

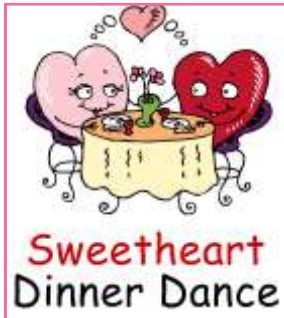


# WEBPRESS

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♥ Happy St. Valentine's Day! ♥



## Fun Food Music

The Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 7:00 to 10:00. The Dinner Dance this year actually falls on the day before Valentine's Day. This is an event that many have enjoyed and look forward to here at WPC.

This year promises to be just as much fun and just as yummy! Our youth will present a dinner menu of Chicken Fettuccine, Sautéed Spinach, Rolls, House Salad and dessert.

Bouton Hall will be transformed into a beautifully decorated dining room and dance hall. The youth will serve as your hosts, wait staff, and possibly provide some fun entertainment. Music and dancing will follow the dinner as you and your sweetheart dance the night away—or at least till 10:00!

If you have never been to the Dinner Dance, make this the event to show your sweetie how much she/he means to you. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold in advance in the Narthex. Childcare will be provided but you must sign up at least by February 7<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go toward helping our youth deepen their faith through mission work, conferences and other faith-based opportunities.

We hope to see you there! ♥

## The Week after Valentine's Day will bring us to Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty-six days (forty days not counting Sundays) before Easter. It is a moveable day, which falls on a different date each year dependent on the date of Easter. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. Ashes at WPC are from the Palm Crosses from last year's Palm Sunday. On February 17, you have the opportunity to attend the **Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm** where you will be invited to receive the ashes. during the service.



## Devotionals on Tuesdays in Lent

The Worship Team provides a short **Lenten Devotional** each week after Ash Wednesday all the way through Holy Week. The service is followed by a light luncheon of homemade soups and breads. The first Lenten Service will be **11:30am on Tuesday, February 23.**



# Family of Faith Ministry



Get ready to walk and hammer!

Habitat for Humanity **Women Build Fun Walk**  
Sunday Feb. 21 3:00 at University of Houston Clear Lake campus.

Register at <http://www.bahfh.org/> Check out the pictures from last year.

For \$35 you will get a tee shirt, refreshments, and the privilege of walking with your WPC friends to support affordable housing for deserving families.

Webster Presbyterian Habitat for Humanity Co-ed build day Sat. Feb. 27. This is our first building day of the year – we will help frame and side a new home. Sign up every Sunday at the Habitat table in the Narthex. Call Carl Allen if you have questions 281-992-3772.

We will also be providing a lunch for our workers and those from our sister churches -- help will be appreciated.

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**Young at**  *February Outing*

The WPC Young at Heart committee is busy planning fun and exciting outings for 2010. Our February trip will be on Thursday, February 25 so mark your calendars and watch the Sunday bulletins for more information! All people age 50+ are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Liz Clifford—email [tinlizrdh@aol.com](mailto:tinlizrdh@aol.com).

**closet from the original space.** When items are left on the countertops or tossed back into the closet, it is not long before the kitchen & closet become cluttered and cleaning is required.

Contrary to popular belief, there are no “Kitchen Fairies” that clean up after us. No one person or team is responsible for cleaning up; that is everyone’s responsibility. Your Fellowship committee is accountable to the church to ensure that the kitchen and supply closet are neat & clean, but we can’t do all by ourselves. If you need some help or advice when you use the kitchen, anyone on the Fellowship committee is more than willing to help.

Please be responsible when you use things and respect church facilities. Remember the saying, “Cleanliness is next to Godliness”. We could all benefit from that.



## Thermostat Changes Are Coming!

To maintain our fabulously reduced electric bill, the Buildings & Grounds team is phasing in *computer-controlled thermostats*. "On Demand" temperature changes will be as simple as pushing the arrows up or down. The computer will reset the energy savings mode every night around 10 P.M. as well as condition the rooms for scheduled activities. *If you are uncomfortable and you see colored arrows on the thermostat, just push the blue arrow to cool and the red arrow to heat.* — So simple even an Aggie could do it! **Calendar Updates** – It sure has been cold outside! Thank God for heaters. Please contact the office to provide your winter and spring room schedules so the rooms are comfortable when you arrive. The new thermostats will heat and cool according to the online calendar. Thanks!

