

WEBPRESS

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You are not going to want to miss this very special event! Everyone is invited to attend a concert celebrating our nation's legacy of freedom on July 3, 2010 in the WPC Sanctuary. We are pleased to have the choir and handbells from League City United Methodist Church join with our musicians in commemorating Independence Day. The WPC Faith Choir and the LCUMC Sanctuary choir will present Joseph Martin's cantata

"Of Faith and Freedom," along with other patriotic classics. The handbells from both churches have combined to present their musical offerings.

The concert starts at 2:00 p.m. and you are encouraged to bring your family and friends. A dessert reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the concert.

Please note: Childcare will *not* be provided. The kids will enjoy this too!

Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.

~~ by Thomas Jefferson, taken from "Prayers for Today," published by Leaflet Missal Co.



Family of Faith Ministry



Thanks to all who signed up for the Summer/Fall season of **Dinner Club 7**. We welcomed a few new faces! The next registration will be in December for the Winter/Spring season.

In May, Fellowship announced their summer potluck/picnic as June 27th. It was confusing for many who thought the VBS picnic was the same thing. So...the Fellowship Committee decided to "bookend" the summer and changed the date to August 1st. VBS opened it and we will close it! Here is what was said and it still holds true for August (only it will be hotter if that is possible!)

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 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.** We will have tables inside (and outside if weather permits). So you men or ladies that like to grill, please call Jennifer Carr and lend a hand. We need not only cooks, but grills as well.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin for further details! We always have fun at these potlucks. We will even have some "groovy music" (as a well known member loves to say) playing. **Just lots of food, fun and fellowship.** Don't miss out on this.



Fellowship is still looking for a few "NEW" cooks for Wednesday Night Dinners starting in September. In case you are worried that you cannot commit to helping on Wednesday night all the time, that's okay! We need people to take on as little as ONE dinner—ONE salad bar filling **or** ONE dessert for ONE NIGHT. We schedule at least 6 months in advance so if you want to cook in a certain week you can let us know early to pick your spot. Please give this some prayerful consideration. Your help is needed to continue this important Fellowship ministry.

If you like new recipes, try this one. It is very yummy! Look on the back of the newsletter for an exciting new cookbook coming to WPC in time for Christmas giving.



Apple Raisin French Toast Strata

From Terri S.-All Recipes.com -

Recipe submitted by Joan Mc.Millan
Served at the Session Budget Meeting January 2010

I used Fat Free cream cheese and Reduced fat half and half to cut out some of the fat and calories—this is obviously not for strict diets! JMc

Ingredients

- 1 (1 pound) loaf cinnamon raisin bread, cubed
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, diced
- 1 cup diced peeled apples
- 8 eggs
- 2 1/2 cups half-and-half cream
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/4 cup maple syrup

Directions

1. Coat a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange 1/2 of the cubed raisin bread in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle the cream cheese evenly over the bread, and top with the apples. If you like extra raisins, add them now. Top with remaining bread.
2. In a large bowl, beat the eggs with the cream, butter, and maple syrup. Pour over the bread mixture. Cover with plastic wrap, and press down so that all bread pieces are soaked. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. (or overnight for the next morning)
3. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
4. Bake 45 minutes in the preheated oven. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Prep Time:

20 Min

Cook Time:

45 Min

Ready In:

3 Hrs 15 Min

Servings 12

Nutritional Information : **Amount Per**

Serving Calories: 357 | Total Fat: 23.1g |

Cholesterol: 196mg

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"Mark"ings

A couple of columns back I announced that we would be forming a Theology Club, a club that would meet on a regular and ongoing basis to read and discuss and learn about matters theological. It is time for this club to officially come into being. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, at 7:00 PM.

We will begin our study by using the text **Christian Doctrine** by Shirley Guthrie. I will be placing an order for this book. If you would like to have one, please contact the church office. The cost will be approximately \$20.00. In recent decades this has become a classic text for theology classes. Two recent reviewers had this to say about the book:

"Guthrie's "Christian Doctrine" is an excellent introduction to Presbyterian/Reformed theology. A student of Karl Barth's, Guthrie's style, clarity, and structure enable this revised version of his Covenant Life Curriculum doctrinal offering to be appropriated by laity and clergy alike. The updated version is inclusive of theological voices that have joined the ongoing debate in the last thirty years. At the end of each chapter questions are provided to enable group study. This is a wonderful study for serious small group or Sunday school class work. A must have for any serious layperson in the Presbyterian/Reformed family."

