please.



Blood Drive, Sunday, August 29th! We've had a great start to the year with a wonderful blood drive thanks to your generous donations. At the Mother's Day drive, the WPC family donated 18 units, which helped to sustain the lives of approximately 54 people! This is a really great benefit for the community.

The Gulf Coast Blood Bank will be at Webster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 29th from 8:00am until 12:30pm. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood as part of WPC's mission to the community. Watch for the sign-up lists in the Narthex, later in the month of August. Also, if you donate at one of the local Gulf Coast Regional Centers, please ask that your donation be credited to the Webster Presbyterian Church, account #1953. For information, contact David Bolon.



The Young at Heart August trip will be to the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse in Dickinson on Saturday, August 21st to see the play Get Smart by Mel Brooks and adapted by Christopher Sergel. The play finds Agent Maxwell Smart off on a bizarre new case to stop the sinister organization known as KAOS from their most shameful plot. An exciting and enjoyable show, it is the ultimate spoof of all secret agent thrillers.

Our trip will start off by leaving the WPC parking lot at 5:30 pm and go to dinner at the La Brisa Grill for Mexican food. The bus will then depart for the theater. The cost for the trip is \$9.00 per person PLUS the cost of dinner. So "Get Smart" and call either Sandy Dwyer or Bambi Fitzgerald to reserve your space. Call soon as we have only 16 tickets available. Checks can be made out to Sandra Dwyer.

June 28 provided 17 attendees an adventure in Magic. It took more than a downpour to dampen a good time for us. Two umbrellas and some impromptu shrink wrap got us inside the Natural Science Museum to explore the wonders of Magic! A young Aggie magician was trying his best to make a job appear. Next we went to wonder at some natural magic in the vivid colors and delicate forms of butterflies. Then came lunch and some good conversation at the 59 Café to let us get to know each other a bit better until our next trip.

Loft Talk

Faith Choir resumes Wednesday evening rehearsals on August 4 at 7:30pm. Please consider joining us even for just one season. We love to see new faces (and current ones) in the choir loft each week. We will back in the loft every Sunday at 11:00am beginning August 8. We look forward to seeing you!

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

~ Elizabeth Kubler Ross



The gardens are really blooming but so are the weeds. So far, two groups have adopted patches. Last fall our first adoption was made by Julie Middaugh and Joan Crane who claimed the patch in the corner where the benches

and cross are located. A harsh winter took it's toll on the plants but they have been working to get it all back. Carole Kloves and Joan McMillan have adopted the garden outside of Bouton Hall near the CE wing front entrance. Freeman Gregory and his son, Kellen toiled for hours digging out the weeds, brush and garbage that had collected there after years of neglect. The work on the sign has delayed plantings but this will eventually be an herb and butterfly garden. The herbs will be available for WND meals. There are many more such spots waiting for tender loving care. If you can spare even a few minutes a month to keep a patch weed free, you will be blessed for helping God's Earth. Adoption signs are going up soon (maybe by the time this is printed.) Contact a B&G elder to claim your patch.



Day of Service

PRESBYTERY DAY OF SERVICE

WPC joins New Covenant Presbyterians in the Second Annual Presbytery Service Day. **Save the Date: August 7.** Following last year's successful Day of Service, the Presbytery has again designated an August "Day of Service." Come with us, Webster family, as "the Church leaves the building," in service to the Community on **Saturday, August 7.** The Mission Committee has identified opportunities for Webster Presbyterian members to provide needed services at Bay Area Turning Point and Interfaith Caring Ministries. There is something for everyone, so contact James Kinzler for more information about the assistance needed at each of the sites. Information will also be provided in your Bulletin.



The regulation for IRA donations has passed the House but has not yet been approved by the Senate. If passed, IRA donations can be made directly to the church. The amount may be used as part of the Required Minimum Distribution. Persons eligible to make these donations would be at least 70 1/2 years and have an IRA. More information later...

