

WEB PRESS

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I Am the New Year. *Bible Illustrator*



HAPPY
New Year!

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

from: www.appleseeds.org

We Have New Elders and Deacons (or—The Annual Changing of the Guard!)

This year, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27th, was made extra special for a group of WPC members- the new officers elected by the congregation. They are: **Elders:** Dick Brackett, Jimm Cooper, Janis Edwards, Tom Kloves, Ed Tobia, Carla Yager and Andrew Stearns (youth); **Deacons:** Jill Cooper, Brenda Fixel, Cynthia Floyd, Margaret Harris, Sandy Murphy, Bryan Smith, Sue Thompson, Janette Johnson, Helen Teegarden, Anne Waehner and Amanda Bradley (youth); and our new **Trustee:** Mike Stearns. They will be installed (and ordained if not already) on **January 22, 2012** during the Worship service. Please be in attendance to give them your blessings and to encourage them in the work they are about to be doing for our church.

Your outgoing Ruling Elders and Deacons have worked for the last three years on various committees and member zones. Sometimes that work was not just dozens of meetings in which important decisions were made, but many hours of physical labor. Their only pay comes in the form of knowing they have given their all doing their best for WPC and our "Thank you" for a job well done.

The outgoing Elders are: Jim Magnant—Buildings and Grounds, Jimmy Spivey—Stewardship and Finance, Kathy Braeuer—Care, Joan McMillan—Communications, Shallon Barboza—Welcoming, Randy Moore—Stewardship and Finance, and our Youth Elder for 2011, Marshall Godwin.

Outgoing Deacons are Carole Kloves, Paul Cianchetti, Joann Letson, Jamee Wilson, David Bolon, Liz Clifford, Richard Koester, Katy Rendon, and Aresha Bagheri, youth deacon. Three deacons had to resign early but their service was no less valuable: Cookie Leisenring, Pam Carter and Jane Markley.

When you see any of these folks, please say "Thank you" for their commitment to WPC and for all they have done to help our church be the best it can be.

Happy New Year to all!



Installation
of
Officers

GIFTS OF JOY

We hear of the present as being a time of more. It is true! This year we saw more children in need, more people ready to help, more gifts, and more volunteers to deliver. Thank each of you for your generosity.

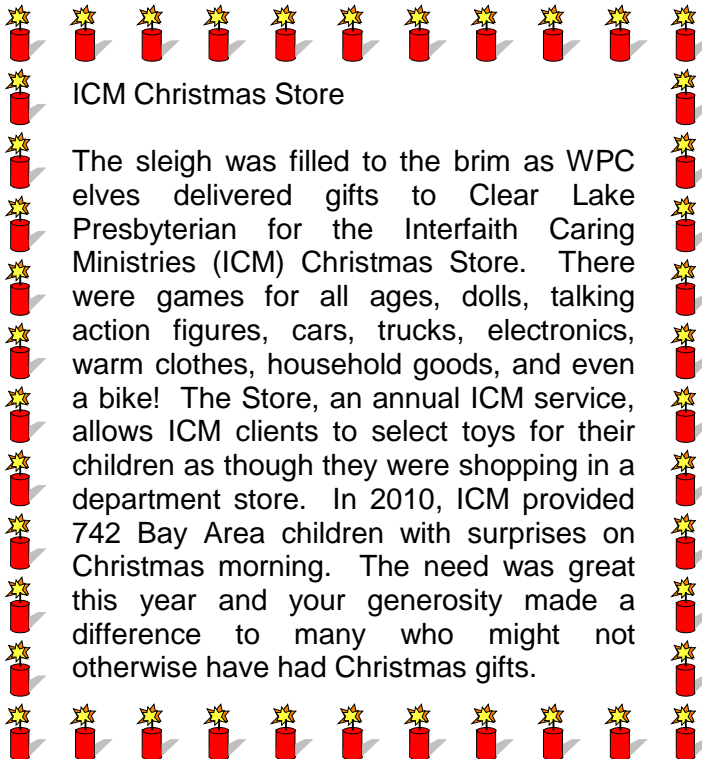
One of the coordinators with Communities in Schools called to share a touching incident. She learned of a student whose family was due to be evicted from their home over the weekend. She decided to give the student's gifts to her early to lighten her situation. Although the girl had not asked for a coat, the coordinator knew she didn't have one and despaired over how the child would fare in the cooler weather without one. As the coordinator watched the young girl's mother look over the gifts, she was excited to see that everything the girl had asked for was there. *And, the bag was not empty.* On the bottom was a beautiful pink coat, which she immediately gave to her daughter. She snuggled into it and did a happy dance right there in the hall. Dickens couldn't have written a better story!

