



# WEB PRESS

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*Out of the ashes...*

LENTEN SCHEDULE


## **Out of the Ashes....**

As we move from the Ashes of Ash Wednesday to the Celebration of Easter, there will be many opportunities for us to meet and journey together . Please prayerfully consider your participation in these offerings. Do invite friends from our community to attend these services.

- † Wednesday, March 9 - 6:30pm Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes and Communion
- † Tuesdays March 15 - April 19 11:30am -12:30pm Lenten Service followed by Soup and Bread Lunch (Fellowship Hall Foyer)
- † Wednesdays March 16 - April 20 6:30-7:00pm Prayer Service with Communion (Fellowship Hall Foyer)
- † On Wednesday, March 16, no regular Wednesday night dinner and so bring your brown bag to Bouton Hall before the service as we begin our journey for Lent.

Looking ahead to Holy week, the journey will continue with Palm Sunday, the Spirituality Center, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service, Easter Vigil and Easter.

Remember Out of the Ashes..... beauty will come.



## GIFTS OF JOY BRING BLESSINGS FROM A PARENT

By Kaylin Dupree

Have you ever wondered how the Gifts of Joy affect the people who receive them? This year, those who helped deliver the gifts had an opportunity to see the happiness and excitement on the faces of the parents from McWhirter Elementary as they took home gifts to surprise their children with a joyful Christmas.

As you can see from the photo, the Gallery was filled with wonderful gifts; we could hardly walk through the room as we tried to separate the gifts for the school and for an inventory to be sure that each child received something for their wish lists. Can you believe it? We had 18 bicycles, several tricycles, doll houses, remote control cars, skateboards, board games, hand-held games—everything a child might wish for! And new clothes. In all, we estimate the cumulative value of gifts you donated was between \$13,000 and \$15,000!!!!

After Christmas, we received thank you cards from some of the children and their parents. This letter from a mother warmed our hearts:

“First of all, my daughter and all of us are very grateful to God and the church and the people who participated in making our dreams come true. Thank you, thank you very much. Because of you, we had a wonderful Christmas with lots of presents. We wish God to bless you completely. I don’t know you but God does, and he blesses those who give from the heart. My family and I will be praying for you all. You are wonderful people. We wish the peace and love of God be with you forever. We can’t pay you for the happiness you made possible. God bless you all and we love you in God’s name.”

Once again, thanks to all of you for sharing God’s love with our neighbors.

*“If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.”*

**Isaiah 58:9b-11**

## COVENANT GROUP NEWS

We now have 8 Covenant Groups, 7-12 people in each. That is close to 95 members from our congregation. Something very good is happening! The Parent Covenant Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 8:00pm, in the church library. They have room for more people and child care is provided. The contact person for that group is Rachel Boeckenhauer. The newly formed Friendswood/Pearland group meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at Liz and Courteney Clifford’s in Pearland. They also have room for newcomers.

If you would like to be a part of a Covenant Group and you are unsure of what is available, please contact Jane Markley. We have a group for you or we will move toward creating a new one.



Kaylin and Paula looking at the room filled with Christmas presents for the McWhirter Children

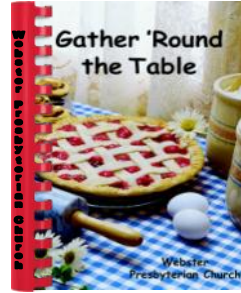
## WPC: MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE FOR FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

ICM Christmas Store was a great success for 2010. WPC folks made a great response to the call to provide new, unwrapped toys for Interfaith Caring Ministry in League City. It was exciting to see the response that totally filled the back of a pickup truck headed to ICM and to families in need where each parent is given the opportunity to pick gifts for their families. Gifts donated by WPC folks included toys, dolls, bikes, mp3 players, blankets, small appliances, makeup and more . . . . A list of suggested gift items was provided in Sunday Bulletins by Ken and Sue Thompson and WPC responded . . . Way to go... and Thanks!

# Family of Faith

## Wednesday Night Dinner

is one of the best deals you can get – especially if you have a family – but really good if you don't like to cook! For a very small donation you can have a variety salad bar (it changes depending on the Salad Bar Chef d'jour!) and a hot entrée with sides, rolls (when appropriate) and a scrumptious dessert. For those little ones that just won't eat the hot meal, there is always the old standby- peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Wash it all down with iced tea, hot coffee, water or lemonade. Each week several of our WPC members spend hours shopping, chopping, cooking and baking for YOU as a ministry of WPC. If you have not been to WND in a while, come join us again – and if you have never been – give us a try! You might just find us way better than the local restaurant! The dinner lines start at 5:30pm and are open until 6:30pm. You are welcome to stay and enjoy your coffee and dessert after the line closes.