### Responsibility, Respect and Accountability!!

Three very important words to remember when using the kitchen and supply closet in Bouton Hall. Over the past couple of months, equipment has come up missing and not been found. It can be quite costly to replace it. Every member is able to use the kitchen so everyone needs to be aware of the responsibilities involved.

When you use equipment, please make sure it is washed, dried AND replaced in the same place you took it out of. Just because there is an empty space that is more convenient for you to put something back in does not mean it goes there. Someone most likely borrowed equipment that goes in that empty space and when that item is returned, it then gets put back in the wrong place.

The Fellowship committee has worked hard to clean out the cabinets, installed tile, put labels on cabinets and drawers so all items are easily located and the supply closet was labeled as well. Washing something and leaving it “to drain and dry” on the sink or countertop is not being a responsible user. No one likes to come in to a kitchen that is in any kind of disarray and spend valuable time looking for supplies or equipment or cleaning up after the previous user. Neatness also keeps the critters under control.

The same responsibilities apply to the supply closet in Bouton Hall. If you take supplies to use and then don't use at all, **please replace the unused portions in the**

# Family of Faith Ministry

## "Mark"ings

At a recent meeting of WPC's Communication/Outreach team, we talked about how we could best reach out to our community. There is no doubt we have good things to talk about – the love of God as we understand and experience it, and the wonderful place WPC is. Not only do we have good things to talk about it, the church, has a mandate to share the message of God's love. (It's called **evangelism.**) We talked about the best ways to advertise and other methods to get the word out. We also talked about how research consistently shows that approximately 75% of new church members say that they first attended the church they ended up joining because someone personally invited them to come. That led us to discuss how we Presbyterians – including we Webster-type Presbyterians - have a hard time talking to people about our church, about our faith. It seems we don't want to be thought of as one of "them" – those people who try to hammer others hard enough to get them to finally come around to their way of believing and behaving.

Certainly there are methods of getting the word out that aren't going to work anymore, if they ever did. We are not going to begin a program of canvassing neighborhoods and knocking on doors. We are not going to send teams out into the mall to ask people something like, "Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?" Still, doesn't it make sense, that if our faith is treasured and held close to our hearts, we would be not only willing but anxious to share it? If we have experienced the fullness of the living water and the bread of life, how can we not tell those who hunger and thirst where to find it?

The love of God is the "pearl of great price." Webster Presbyterian Church is a wonderful place full of wonderful people and offers many wonderful opportunities for fellowship and service. Sharing all that with someone may be the most wonderful gift you could ever give them.

So, think about it. They just may thank you forever.

Fondly,  
Mark

## What, You Have Doubts About Teaching Kids' Sunday School?

You don't know if you're *cool* enough or *young* enough for the kids to relate to you. You aren't sure if you're *old* enough or *wise* enough to be able to teach kids effectively. You may not have *what it takes* to keep the children entertained!

**It's okay.** You don't have to have all those "things" to be a great Sunday school teacher. Kids don't need another cool friend. Children need someone who cares, someone that knows their names, someone they can count on, someone to encourage them, someone to make them feel important, and someone who leads by Christian example.

In our large group/small group Sunday school format, you'll be a shepherd to a small group of kids. You'll check in with your small group kids to see how their week was and what's new. After the large group lesson, you *and your shepherd partner* will draw the kids into the lesson by leading your small group in a game or activity based on the lesson.

So you see, it doesn't matter if you're twenty-two or sixty-seven; kids aren't hung up by age. It doesn't matter if you're not a "teacher." If you love the Lord and are willing to share that love with kids, you can set your doubts aside. Be a Sunday school shepherd of kids. Please contact Linda Smith-Gregory at 281-332-1251 or [lindasg@websterpresby.org](mailto:lindasg@websterpresby.org). P.S. We need subs, too!