Family of Faith Ministry

Wednesday Night Dinner



Wednesday Night Dinners are due to start up again beginning September 1st. We ask that you please consider donating a few hours of your time even once during the year to prepare dinner for our church family. Cooking can be as easy or as complex as you choose. Please contact Blaine Goeckler or Jennifer Carr or Jeanette Chase (Fellowship Elder) to discuss how you can help this worthy church mission.

My Washington Adventure, or If It's Monday, This Must be Union Station!

By Kimberly Glaus Läte

Early this past May, I embarked on a five day adventure with seven adults and twelve teenagers from Furr High School. The stated goal for the teenagers was to learn about the American political process, to value the diversity that makes us all stronger and to see firsthand the birthplace of our nation. The stated goal for the adults was to make sure the teenagers were safe and accounted for at each of the various stops on our trip. It was the annual student trip to Washington, DC, with the Institute for Civility in Government (a non-profit organization supported by WPC).

The teenagers ranged in age from 15 to 18 years; primarily juniors and seniors, with a sophomore or two thrown in. The kids came from varying cultural backgrounds with one thing in common – they were bright, observant of the world around them, and they wanted answers from our leaders. In the weeks before the trip, the teenagers met with trip facilitators and selected three topic areas for in-depth study: education, budget & finance, and immigration. They studied these issues and during our time in DC, they received briefings from subject matter experts (arranged by the Institute ahead of time). Congressman Gene Green graciously arranged for the group to have the use of a conference room in the Rayburn House Office Building. The students listened attentively to the briefings, received handouts and asked good questions. Following the briefings, the students divided into groups with each group focusing on one of the three selected topic areas. These student groups developed “policy statements” which had to be presented to the group as whole for consensus. Once the students had crafted policy statements they could all agree with, they prepared each other to present their statements to congressional leaders. Don’t mistake me – this was hard work; we were up well into the night as the students learned firsthand how difficult it is to negotiate with one another and reach agreement on what would be presented to the legislators!

The following day, we traveled to Capitol Hill for an early “meet and greet” with Senator John Cornyn. We then traveled to the Library of Congress for some sightseeing; after lunch, we headed to the Dirksen Senate Office Building for meetings with senate aides from both John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison’s offices. We also met with aides from Representative Al Green’s office. The students presented their policy statements at each office. The aides listened attentively and some even took notes. The highlight of the day was a personal meeting late in the afternoon with Representative Gene Green, in an historic meeting room within the capitol building. Many of the students live in Representative Green’s district and he generously spent several minutes talking with the group, telling stories, answering questions and making the students feel welcome.

Membership in the Institute for Civility in Government is open to everyone. For more information on this important organization, please check out their website at www.instituteforcivility.org.

Children's Ministry

We're gearing up for an exciting new school year in Children's Ministry!

Sundays

Kids will move up to their new Sunday school classes on Rally Day, Sept. 12. After the Rally Day assembly in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour, kids will adjourn to their new classrooms to spend some time with their shepherds. They'll then return to Fellowship Hall to rejoin their parents. Regular classes begin Sept. 19. Meeting locations--Twos & Threes: room 102; PreK & Kinder: room 105; 1st-3rd Graders: Large Group room, 2nd floor; 4th & 5th Graders: Preteen room, 2nd floor.

Child care will be available every Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-noon in room 102 for young children & room 104 for infants. Our caring & experienced caregivers will be Maria Atanasova, James Kent, Kelli Martin and Elizabeth Owens.

Children's Chapel will continue to be held during the 11 a.m. service following the children's sermon in room 106. We've had lots of regular attendance in chapel since it began last year, averaging 10-12 kids each week! It's exciting to see our kids participate in this special worship geared for PreK-3rd graders.

Wednesdays

Wednesday Night J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) begins Sept. 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kids ages Kindergarten-5th grade will meet in the Large Group room on the 2nd floor for a fun hour of fellowship, sharing and games.

Child care will be available 6:30-9 p.m. in room 102.

