

NEWS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE....

We are glad that God brings us together to worship. **This Sunday, April 8, 2018 is the Second Sunday of Easter. Our scripture readings are Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; and John 20:19-31.** We invite everyone to enjoy refreshments, conversation and fellowship with us at 10:30am. We look forward to talking with you. The church belongs to Christ. We are a caring, inclusive, diverse church and welcome people of all races and nationalities, those struggling with addictions, rich and poor, regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. Christ welcomes all, and so do we. *We are committed to lives of service to people in need and to changing the unfair systems that keeps them in need, and we invite you to join us in our ministries. Trust in Christ is the sole requirement for membership.* Anyone wishing to take this important step is cordially invited to contact the church office.

Children, even noisy children, are very welcome during worship.

A changing station, available to all, is located in our Nursery (room#1) and
In the 'family' bathroom in the back hallway.

Hearing assistance devices are available for use during worship.

Please ask a Greeter for assistance.

Large print bulletins/hymns are available. If needed, please ask a greeter for a copy .

Worship 9:30 • Refreshments 10:30-11:00

Sunday School 11:00 • Worship 11:00



Westminster's Weekly Newsletter

There are several **Visioning Group Sessions** planned for you to have the opportunity to give your input on where, as a church, we are and where we are going. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. The first one is **this Sunday, at 11:00 am** with Group Leader Mike Hazlett, in the Community Building (CB). Other sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 11th at 1pm in the Foyer (Mike Hazlett)

Sunday, April 15th at 11am in the CB (Bob Lombard)

& at 12pm in the CB (Anne, Colin & Margaret)

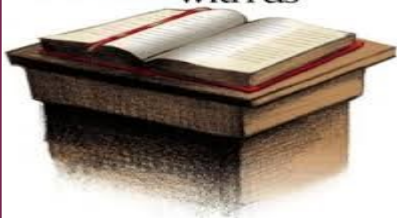
Thursday, April 19th at 7pm in the Foyer (Anne, Colin & Margaret)

Thursday, May 10th at 7pm in the Foyer (Anne, Colin & Margaret)



The next scheduled Stated Session Meeting will be at 6:00 pm on **Sunday, April 8th** in the Community Building.

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



each Tuesday, at
10:30 am
in Classroom #3

each Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm
and Sunday mornings at 9:00am



See link below for pictures:
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/389ycpsjx8e56vr/AAAlu7aDlGfWB_DnzN5WQ14Ha?dl=0

The **Worship Committee** will meet on
Wednesday,
April 11th
at 7:30pm in Classroom #3

Pastor's Coffee Hour: each **Thursday** from 9-10am at the Coffee Culture (2020 NW 13th St). Stop by and spend some time chatting about anything you'd like. No appointment is necessary, just stop by and get a cup of coffee. Everyone Welcome!



Visioning Group Session
April 11th, 2018
at **1:00pm** in the Foyer
Everyone welcome!



The next Bible and Brew will be on **Thursday, April 12th** from 7pm – 9pm at **The Midnight** and all are welcome to join us as we discuss various theological issues.



April is **Earth Day Month** and Westminster Earth Care Ministry has planned several events. Please consult the center bulletin board in the foyer for events both at Westminster and in the Community.

Make Your Voice Heard— Get Involved Ready for 100%

Local organizations, faith groups, and individuals are working together on a plan to put the City of Gainesville and surrounding communities on a path to 100% clean affordable energy by the year 2050. The project is called **Ready for 100%**. Westminster, with the approval of Session, is a faith community supporting member of this group. It is an excellent way to make our voice heard. Other organizations that are involved include the NAACP, the League of Women Voters, Suwannee St. Johns Sierra Club, Women's March Gainesville, and the United Church of Gainesville.

A team of energy experts and community leaders will be working on the following issues:

Community Outreach - Members will attend events, organize forums, and seek input from the community about their energy concerns. The team plans to educate citizens on the importance of a clean energy future and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to benefit, including those who are now negatively impacted by current energy systems.

Creating and Advocating for Policy - The team plans to develop and implement a strategy to reach 100% clean affordable energy by 2050, including all electricity and transportation systems. Members will advocate for policy at the City and County level that will set in motion the steps needed to reach the goals of Ready for 100%.



Sign up for the **April 14th Picnic at Camp Montgomery by Tuesday 10th**. There will be swimming available before lunch; lunch at noon, and boating after lunch. We need to know if you are coming in order to provide food for all. Signup on Bulletin Board or contact the church office.



Stephen Marsh	4/9
Lori Nason	4/12
Ellie Livingston	4/13
Doug Barrett	4/18

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Visioning Group Session April 15th, 2018

at **11:00pm** in the Community Building
And at **12 noon** in the Community Building
Everyone welcome!

Earth Care Ministry Team will meet on
Sunday, April 15th
at 6:30 pm at the Hostetler's residence.



NURSERY CARE is available for children birth—5 years old during Worship through Sunday School. (9:15am-12:15pm) Please register your children to ensure the best care for them.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and **WORSHIP BAGS** with activities are available on the Children's table in the Dickson foyer. At home go to games.childrensbulletins.com and enter the secret code for the week to unlock games related to this weeks Scripture readings. **Ages 3-6 is DPZE68 & 7-12 is QKYQX3.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN during worship provides a way for children to become more involved in the service. All children are invited and encouraged to come forward at this time or they can remain seated with their families.