"If your faith background was strict and dogmatic and you left because it was so narrow minded, then this is the book to help you find your faith once more. One of the best quotes from the book is, "An honest doubter is closer to the truth than a superficial or dishonest believer." Dr. Guthrie talks about the basic Christian Beliefs and reviews the pros and cons of each area-- so that you can decide what you believe. He does not hand out "pat" answers-- nor does he give "politically correct" answers. He does give Bible references throughout for further reflection. His work is refreshing and most helpful."

I am sure being a member of this club will be an enjoyable and productive experience for everyone involved. I hope you'll join us.

Mark



July 20, 1969

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Where were you when...

...Apollo 11 took three astronauts on their historic journey to the moon?

...two of those astronauts took the first human steps on the moon?

...one of those astronauts took communion on the moon and thanked God ?

That moment in time, showing that God is truly universal, is celebrated at WPC every year on the Sunday closest to July 20th, the anniversary of the first moon landing.

For those of you who have not been at this special service, you will have the opportunity on July 18. Buzz Aldrin asked for the moment of silence that was heard by Christians around the world. Hear it again and remember.

Lunar Communion Service July 18th 10:00 am

God is everywhere

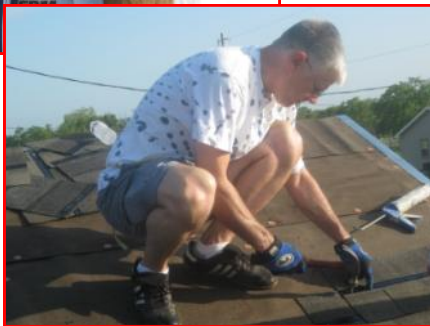


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—doing the Lord's work on two hot days

A stalwart group of Webster Presbyterians braved the heat of an early Houston summer to continue work on the newest Habitat for Humanity house in Dickinson. We started early and finished by lunch – wrapping the house in a moisture barrier, shingling most of the roof, and building a fence to improve the neighborhood. Habitat work continues most Saturdays through July and picks up again in September. If you are looking for a local mission opportunity that's really “hands-on” this is your chance. Contact Carl Allen for details.



On May 22, eleven people from WPC joined together at the ICM food bank to sort canned and dried goods and fill grocery bags for people in need. It was a lot of work but we had a good time. **Stay tuned for July's Day of Service.**



Hallmarks of Covenant groups are that members get to know one another in a personal way, pray

regularly for one another, and study material through a Christian lens. These groups deepen one's relationship with God through abiding relationships with others. There are groups that meet weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly.

Fall is a good time to make a fresh start. **THINK ABOUT JOINING ONE OF OUR COVENANT GROUPS.** Contact Pastor Helen DeLeon or Jane Markley.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, July 22** to visit the Neutral Buoyancy Lab (NBL) on Space Center Boulevard. Our very own Clay Anderson will be conducting a tour of how the astronauts train prior to each mission and actually watch them. The tour is limited to 20 participants so sign up early and bring your walking shoes! We will meet at the NBL at 8:15 am and after the tour we will go out to lunch. Please contact Mike Bradley or Liz Clifford.

Our August trip will be on **Saturday, August 21** to the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse in Dickinson to see “Get Smart”. We will meet at the church parking lot and take the bus to dinner before the play. Our group is limited to 16 tickets so sign up early! Please contact Sandy Dwyer or Bambi Fitzgerald.

SAVE THE DAY!

Join Presbyterians all across our New Covenant Presbytery to participate in A DAY OF SERVICE on Saturday AUGUST 7, 2010. All churches in the Presbytery are encouraged to set this day aside for congregation-wide service in the church's larger community. Last year we served at ICM and Bay Area Turning Point among others. Please let us know if you have a service project that is a fit for a Day of Service by sending an email to James Kinzler at kinz5@earthlink.net. Remember to mark your calendar for August 7th and look for more info to come in your Bulletin. "The Church is Leaving the Building"...

Children's Ministry



Animal Crackers – HUGE success!

We had a fantastic time at VBS 2010, and we are so glad that you joined us this year. We celebrated God's beautiful creation as we learned how to share and care for animals, people and the earth. We averaged 120 children and volunteers each night and raised \$ **289.45** for the Heifer Project.