Learning Outside the (Toy)Box

Meet the new Barbie! Barbie-Mary, Barbie-Martha, Barbie-Angel and Ken-Jesus! Kids love to play and learn by doing, and this fall our kids will be playing and learning with our new Bible story dolls! Using storytelling and dramatic play, we'll be creating and acting out Old and New Testament favorites from Moses parting the Red Sea to Jesus appearing to Mary following the Resurrection. Formerly mere Barbies and Kens, our Bible story dolls have been donated by generous members and lovingly clothed in biblical dress by WPC member and seamstress extraordinaire Ardene Martin! Stay tuned for photos of our kids bringing Bible stories to life in Sunday school and children's chapel!



Rally Day September 12...A Call to Discipleship!

Don't miss Rally Day Sept. 12 when we kick off our new year of Christian education. Everyone, from infants and up, is encouraged to come share in our Rally Day event in Fellowship Hall, 9:45-10:45 a.m. During Rally Day, members of all ages will commit to *Worship Plus Two* for the coming year at Webster Presby.

Worship Plus Two means deepening our relationship with God and committing to being a part of our family of faith at WPC. Briefly stated, *Worship Plus Two* means

- *Worship*: every week at 8:30 or 11 a.m.
- Plus Two*: Do one thing that will help you grow in your faith
and do one thing that will help others.

Come learn how you can be spiritually fed *and* exercise your passion, talents and gifts for God's ministry! Join us for this Ministry Fair and Breakfast Fellowship for all ages!! If you would like to have a booth to promote your ministry area, please contact
Linda Smith-Gregory or Pastor
Caressa by Sunday, August 29.



Youth Ministry

There's Been A LOT Going On This Summer . . .

Summer can conjure up images of swimming pools, picnics, and vacations. But for our WPC Youth this year, summer has also been filled with mission, learning, fun, growth, and faith in action. Both Sr. High and Jr. High youth brought our musical, and a message, to audiences in the Dallas area and the Presbyterian Children's Home at Itasca, where the Sr. Highs also did work on the facilities. Jr. High youth journeyed to Mo-Ranch for the annual Jr. High Jubilee and a group of Sr. Highs traveled to the Youth Synod Workshop in Tulsa. Four of our Sr. High youth joined others from across the Presbytery to attend Triennium held at Purdue University, a once-every-three-year gathering of young Presbyterians from across the country and other nations. Would you like to learn more about these wonderful experiences and the outreach of our WPC Youth? Then join us in the worship services on August 15 to enjoy the images, hear the words, and share the experience of those who were there.

And There's More to Come!

Looking ahead at some of our plans as summer winds down:

August 7, Saturday – Senior Highs, get your hammers out again . . . it's the New Covenant Presbytery "Day of Service", when the Church leaves the building to serve in the Community. We will be working at Interfaith Caring Ministry Resale Shop on Egret Bay and will tear off a small fence from the back shed and replace it with a new one including a gate. Meet at ICM at 9:00am and don't forget your hammer.

August 15, Sunday – End of Summer Pool Parties for each Youth Group in the afternoon, watch for details

August 22, Sunday – Regular Sunday evening PYC begins for both Jr. High and Sr. High

August 25, Wednesday – Connections and Wonderful Wednesdays begin September 1.

August 27, Friday – Jr. High Midnight Madness from 6:00pm to, well, Midnight. We'll have a lot of fun and fellowship, and talk about what we might do in the coming year, so don't miss this! And it's a great opportunity to invite a friend.

September 5 – 7, Labor Day Weekend – One-MO Trip to Mo-Ranch for a fun "farewell to summer" gathering of youth from churches across the state.

September 12, Sunday – Rally Day and the regular schedule begins for Bells' Angels and Youth Choir.



Family of Faith Ministry

Birthdays in



August

08/01: [Kenneth Thompson](#)

[Jean Zophy](#)

08/02: [Richard Lawrence](#)

[George Scheuch](#)

[Laura Backus](#)

08/03: [James Paden](#)

[James Robinson](#)

[Thomas DiBello](#)

[Michael Cooper](#)

08/04: [Kaylin Dupree](#)

[Ayden Smith](#)

08/05: [Marshall Godwin](#)

08/06: [Melissa Hunter](#)

[Steven Schulz](#)

[Alexandria Mead](#)

08/07: [Terrence McMahon](#)

[Janet Kloves](#)