Thank you, WPC.



Oh, My Aching Back!! Come to the Senior Luncheon on January 17 to

hear Dr. Mark Davis and Dr. Winston Case discuss ways to take care of your back and prevent injuries from occurring. The luncheon will be in Bouton Hall at 11:30. Please RSVP to Carolyn in the office by Thursday, January 2, to reserve your spot for this event. We need an accurate count to be sure we have enough for everyone. If you would like to help provide food, go to www.perfectpotluck.com to sign up. (Coordinator last name: Murray; Password: WPC)



ICM Christmas Store

The sleigh was filled to the brim as WPC elves delivered gifts to Clear Lake Presbyterian for the Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) Christmas Store. There were games for all ages, dolls, talking action figures, cars, trucks, electronics, warm clothes, household goods, and even a bike! The Store, an annual ICM service, allows ICM clients to select toys for their children as though they were shopping in a department store. In 2010, ICM provided 742 Bay Area children with surprises on Christmas morning. The need was great this year and your generosity made a difference to many who might not otherwise have had Christmas gifts.

Officer Enrichment: SAVE THE DATE ~ for our Presbytery's annual training event for church officers and leaders. The date for 2012 is Saturday, **January 21, 9:00 a.m., to 2:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.** Event is FREE, but pre-registration is required. Keynote speaker is Rev. Tod Bolsinger of San Clemente PC in California, and his topic is, "Canoeing the Mountains: Leading in Times of Radical Change." There will be many workshops, as well, to help us develop and sharpen our leadership skills. Brochures on this can be found in the literature rack outside the office or from www.pbyofnewcovenant.org. Plan to join us for an event that is always worth our time! Please let Pastor Helen know if you plan to attend and if you want to be included in the carpooling email.

Family of Faith

Annual Congregational Meeting

Circle the date: January 22, 2012 on your brand new calendar – or add it to your electronic calendar. This will be a big date for Webster Presbyterian Church. After 2nd service that Sunday, we will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. Our Stewardship and Finance committee will unveil their best predictions on what the future will hold for us for the next 11 months. All of it will be based on the budget that your session has created. That budget is based largely on the dollar amount of pledges received by our Treasurer, Pat Koester.

This is why you have heard pleading and begging to get your pledges in for 2012. The S&F committee can only work with what they know to be viable dollar amounts. While our area is better off than many, we have still been impacted by the national economic situation. Many of you cannot give the same amount as you have in the past; that is understandable. Some can. We need to know what you can give no matter how small or large.

If we know that we will get \$10 per month then that \$10 can be budgeted for coffee cups, paper products or communion elements. If we do not have that information, then someone's budget will be cut – be it Worship, which includes audio/visuals and music; Fellowship, which pays, among many other items, for all the coffee and cups; Buildings and Grounds, which keeps the buildings held together (not an easy or cheap task;) Communications, which provides the newsletter and keeps the public informed; Care, which includes parking assist, Deacons and much more; Christian Education, which includes Sunday School, adults, children and youth activities; Welcoming, which impacts visitor relations; Mission, which includes nearly all that we do for others; Vision, our hopes for tomorrow; or Outreach, which is how we get our church name to others. Cutting \$100+K from the budget will make a big difference in what these committees can accomplish during 2012.

Please, get your pledges in and make sure you attend the meeting on January 22nd. Think of it as voting: if you don't attend, and you don't vote for or against, then you lose your right to voice your opinion later!



Friday the 9th of December Steve Green and Wayne Watson, contemporary Christian musicians put on an inspiring concert in the WPC Sanctuary. WPC members provided meals and support for both musicians. The concert was well received by the community and WPC Members.