Cookbooks will be on sale in Wholy Grounds through March. You can also purchase them from Carolyn in the office during the week.

### Wholy Grounds Java Spot



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

Hot Shot Sunday

Watch the March bulletins for the date of the next Hot Shot Sunday!

## The New Updated Member Picture Directory will be available for picking up in the WPC office, 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Please limit one directory to a family. Donations to offset the printing costs will be gratefully accepted by writing a check in any amount to WPC Communications Account. Please indicate Directory in the memo field.



The March Early Risers' Breakfast will be on **March 13th** in Bouton Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Everyone is welcome! The breakfast buffet will include take-out items for those of you going to Sunday School as well as a sit-down menu for those of you who can stay and socialize. Come hungry and bring a friend!! Don't be late—set your clock forward 1 hour.

**Missing: from the Fellowship Hall storage closet** – a small plastic covered bin with approximately 50 white cloth napkins. If you might have borrowed the napkins and forgot to bring them back we sure would appreciate having them returned. Just leave them either in Bouton Hall, the office or Fellowship Hall. Remember – when items are borrowed, please fill out the form located on the clipboard in either the BH kitchen or the FH warming room so we will know who to remind! Thanks for your understanding.



## TIME CHANGE MARCH 13TH

DON'T BE LATE TO CHURCH!

TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR.

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## Buildings and Grounds WORKDAY

**Saturday March 26th** is the spring workday to clean out the dead plants left from the freezes this winter. We need as many people as we can get to dig, weed, plant, and spread mulch. Our campus is vast and it takes 20-30 people to get the job done right. We will start around 8:30am and will have coffee/juice/water and light breakfast foods and break for lunch around noon. (Lunch provided.) We are hoping to get more interest in our Adopt a Patch program to select a section of the gardens to care for and get a pretty sign to show you care. We will start signing up people to work starting March 6th. Please consider working with us to help make our church grounds clean, neat and beautiful in time for Easter.

## Young at



Watch the Sunday Bulletins for the next YAH trip.

## Blessed In Aging

~Esther Mary Walker

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and shaking hand.  
Blessed, who know my ears today  
Must strain to hear the things they say.  
Blessed are those who seem to know  
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow.  
Blessed are those who look away  
When I spilled tea that weary day.  
Blessed are they who, with cheery smile  
Stopped to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who know the way  
To bring back memories of yesterday.  
Blessed are those who never say  
"You've told that story twice today."  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I am loved, respected and not  
alone.  
And blessed are they who will ease the  
days  
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

This poem, as read by Mary Maxwell in the video  
"A Reminder That Laughter is the Best Medicine."  
View the video online at [CaregiverStress.com](http://CaregiverStress.com)

## 50 + SENIOR MINISTRY TEAM

### Help Needed!

The Sr. Ministry Team has been in place since August 2010 and in that time we successfully kicked off our Parking Assistance program and our Luncheon Speaker Series. Now, we need your help. We are looking for additional members for our team. We have lots of ideas but not enough people to help implement them. In addition, we need people to help with food, set up and/or clean up at the Tuesday luncheons held only once a month. We want to get our Buddy system up and running and need people who will volunteer to make a daily phone call to a specific WPC member who needs to stay in contact with our church family. This is a great way to show them that we care and does not take much time to do. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to assist us. It is truly amazing how we have been blessed by those we seek to serve. Please contact the Sr. Ministry Team's chairperson, Michael Cooper, and let her know you are ready and willing

### WPC HELPS END POVERTY HOUSING!

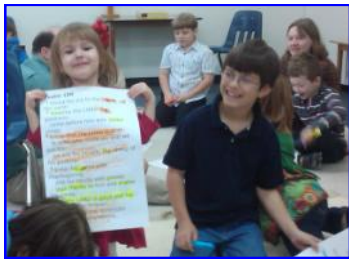
As members of the Webster Presbyterian community of faith, we have three opportunities this spring to help Habitat for Humanity reach the goal of ending poverty housing.

- March 26 Work to build or upgrade one of three Habitat houses
- May 14 Work on this year's Women Build house
- May 29 Help complete a house that will soon become the home for a deserving family

WPC, as a founding member of Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, has helped to build over 50 homes in our neighboring community of Dickinson. Lots of different jobs are available, no special skills or tools necessary. Stop by the Habitat display in the narthex for more details, or call Carl Allen.

# Children's Ministry

## In Sunday School We Learned about Worship!



Look how many worship words I found! (Big brother helped.)

How many words can you find in Psalm 100 that describe something we do in Worship?



Praise God from whom all blessings flow....PreK and Kinder kids drew pictures to illustrate the Doxology.