A special thank you to ALL of our youth and adult volunteers! This would not have been possible without you all! We could not have done VBS without our wonderful leadership team: Nina Moede (director), Lauren Balletto (assistant), Sandy Dwyer (registration), Katy Rendon (volunteer coordinator), Coco Motley and Frank Rix (mission projects), Karen Rix (art), Rebekah Spivey (decorations), Michelle Dupont (worship) and Mary Lawrence (adult class). And we greatly appreciate our wonderful kitchen crew: Fey Jordan, Janette Johnson, Mike and Connie Carden, Nancy Spivey, and Jennifer Carr.

We finished our VBS off with a celebration of worship, fellowship and play at our June 13, All-Church family picnic! Wow, what a June!

BABY Animal Crackers

And we didn't forget about the little bitty ones! On Sunday mornings in June we had VBS for our infants, toddlers and their parents. They had a lot of fun with Elizabeth and Kelly (our childcare workers) learning about God's creation. What a joy to see our little ones learning, singing, and playing with their parents!



Just a few of the many fun things going on at VBS!

Youth Ministry



Michelle Dupont – New Youth Co-Moderator for Presbytery’s Youth Council

Dear Webster Presbyterian Church,

I would like to share with you some exciting news about my journey of faith! For the past two years I have served on our Presbytery’s Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) as a curriculum writer and small group leader. At our last meeting I was elected female Youth Co-Moderator. This means that this coming year Chris Thompson, from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Beaumont, and I will serve as leaders of the council, playing a bigger role in the council and in the planning of conclaves. Conclaves is a weekend retreat led by youth for Sr. High and Jr. High kids to learn more about God and their faith and even creating new friendships with other youth from the Presbytery of New Covenant. It is a new step in my journey of faith and another way that God allows me to share my beliefs and faith with other youth my age. I would like to thank you for all your support these past years and for the support I know is to come.

~ Michelle Dupont

PYCC Applications

Senior High Youth, it’s that time again – time to apply for PYCC! PYCC stands for our presbytery’s **Presbyterian Youth Connection Council**. The PYCC exists to provide faith-filled, fun events for the youth of our presbytery. They plan a fall youth rally and three Conclaves weekends. Look for a letter and application in the mail. Youth in grades 10 -12th are eligible to apply. Applications due to Pastor Caressa by **Wednesday, July 7.**

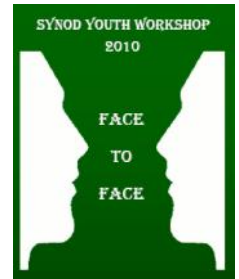


On The Road Again...

This summer our youth are off on many fun, faith-filled adventures. Be sure to keep these young people and their adult sponsors in your prayers as they embark on unforgettable and transformational experiences!

Synod Youth Workshop, July 11 – 17, University of Tulsa, OK

Sarah Cravens, Michelle Dupont, Marshall Godwin, Colleen Grady, Hannah Haws, Brandon Looney, Elizabeth Noriega, Rudy Noriega, David Snowden, Lynn Snowden, Clay Anderson



Junior High Jubilee, July 11 – 15, Mo-Ranch, Hunt, TX

Cole Anderson, Amanda Bradley, Nick Brazzel, Jordan James, Zane Januhowski, Reagan Smith, Jonathan Snowden, Andrew Stearns, Kevin Snowden, Susan Stearns



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2010

Triennium, July 20 – 24, Purdue University, IN

Sarah Cravens, Michelle Dupont, Marshall Godwin, Johnathan James



Sr High Retreat

Senior High Retreat, July 30 – August 1, Huntsville State Park, TX



Jr. High Mission Trip

Junior High Mission Trip, August 6 – 8, Galveston, TX

Famiy of Faith Ministry



Celebrate Our Freedom and Independence

If you have a birthday in July, would you consider bringing cake, cookies or brownies for Wholy Grounds coffee bar? Just drop them by the Fellowship hall warming room.