Home Gatherings ~ Beginning in mid-January you will have the opportunity to share with the church leadership your dreams and desires for WPC. We will gather in member's homes to discuss where we are and where we hope to go. Plan to attend one of these important sessions. **You can sign up in the Narthex for the Home Gathering of your choice.** 1/17, 7–9 pm at the **Snowden** home; 1/21 7– 9 pm at the **Spivey** home; 1/22 3–5 pm at the **Manson** home; 1/26 7–9 pm at the **Kloves** home or **Murray** home; 1/28 1–3 pm at the **Grady** home or **Braeuer** home; 1/29 3–5 pm at the Frank **McMillan** home; 1/29 6–8 pm at the **Loynes** home; 1/30 7– 9 pm at the **Anderson** home.

Family of Faith

NEW MEMBERS

Session welcomed several new members into our family of faith in December, some of whom you may already know!

Monica Glover and her three children, **Ben, Ethan and Princess**, have been worshipping with us for almost 4 years now. Originally from London, the family moved here after Monica made a stateside visit to a friend and decided the relocation would be good for them all. Not completely familiar with our denomination, Monica originally thought we were a Catholic church and came for a visit. She realized things might be a bit different once she walked into the sanctuary and saw no one else genuflecting, but the service moved her, the folks were friendly and she decided to return. "The reception was so welcoming. It felt like home," she said. Monica is looking forward to helping with Sunday School and the Youth Ministry.

Drs. Kevin and Heather Wooten have also been worshipping with us for some time. Kevin, a professor of management at the University of Houston Clear Lake, was raised Presbyterian and said they visited a number of churches in our area and found the welcome here to be very nice. Heather, a professor of history at San Jacinto College, was raised in the Church of Christ. Like many of our members, they found a common way to worship and believe here at WPC. Kevin attributes it to how the sermons are delivered with no "heavy guilt or politics." They are both very focused on social advocacy and look forward to working with the Mission Committee.

Vicki Smith is a returning member you may recognize. "I love this church," she said. "I stayed in touch with lots of folks here." You may remember that from 2007 to 2008 Vicki served as our missionary in Jamaica where she taught music and art to children. Upon returning to the states, she transferred her membership to Westminster where she worked as the Director of Families. Her job there has recently ended, however, and before she could even get her house sold, Vicki began worshipping with us again. She is glad to be "home" and is looking forward to serving on what else but the Mission Committee!



Fellowship



Thanks to Ed and Anna Mae for the Gingerbread houses!



Youth Ministry

Happenings in January:

January 6 th – 7 th	Sr. Highs – Youth Sunday Planning Retreat
January 8 th	PYC: Jr. Highs – Backyard Projects, Sr. Highs – Youth Sunday Prep
January 13 th	Jr. Highs – Spring Midnight Madness
January 15 th	PYC: Sr. Highs – Youth Sunday Prep, Jr. Highs – No PYC
January 22 nd	PYC: Sr. Highs – Youth Sunday Practice, Jr. Highs – Practice & Games
January 28 th	Sr. Highs – Youth Sunday Final Practice
January 29 th	Youth Sunday – Youth lead Worship at both services; No PYC



Reminder – Sr. High Lock-In for Youth Sunday

A friendly reminder about the Sr. High Lock-In on Friday and Saturday, January 6th – 7th, that starts at 7:00 p.m. and winds up around 11:00 a.m. Along with food and fellowship, we'll work on our plans for worship on Sunday, January 29th. We need everyone's ideas, hopes, and participation, so plan to join us!

Parents: We need parent volunteers to stay overnight with the youth, so please contact Kevin Snowden if you are willing to help support the retreat.

Youth Sunday – Worship Through Our Eyes

On January 29th our WPC Youth will lead the congregation in worship that they have thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared. At both services, the congregation will have the opportunity to experience worship from a new, and possibly different, perspective that remains faithful to rejoicing in the gracious love of God. Open your heart and join with our Youth to "see" worship anew.

The Super Bowl is Near and That Means Two Things . . .

Youth Super Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser – Watch for detailed information about ordering custom made sub sandwiches ready for you on Super Bowl Sunday to sustain you through the rigor of the football game, the commercials, and the complete uncertainty of the halftime show. The funds from your orders are used to support our youth's participation in summer trips and conferences. So start now thinking about that perfect condiment combination for your sub!

Jr. High Souper Bowl of Caring – On Super Bowl Sunday watch for our Jr. High Youth before and after each service with their "soup pots" to collect donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This annual national effort to fight hunger, which started as a grass roots movement, seeks to remind us amid all the flash of the Big Game that there are people nearby in need, and we can do something "super" to help. The funds collected will be used by the Jr. Highs to purchase the foods and supplies needed for the ICM Food Pantry.