## Relief for Victims of the



## Earthquake in Haiti

### WPC FAMILY MOVES QUICKLY TO PROVIDE AID TO HAITI

By Pastor Helen  
On behalf of the Mission Committee

As fast as the news came in about the devastating earthquake in Haiti, so came the calls from the WPC family, asking in a unified voice, "How can we help?" As I told those callers, one way to contribute is through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

An announcement was placed in the January 17 bulletin, and the family responded. \$7,015 was collected in just one offering! Thank you, Webster sisters and brothers, for your love and concern for your brothers and sisters around the world. I

t's not too late, if you want to help, make your check payable to Webster Presbyterian Church, and write in the memo line: **PDA-Haiti**. We will forward your funds on to PDA so they can be put to use right away.

# Family of Faith Ministry

## - FIRST EVER - College Mission Trip

The week of January 3 – 7, 2010, four of our college students journeyed to Galveston, TX, for WPC's first ever College Mission Trip. Libby Cravens, Clay Schulz, Amy Waehner and Rene Craig spent the week with Rev. Caressa Murray and our new friends from First Presbyterian Church of Grapevine, TX, working on homes damaged by Hurricane Ike. We worked with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas disaster recovery unit and stayed at the William Temple Episcopal Center across from UTMB. The evenings



were spent preparing and enjoying meals, worshipping, hanging out, and discussing the blessings and challenges of college. Was this trip successful? Just ask the college students! Their only question at the end of the week was, "When can we do this again?" A trip for 2011 is already in the works!

## Confirmation Class – IN SESSION

This spring, **13** eighth graders will embark on a milestone in their journey of faith – Confirmation Class. At WPC, a Confirmation Class is offered each spring and is designed to educate young people on the Christian Faith and Presbyterian Tradition, while equipping them to discern and articulate their own affirmation of faith. Classes are already underway on Friday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, and will last through May 14. Those confirmands desiring to join WPC will go before our session on May 26, and all of our confirmation students will be recognized at our worship services on May 30. The classes are led by Rev. Caressa Murray and taught by adults of our church. Confirmation students also have an adult mentor that serves as a support and guide for them through this class. We would like to ask YOU, the congregation, to encourage and pray for these young people as they grow in their faith and deepen their involvement in the Church.

### *Did you know?...*

In the year 2096, Ash Wednesday will fall on Leap Year Day, February 29th for the very first time!.

The earliest date Ash Wednesday can occur is 4 February (in a common year with Easter on 22 March), which happened in 1573, 1668, 1761 and 1818. The latest date is 10 March (when Easter Day falls on 25 April) which occurred in 1546, 1641, 1736, 1886 and 1943.

Ash Wednesday has never occurred on Leap Year Day (29 February), and it will not occur as such until 2096. The only other years of the third millennium that will have Ash Wednesday on 29 February are 2688, 2840, and 2992. (Ash Wednesday falls on 29 February only if Easter is on 15 April in a leap year.) - (courtesy of Wikipedia)

# Children's Ministry

## Family Fun Weekend at Mo-Ranch

This spring our very own Rev. Caressa Murray will be leading the **"Family Fun Weekend" at Mo-Ranch, on March 19 - 21, 2010.** The theme this year is "Generation to Generation: Sharing the faith through story, song and celebration." Caressa will be co-leading this event with her father, Rev. Dr. Ron Holloman and her brother, Chris Holloman. Family Fun Weekend is a special time for you and your family to renew, strengthen and nurture your unique relationships with one another and with God. Through story and song, we will explore God's Word and how it interweaves with our own stories. Together, you and your family will discover the sacred in the ordinary, exploring ways to share the faith and celebrate how and where God is at work in your lives. From God Sightings with candle light to prayer wreaths, we will practice family faith rituals and traditions that celebrate and invite God's grace and love. Join us for a weekend of faith-filled worship, communion, recreation, and fellowship. ALL ages, shapes and sizes of families are encouraged to attend. Additional information and registration details can be found at: [www.moranch.com](http://www.moranch.com)

**The Children's Sabbath**, a special service led by WPC children, will take place February 28. As the children lead us in worship, the children's choir will perform the musical *Storytelling Man*, written by Ken Medema and directed by Cappi McNeill. Practice will occur every Sunday from 5:30-6:30pm, and every Wednesday from 6:15-7:15pm. Exceptions to this practice schedule will be Super Bowl Sunday and Ash Wednesday. In addition to the beautiful voices of the children's choir, Jennifer Kidwell will direct the children's hand bell group in an offertory anthem. Children's Sabbath is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their gifts and lead our congregation.