Sunday School Classes for Elementary age children will meet in Classroom #2.

Middle & High School age will meet in the Community Building.

Adult Seminar I meets in **Classroom #3** and will discuss the *How Should I Live in This World?* by R.C.Sproul. Don Eitzman is the discussion leader.

Adult Seminar II meets in the **Christian Education Office.** This is an interactive opportunity open to anyone who wants to extend their understanding of the scripture and sermon in today's worship service. Paul Carter is the discussion leader.

Adult Seminar III meets in **Classroom #4** and will be studying the book *A World Ablaze: the Rise of Martin Luther and the Birth of the Reformation* by Craig Harline. Gwen Lombard is the discussion leader..



Prayer List



- Sherie Baker
- Mark Bondurant (G.Lane)
- Lina Colondres & Family
- Bruni DePaz' family in Puerto Rico
- Don Eitzman
- Linda Ellwood
- Marissa Fisher
- Jonathan Gil
- **Nancy A. Griffin**
- Kenneth Jones (Norma Green's Godson)
- Rev. Charles Landreth
- Gladys Lane
- Italo Lenta
- Lori Nason
- Charles, son of Hugh Putnam
- Susan Richards (Barbara Seymour's daughter)
- Brenda Robinson
- Lucille Schlichting
- Adela vanAntwerp (friend of the Carters)
- Stacy Webster, son of Louise Black
- All students
- Our Country & those that serve in all military branches
- Missionaries from the Presbytery of St. Augustine
- Our sister church in Havana, Cuba



Visitation Ministry

Congregational Care – If you or someone in the congregation would like a visit or phone call from the Pastor or someone else from the church, please share this information with the Pastor, one of the Elders, or contact the Church Office. If you are ill or aware of someone else that is ill, please contact the church office or the Congregational Care Committee (CCC) representative for the month. The CCC members will handle the following parish nurse responsibilities for a short term need following surgery, traumatic event or birth: resource for transportation to medical appointments when feasible and appropriate, medical equipment loan outs, provision of meals, and general emotional support.

Now Offering Online Giving. Go to our Church website at

<http://www.wpcgainesville.org>.

In the middle of the page will be a box, **My Online Donation**, enter an amount, then “Go”, you will be directed to a page to enter your card information. You may set it up as a recurring event. See flyer on bulletin board for more ways to give.

Congregational Care Comm. Representatives

April

Barbara Scott @ 372-7191

Nancy Dickson @ 316-0295



The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Saturday, April 21st at 11:00** am at the church. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by coming to the **May 5th Westminster Workday**. We'll meet at 9am and celebrate till 11am by working together cleaning up the grounds. Save the date!



We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teach, in teaching; the exhort, in exhortation; the giver in generosity; the leader, In diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ... Do no lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.” Romans 12:6-8, 11 NRSV

Pastor	Rev. Larry Green
Parish Associate	Rev. Dr. Ina Boyd
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Glenn W. Dickson
Young Adult Leader	Nicole Caldwell
Treasurer	Helen McCune
Music Director	Dr. Will Kesling
Pianist/Organist	Julian Gilder
Venturers & Friends	Lucille Schlichting
Administrative Assistant	Gail W. Acree

SESSION: Nancy Morris, Bob Lombard, Margaret Marcus, Mike Hazlett, Colin Hines, Nicole Caldwell, Carl Henriksen, Anne Newman and Linda Spurny, Clerk of Session.

Committee Chairpersons: **Administration:** Mike Hazlett; **Building & Grounds:** Tom Webster; **Christian Education:** Bob Lombard; **Congregational Care:** Betty Jax; **Outreach:** Nancy Morris; **Worship:** Linda Clary & Margaret Marcus.

**Elder of the Month for April is
Margaret Marcus @ 371-9850**

Please contact the Elder regarding
emergencies in the
absence of the pastor.

How to reach us at WPC

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IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS

Sunday	08	Worship Service @ 9:30am Visioning Session @ 11am
.		Sunday School @ 11:00am
.		Worship Service @ 11:00 am
.		Stated Session Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Tuesday	10	Bible Study@10:30am
Wednesday	11	Visioning Session @ 1pm
.		Choir Practice @ 6pm
.		Worship Committee Meeting @ 7:30pm
Thursday	12	Pastor's Coffee Hour @ 9am
.		Bible & Brew @ 7pm
Saturday	14	Church wide Picnic
Sunday	15	Worship Service @ 9:30am Visioning Session @ 11am
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.		Worship Service @ 11:00 am
.		Visioning Session @ 12
.		Earth Care Team Meeting @ 6:30pm
Tuesday	17	Bible Study@10:30am
Wednesday	18	Choir Practice @ 6pm
Thursday	19	Pastor's Coffee Hour @ 9am Visioning Session @ 7pm
.		Building & Grounds Committee @11am
Saturday	21	Worship Service @ 9:30am EarthDayPresentation@10:30
Sunday	22	Sunday School @ 11:00am Worship Service @ 11:00 am
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