Thank You from "The Express"

WPC's Youth want to thank everyone who supported this year's Youth Postal Express by using it to deliver their holiday greetings. The "postage" collected will be used for the youth's mission trips and conferences. The Youth, and the team of Youth volunteers, is grateful for the wonderful support and care of our faith family.

Youth Conclaves

We will be attending Youth Conclaves at Camp Cho-Yeh on the weekend of March 2-4 this year. The theme for the 2012 Conclaves is "Born God's Way, Stay God's Way". You can find information about the weekend at our Presbytery's website (http://www.pbyofnewcovenant.org/sections/ministries/congregation_resourcing_pby_youth.html). We'll be working registration for this fun and faith-building event during January, so watch for details coming soon. You won't want to miss this!



Family of Faith

01/01: [John Armstrong](#)
[Monica Tucker](#)

01/02: [Cynthia Kibikas](#)
[Julia Rodner](#)

01/03: [John Bissell](#)

01/05: [Patricia Frank](#)
[Chip Newman](#)
[David Sydnor](#)

01/06: [Ronald Lusk](#)
[Richard Loynes](#)
[Colleen Grady](#)
[Scott Newman](#)

01/07: [John Lane](#)
[Eric Eaves](#)

01/08: [Lucinda Guajardo](#)
[James Loynes](#)

01/09: [Jack Kinzler](#)
[Randall Moore](#)

01/10: [John Holland](#)

01/12: [Christopher Ramsay](#)
[Lynn Godwin](#)

01/13: [Barbara Ferguson](#)

01/15: [Kent Frohme](#)
[Margaret Harris](#)

[Chris Kidwell](#)
[Darren King](#)

01/16: [Emily Garland](#)
[Abbey Menard](#)

01/17: [Joseph Hisle](#)
[Leonard Rorrer](#)

01/18: [Marilyn Pavone](#)
[Larry Marcott](#)

01/19 [Carol Trono](#)
[George James III](#)

01/20: [Kitty Marquardt](#)
[Maryann Neukom](#)

[William Powers, Jr.](#)
[Warner Marsh](#)

01/21: [Lonnie Fogle](#)
[Marjorie Seiter](#)
[Ruth Manison Prince](#)
[Deborah Johnson](#)

01/22: [Johnathan James](#)

01/23: [Cynthia Wood](#)

01/24: [Jennifer Kidwell](#)

01/25: [Kandice Aaron](#)
[Andrew James](#)

01/26: [Mike Ratliff](#)
[Kelly Pillow](#)

[Kathryn Loynes](#)

01/27: [Jeanette Chase](#)
[Joan McMillan](#)

[Cinda Rank](#)

01/28: [Helen Teegarden](#)
[Chad Yeamans](#)

01/29: [India Allen](#)

01/30: [Stephen McLellan](#)

01/31: [Betsy Pennington](#)
[Beverley \(Bev\) Matson](#)

[Alberta Rohlfing](#)

[Michelle Kane](#)



Birthdays




Wholy Grounds
Java Spot
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY
Rain or Shine!

Coffee, Lemonade and Cookies served every Sunday between services and for 30 minutes after 2nd service. Join us!
PS: Cookie bakers, if it's your birthday month please bring cookies!



C o m e t o
breakfast on
January 15th,
from 9:30 -10:30 in Bouton Hall. It will be a buffet style breakfast with take-out items for those going to Sunday School. There will be good food and great fellowship for all so come hungry and bring a friend. EVERYONE is welcome! **(Please note change: NOT the 2nd Sunday due to travel plans.)**





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New Year's TOP TEN Resolutions
For Those in the Pews

- 1 I resolve to worship more often.
- 2 I resolve to attend Sunday School.
- 3 I resolve to introduce myself to at least one person I don't know each Sunday.
- 4 I resolve to keep my pledging/donations current.
- 5 I resolve to support Fellowship lunches by bringing food and attending.
- 6 I resolve to help out with our children's education activities.
- 7 I resolve to join a small group, either a Bible study or fellowship activity.
- 8 I resolve to contribute to mission giving opportunities.
- 9 I resolve, during this interim period, to take the opportunity to become a member of a church committee, finding a "pet" project that I personally support.
- 10 I resolve to provide positive feedback and constructive criticism in love to our pastors and lay leaders.