## In Sunday School We Learned that We Can All Get Along!



The Preteens learned that two can work together as one in the computer lab. And boys and girls don't catch cooties from each other.

## In Children's Chapel We Responded to the Lesson in Our Own Ways!

We built a church with Lincoln Logs.



We loaded our Ark rug with animal puppets and our Biblical Barbies and Kens. When the Ark landed, we worshipped God for taking care of us.

## Children's Calendar

### Sunday School during Lent

Using Discovery House Publishing's Life of Christ CD and curriculum, we'll follow "The Road to the Cross" during Lent. From "The Plot to Catch and Kill Jesus" to "New Meaning to the Passover Meal," and the glory of "Burial and Resurrection," we'll get to know Jesus through graphics, animation, sound, narration, bible text and discussion questions. The lessons are followed by a six question quiz on the presentation content. Getting 5 or 6 correct gives students a clue for their clue book, giving them access to even more information.

Be on the lookout for more information on our Easter Worship Services and Intergenerational Celebration!

Worship  
Sunday School  
Children's Chapel  
J.A.M. (Jesus And Me)  
Child Care

Sundays, 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Sundays, after the Children's Sermon at the 11:00 service  
Resuming Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., skipping spring break week  
Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon; Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m.

# Youth Ministry

## Youth Headed to Conclaves "For Such A Time As This" by Michelle Dupont

On March 4th – 6th the youth of Webster Presbyterian Church will attend an event called Conclaves at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston. Conclaves this year is "For Such A Time As This" based on the book of Esther. Our youth will join together with others from the Presbytery of New Covenant in small groups to learn more about Esther and how her story relates to their own lives, created "for such a time as this" as it says in Esther 4:14. Throughout the weekend they will do energizers, Bible studies, worship, and even enjoy a concert. Two of our own youth, Sarah Cravens and Michelle Dupont have been working with the Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) to plan this weekend. Sarah served on the Curriculum Team to create the material covered in small group sessions and will be a small group leader. Michelle is serving as the female youth Co-Moderator and will be leading all those at the conclaves along with the male youth Co-Moderator. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the youth, and adult sponsors, as they experience this in the youth programs at our church.

## Super Sweet Fundraisers A Success! By James Kinzler

Our WPC Senior High and Junior High Youth wish to sincerely thank all the Super Bowl Sandwich Supporters who purchased sandwiches this year to help fund our WPC Summer Youth Trips. Our Youth and Sponsors made 95 sandwiches – giant sub sandwiches – and sold them all . . . again, please accept our "Thanks".

## Special Lent Series and Opportunities for YOUTH!

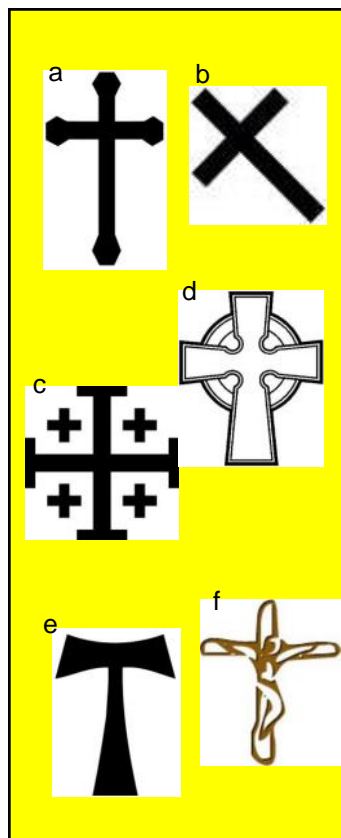
To begin the 2011 Lent season, in Sunday School our youth will explore the meaning of Ash Wednesday. They will consider God's claim on their lives, their need to confess sin, and the cleansing process that occurs when our sin meets God's grace.

During the several weeks leading up to Easter Sunday, our youth will take a journey to explore the meaning and symbolism of the cross. This Lenten series for youth focuses on six crosses of Jesus that have been widely used over the course of Christian history. The hope in this series is that our youth will come to a deeper understanding of the meaning of the cross in their own lives as they look at six different types of crosses: (a) Latin Cross, (b) St. Gilbert's Cross, (c) Jerusalem Cross, (d) Celtic Cross, (e) Tau Cross, and the (f) Crucifix.

Our youth will also want to consider participating in the following offerings available at WPC during the Lenten season:

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. on March 9th  
Evening Prayer Service with Communion each Wednesday at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall Foyer from March 16th through April 20th  
They will also be providing the Spirituality Center for our church and community during Holy Week, so all youth can plan to be involved in its creation.

Join together as we move "Out of the Ashes" on our faith journey during Lent toward Jerusalem, the cross, and the glorious triumph of the resurrection.