15-Jul	Rachel Boeckenhauer
	Michael Schoen
	Karen Moede
	Cortland Murphy
16-Jul	Roberta Morrison
	Robert Cravens
	Anne Reilly
	James Hart
17-Jul	Dorothy V. Kennedy
18-Jul	Grace Lawson
	Shane Murphy
	Katherine Ulrich
19-Jul	David Cook
	Donna Magnant
	Jennifer Hermstein
	Henry Haws
21-Jul	Sean Fitzgerald
22-Jul	Penny Halloin
	Juliet Minks
23-Jul	Mark Willcott
	Phyllis Koenig
	Michael Stearns
	Hugh Evans
	Russ Bachtel
24-Jul	Peter (Jr) Shull
	Jeanette Schwarz
	Jan Fisseler
25-Jul	Trevor Grunden
26-Jul	Carol Young
	Frank Mittermeier
	Keith Kelley
	Carol Bachtel
	Bryan Smith
	Kari Aaron
	Jennifer Moore
27-Jul	Matthew Rodriguez
28-Jul	Ruth Leach-Vandervort
29-Jul	Douglas Plaisted
	Deborah Kidwell
	Kelly Haws
	Nash Voyles
	Katherine Kloves
31-Jul	Jennifer Carr

1-Jul	Terrell McMillan
	Caitlin Owens
	Elizabeth Little
2-Jul	Charles Allton
	Kristy Russell
	Stephanie Lane
3-Jul	Ruth Marcott
	Dan Hunter
	Jamee Wilson
4-Jul	Erin Parraz
5-Jul	Doug McCann
	Charlie Aaron
	Daniel Shipman
	Daniel Black
6-Jul	Van Skiles
7-Jul	Debby Bowen
	Leah Lane
	Nicholas Balletto
8-Jul	Beth Frohme
9-Jul	Wilma Wood
	Elsa King
10-Jul	Joe Galvan
	James Pomier
11-Jul	Linda McDonald
	Kathy Hunter
12-Jul	Karen Rodriguez
13-Jul	Jayne Samson
	William McDonald
	David Armstrong
	Joseph Schwarz
	Leah Sand



**Wholy Grounds
Java Spot**
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY

Summer Hrs: Thru Aug.1st
Coffee served for 30 minutes
after Worship service ends.



There are still openings for the **Women's Retreat** scheduled for October 8-10. at Camp Allen and The Theme is "Breathe In Breathe Out" - sounds interesting doesn't it? Bring a friend, family member or neighbor. You never know how much you may help another person by inviting them. Call or go by the church office for registration forms.



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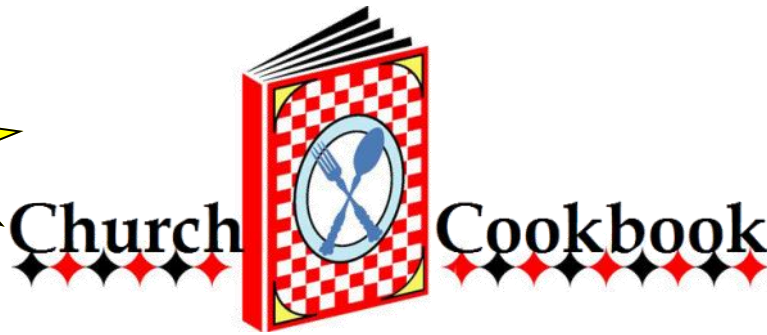
To encounter the loving God,
To nurture followers of Jesus Christ,
And to meet human needs.



Or Current Resident

SUNDAY SERVICES ON OUR WEBSITE!

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Your Communications Team at work!



For several years, since the last cookbook was published by WPC Deacons, the Fellowship Committee has had many wonderful potlucks including Luaus, picnics, Wednesday Night Dinner, the Shrimp Boil, receptions, Table Top Brigade and other parties. We have decided to publish another cookbook after having been asked for many recipes for these delicious dishes served through the years. Please share your favorites by emailing them to fellowship@websterpresby.org. While we *prefer* to have them sent electronically (to eliminate our having to decipher handwriting), you can also drop them in the box labeled "Recipes" in the WPC office.

Can't remember what you submitted in the last cookbook? Several of us have these books and can check for you. Our goal is **500 recipes**—ALL NEW ONES —if possible!!!! If several people turn in the same recipe, all names will be listed under one. If you have an interesting story about a certain dish, let us know that, as well. We will have a special section called "This 'n That" for things like Doggie Treats and other recipes that don't follow the standard categories. Recipes taken from magazines, books or online are okay as long as you give credit to the proper entity, and, hopefully, you have tested the recipes.

Our **DEADLINE is AUGUST 15th**. *Pre-sales will start on August 22* and the books will be delivered in time for Christmas giving. The price will depend on the number of recipes received for publishing.