08/08: [Iris McMahon](#)

[Helen Bailey](#)

[Mary Camp](#)

08/09: [Reese Terry](#)

[John Gillespie](#)

08/10: [Harold Rosenberg](#)

08/11: [Thomas Martin](#)

[Harry Braeuer](#)

08/14: [Johnny Jones](#)

[Judy Ford](#)

[Jeannette Booher](#)

[David Merritt](#)

[Drew Fixel](#)

08/15: [Sharon Straight](#)

[Dava Cook](#)

[Kyler Galford](#)

08/16: [Lauren Elise](#)

[Kidwell](#)

[Elaine Schulz](#)

[Kyle Magnant](#)

08/18: [Charles Fox](#)

[William Straight](#)

[Maria Turverey](#)

08/19: [Barbara Colovin](#)

[Mary Matson](#)

[Sylvia Scales](#)

08/20: [Sarah Barnett](#)

08/21: [Dennis Waehner](#)

[Angelo Hughrben Bigueras](#)

08/22: [Franklin Sens](#)

[Thomas Stanley](#)

[Thomas Betros](#)

[Anne Waehner](#)

08/23: [Ginger Compton](#)

[Jackie Hart](#)

[Sandra Posluszny](#)

08/24: [Joan Heath](#)

[Carol Owens](#)

[Shannon King](#)

[Timothy Brazzel](#)

08/25: [Ross Looney](#)

08/26: [Earline Willcott](#)

[Nadia Posluszny](#)

[Everett Kidwell](#)

08/27: [Andrew Scott](#)

08/29: [Ruth Hendershot](#)

[Carl Allen](#)

[James Kinzler](#)

08/30: [Stephanie Dupont](#)

[Ralph Fixel](#)

08/31: [Onalee McEwen](#)

[Kathleen Stahr](#)

[John Hindman](#)

OOPS!



CORRECTION: This notice was requested to be added to the newsletter: an incorrect street name was given out for the Merrifield's address. Instead of "Gray" please change it to the correct name "Great" - Apologies are given for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Help Clean the Kitchen!

Annual Kitchen Cleaning Week

Pitch in and help get the Bouton Hall Kitchen and the Fellowship hall warming room clean and ready for fall use. Many different groups enjoy using our fully stocked kitchen and that means things get put away in wrong bins, food crumbs and other stuff gets dropped in drawers, drips run down the cabinet fronts and just good old fashion dirt accumulates in the lower cabinets. All three refrigerators and the stove need thorough cleaning and all of this takes many willing hands to get them clean, put in order and ready for active duty in September. This year we have chosen Tuesday, August 17th— Saturday August 21st as our days for cleaning. We will start at 10:00am and stop each day around 3:00pm for as many of the days as needed.

Please email fellowship@websterpresby.org or sign up in **Wholy Grounds on Sundays** to let us know when you are willing to work. We need at least 4 people each day to get it all done.



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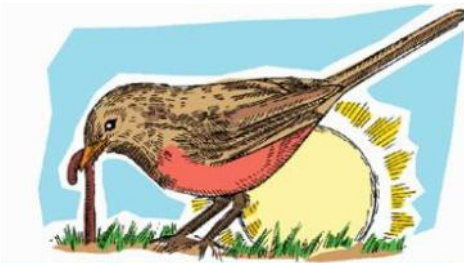
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"Each New Day"

When I awaken the morning of each new day,
I look to You LORD and thus say,
Please LORD help me to follow your way
throughout this coming day;

For You've taught me to understand the confrontations
of both sorrow and joy which can evolve,
You helped me all throughout my life
and often when others said no;

However, through my faith in You, with Your guidance
You showed me the way to achieve and go,
Often peoples lives can become problematical at various times;

Yet, with their faith in You, You'll show them the way,
if they would just learn how to pray,
Now, through my life's many accomplishments,
it's time for me to help others even more;

To communicate these things through the elements of friendship and love,
Rather than letting others become depressed in their life even more;

And when the day is over, I say in my prayers at night,
"thank You LORD for your love, grace, guidance, and another day of life."

by Kay I. Kramer