**A big Thank You** goes out to all for once again making the Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 12th an evening to remember! The event, hosted by 25 Junior and Senior High youth, was attended by 62 members who enjoyed dining and dancing the night away. The youth, parents and advisors spent the morning prepping food for the meal and converting Bouton Hall into an intimate, festive setting, returning in the afternoon for final preparations and to greet their guests. The dinner, served by the youth, was planned and orchestrated by Nancy Spivey and consisted of spring mix salad greens, 'Muenster Chicken', roasted new potatoes, sautéed spinach, and rolls with butter, followed by red velvet cake for dessert. DJ services and music for the evening was lovingly supplied by our own Ross Looney, and decorating assistance was provided by Joan McMillan. Proceeds from the Dinner Dance, totaling over \$1000, will go to support the youth summer trips, camps, and conferences. Thank you to all for your continued support of these important ministries! Submitted By Laura Grady

With the Youth/Parent Summer Trip Meeting at the end of February that covered the many opportunities that will be available to our youth this summer, we wanted to provide the information (and a little more) for those who may be interested in participating and to let our wonderful supporters know about our plans for the 2011 Summer Youth Activities & Trips.

June 12—16: Vacation Bible School at WPC Youth needed as helpers. Training sessions will be held prior to event.  
Youth "After Hours" VBS at 8:30 – 10:00pm.

June 24—July 3: Senior High Mission Trip to work with the Navajo Nation at Gallup, New Mexico ; Verbal Commitment due by Sunday, April 3; Payment due by Sunday, May 15.

July 10—14: Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch near Hunt, Texas; Cost is \$250. Balance due by April 3.

July 10—16: Synod Youth Workshop at Tulsa, Oklahoma (University of Tulsa); Cost is \$250. Sign up & payment deadline is Sunday, May 1.

Late July—early August: Junior High Mission Trip; Details TBA at a later time.

September 4—6: One MO Trip to Mo-Ranch; Cost is \$100. Sign up & payment deadline is Sunday, August 8.

# Family of Faith

## Sweetheart Dinner and Dance



(and yes! They were definitely having fun!)



## Super-Subs



Many of our members belong to the Lakeview Quilt Guild. Lakeview meets in our Fellowship hall the 3rd Monday of each month (except for this April). The meeting starts at 6:30pm—visitors are welcomed.

- 03/01: Joe Fulton  
John (Trey) Hindman
- 03/02: Susan Rank
- 03/04: Scott Hermstein  
Kelli Grady
- 03/05: Matti Stubblefield
- 03/06: Linda Traylor  
Jack Lawrence
- 03/08: Kim Brennan
- 03/09: Adelina (Lena) Bernal
- 03/10: Nina Moede  
Kermit Stahr  
Hunter Cowan
- 03/11: Logan Russell
- 03/12: Allen Manson  
Mary Lawrence  
Laura Ingram
- 03/13: Edward Boyer  
Julie Mach  
Michael Waehner
- 03/14: Charlene Ingram  
Wayne Bihm
- 03/15: Judy Ramsay  
Alexander Bradley  
Conner Kloves
- 03/16: Steven Reilly
- 03/18: Eddis Laity  
Anna Mae Boyer  
Mathias Kibikas
- 03/19: Vicki Schnell  
Bronson Morrill  
Amanda Bradley  
Maria Cianchetti
- 03/20: Patricia LeBlanc  
Eric Late  
Pamela Millsap  
Kathryn Packard  
Christine Smith  
Hilary McLellan  
Tannah Little
- 03/21: Melinda Wycoff  
Michael Tucker  
Alexis McNeill  
Isabel Lane
- 03/22: Bill Barlow  
Cathy Newman  
John Stoker
- 03/23: Tacy King
- 03/24: T. Royal
- 03/26: Anita Knowles  
Graham Montgomery
- 03/27: Erin Davis
- 03/28: Reagan Smith
- 03/29: Mike Carden  
Michael Wilson
- 03/30: Elizabeth Stoltz



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**Irish Potluck  
March 6th**

Have you ever kissed the Blarney Stone? Well neither have we but you can get some good eats and have a lot of fun learning some "old world" dancing at our March potluck. Danya Lock, daughter of a friend of Joan McMillan's will join us on March 6<sup>th</sup> after second service to teach us a few steps to an Irish Jig (of sorts) and the Schottische which is a popular line dance. The O'Fellowship team is providing Irish Stew and will ask you to bring the corned beef/cabbage, sides and desserts. By the time you read this, the sign up will have started – if you did not see it, contact Jennifer O'Carr or other O'Fellowship team member. Remember to wear your green – everyone will have a little Irish in them in March!