### Webster Presbyterian Sunday School Active Parenting Class

Parenting is not easy. By sharing our concerns and joys of parenting, we have helped ease some of these frustrations. All parents are invited to attend.

February 7:	Reframing "I am stupid" to "I made a mistake. I will do better next time."
February 14:	Developing our children's love and passions.
February 21:	Building assertiveness in our children
February 28:	no class: Children's Sabbath (parents will be needed to help)
March 7:	Conflict Resolution
March 14:	Anger Management
March 21:	Homework and Chores
March 28:	Pastor Caressa's discussion of classes on sexuality
April 4:	Intergenerational Sunday school: Easter
April 11:	The Spirited Child
April 18:	The Timid Child
April 25:	1-2-3 Magic
May 2:	1-2-3-Magic
May 9:	Taking Care of Me
May 16:	Summer time Activities
May 30:	Intergenerational Sunday school



### Save the dates!

Sun., Feb. 28

**Children's Sabbath Worship Service**  
Presbyterian service led by our kids!

**Both services**

### Weekly Calendar

Sun., 8:30 am

**Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Family friendly**

Sun., 8:30 am-noon

**Child care**

Sun., 9:45-10:45 am

**Sunday School, preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Sun., 9:45-10:45 am

**Active Parenting Classes**

Sun., 11 am-noon

**Worship in the Sanctuary**

Wed., 5:30-6:30 pm

**Wednesday Night Dinner in Bouton Hall**

Wed., 6:30-7:30 pm

**Children's Sabbath practice**

Wed., 6:30-9 pm

**Child care**

Fri., 9-10 am

**Mommy & Me**

Fri., 8:45-10:15 am

**Child care**

**Lent classes begin in February.**

**Parents' Retreat, Rm 101**

**Children's Chapel**

**Adults \$4, Children \$1, age 6 & under free, Family price \$12**

**Sanctuary**

**Nursery, Rm 104; older kids, Rm 102**

**Parents' Retreat, Rm 101**

**Nursery, Rm 104**

# Youth Ministry



Once again this year our Jr. High Youth will take on a championship challenge as they collect donations on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Their mission effort is part of the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and service to fight hunger and poverty. The Souper Bowl started from a simple prayer at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC in 1990 and has grown to a movement that involves hundreds of thousands of young people and has raised over 50 million dollars for local charities. Our Jr. High Youth will have their "soup pots" on that Sunday, asking people to give one dollar while leaving worship, and will take all collected donations received to buy food that afternoon for the ICM Food Pantry. So, please consider "joining the team" with the Jr. Highs and everyone will be a Super-Winner for God!

## THANK YOU for Making the Youth Postal Express a Holiday Success!

The Youth of WPC want to express their sincere gratitude to the congregation for your support of this year's holiday fundraiser, which raised \$994.72 toward the youth's summer trips, conferences, and camps that can make a life-changing difference. Along with your donations for using the Youth Postal Express to deliver your Christmas greetings, there was tremendous interest in the additions this year of WPC Christmas ornaments, greeting cards, and the Youth-made coasters. As we celebrated the wonderful gift of Christ, our Youth wanted to acknowledge the blessings of their WPC family and extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for the gift that is you.



JR High's helped at ICM over the Holidays...



## Youth Conclave

### WPC Youth Head to Conclaves

"Transform to LOL (Live Out Loud)" is the theme for this year's Presbytery Youth Conclave weekends at Camp Cho-Yeh. Some of the questions that our youth will be exploring are "Who am I?", "How does God transform us?", and "How are we agents of God in the transformation of others?" Small groups, free time, worship, and a concert are some of the things that will happen in this very active gathering of youth from churches across our Presbytery. It will be a time filled with making new friends, searching our faith, and growing in Christ. WPC's Jr. High Youth will be participating on February 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and our Sr. High Youth will be going March 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. Keep these young people, and their adult sponsors, in your prayers.



...and had some fun at the Dickinson Festival of Lights

Some of the Sr. High's who attended a production of the AD Players



# Family of Faith Ministry

## FEBRUARY



## Birthdays

2-Feb Barbara Morris Stacey Menard Marco Balletto	11-Feb Bettycross Whigham Britney Gillespie Sarah Harano Ethan Bihm	17-Feb William Kibikas Michael Kimmins
3-Feb Alice Sell Megan Scott	12-Feb Edie Armstrong Pam Carter	18-Feb Susan Stearns
4-Feb Melissa Moede	13-Feb Julia Holland Charles Ward Rebekah Spivey	19-Feb William (Will) Kibikas
5-Feb Hope Harreld Chloe Pillow	14-Feb Coco Motley Valerie Frank	20-Feb Gannon Allen
6-Feb Peggy Armstrong Martha Griffith Freeman Gregory Sarah Wylie	15-Feb Dana Ray Sarah Cravens	21-Feb Richard Mills William Roy
7-Feb Katy Rendon Anthony Cianchetti	16-Feb Chelsea Hindman Rogge Marsh Sharon McCann	22-Feb George Brazzel
8-Feb Matthew Aidan Lane Earl Barnett Heather Hartig	Janet Harreld Graciela Dickey Zackary Rendon	23-Feb Sue Higgins Diana Liles Clayton Anderson Wendy Koenig
9-Feb Karl Schaefer Sarah Fixel Matthew Stahr		24-Feb Lou Fox Kenneth Smith Mark Luedde Katie Allison Luedde
10-Feb Sara Brock Little Christy Wilcox		25-Feb Gregory Porter Sutton Anderson
		26-Feb Shelby Sheppard
		27-Feb John Jamarik Aidan Grady
		28-Feb Mary Goeckler Vince Guajardo
		Feb-29 Lynn Snowden



## Valentines Day Breakfast

We are planning a special menu for Early Risers' Breakfast on Valentines Day. It will be in Bouton Hall from 9:30-10:30. There will be a buffet line that includes items to be taken out to Sunday School class, as well as, eat-in items. Please come hungry for good food and fellowship and bring a friend.

## Wholy Grounds Java Spot



9:30a.m to 30 minutes  
after end of 2nd service.  
Coffee, Lemonade &  
Cookies served each Sunday.



February 7  
Feature:

New Orleans  
Café au Lait



## Adopt a Patch... of Our Gardens

Spring will be here before you know it and with the winter's freeze we encountered in January, many of our plants will have to be replaced. The B&G team could certainly use your help by your taking on a small portion of our gardens to weed, plant and nurture. This would be a great project for Boy or Girl Scouts, too.

Contact a Buildings and Grounds committee worker to find out more on how to choose your section of our Gardens to adopt.



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To nurture followers of Jesus Christ,  
And to meet human needs.



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Your Communications Team at work!



**ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR TAXES:  
TIMELY AND FREE!**

What do taxes and WPC have in common? Tax Aide! For three years, WPC has hosted training of AARP Tax-Aide volunteers in January. These volunteers, and a host of others, are IRS certified to assist in the preparation of tax returns. Tax-Aide provides the service for low-to-middle income taxpayers with special attention to those ages 60 and older. Electronic filing of returns is provided at no cost. Tax-Aide Sites open from February 1 – April 15. Area sites are located at the following locations or call 1-888-227-7669 for other locations.

- Webster Recreational Center, 311 Pennsylvania, Webster, Mon 10-6; Tues 10-2; Wed 12-7; Sat 9-1. 281-316-4137
- Leavesley Park, 901 Buckingham, Friendswood, Mon, Tues, & Thurs 10-2
- Pasadena City Hall, 1211 Southmore, Wed 9-5; Thur 9-5
- Pearland Library, 3522 Liberty, Pearland, Wed 10-2; 281-485-4876
- Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale, Tues 10-2; 281-484-2036
- Sunshine Center, 1726 21<sup>st</sup> St., Galveston, Tue & Fri 9:30-1:30: 409-763-5029