

Special Edition

New Sunday Schedule

(Beginning August 22)

9:30 am – Worship

10:45 am –

Fellowship/Coffee Time

11:15 am –

Faith Formation for all ages

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The Journal

WPPC Resets Its Entire Sunday Morning Schedule Beginning August 22

After much thoughtful consideration, the Session at West Plano Presbyterian Church has acted to set worship as a single service beginning at 9:30 am on August 22. This allows time for fellowship, after which (beginning at 11:15 am) we will provide faith formation for all ages. While a true "trial run" of this schedule needs a full year cycle, we plan to reexamine the schedule with the congregation at our January Annual

Meeting, and, if need be, make adjustments. In addition, the Session will review our progress in mid to late fall to see "how it's going" in the event that anything needs to be altered.

As many of you have noted, a successful schedule change will require a period of adjustment. It asks everyone to compromise and we know this will be more difficult in some cases than others. Choosing a schedule that best serves the

whole church cannot avoid imposing some inconvenience on us all. The willingness of each of us to embrace change is a gift of love to the whole church.

We are excited to continue worshiping as a whole church. We look forward to more adults (including more choir members) being involved in faith formation. We are ready to implement new creative opportunities for our children and youth.

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Sunday Christian Formation at WPPC By Betty Weckerly

Beginning August 22, our experiences of growing in faith look and feel a bit different in that the flow of time together will change from in the past. We will begin in worship, and from worship will move to encounter the gift of holy hospitality in two ways; the sharing and receiving of refreshments and fellowship.

Understanding hospitality as a holy gift has long been part of the culture of our church. We have been

known for years as being friendly and caring. Positioning a time of sharing refreshment and fellowship for all ages after worship gives us the opportunity to interact with each other and be welcoming to any who may be joining us either for the very first time or be re-joining us after a time away. In order to make sure that all feel welcome and have appropriate space for this hospitality, there will be both traditionally organized adult friendly refreshments

along with designated food/beverage for the young children in the Kids' Corner. A group of our members has been in planning to coordinate this hospitality piece of our morning. Specific "hosts" (adults paired with some of our older elementary age youth) will be identified for the children's time and refreshments.

Following this experience in fellowship, at 11:15 am all ages are invited to

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Kids Korner

Beginning
August 22
10:45–11:15
am
Fun, Food
Fellowship
Meet Us in
Room 2



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Christian Formation at WPPC, (Continued from page 1)

participate in more structured formation sessions. These sessions are designed in a specific manner:

Infants and preschoolers: will gather in the nursery and adjacent classroom.

School age: K-12 will begin in the Kids' Corner as one group for opening which will include sharing where we noticed God recently and scripture lesson time. After this opening, we will interact with the scripture by rotating one week a month through arts/crafts, drama, science, cooking, or

games. By 11:50 each Sunday, the children and youth will reconvene as one group to close with music and prayer.

Each Sunday—

- 11:15 Opening/Story will be in Kids' Corner (#2)
- 11:50 Closing Prayers in Studio (#4)

Then, as scheduled each month,

- Arts/Crafts in Gallery (#3)
- Drama and Games in Green Room (#5)
- Cooking and Science in kitchen/Fellowship Hall
- Youth discussion (as needed) in Loft

Resources for the chil-

dren and youth will be the Augsburg Fortress "SPARK" Lectionary materials.

Adults: Adults of all ages will gather in the library for a time of exploration and conversation that will take all from the narthex to the world.

Formation sessions for all will end by noon each Sunday.

- PreK: Joyce Jones, Kristen Craig, Ollie Morgan
- Children/Youth session leaders: Laura Robinson, Sharon Finley, Jeannie Stone, Fred Jury, Betty Weckerly, Kevin Craig, Stacey Camp

Adult Formation Threshold

By David Batchelder

When you look at this word, what comes to mind? The recently married might remember one partner carrying the other "across the threshold" as the honeymoon begins. This noun has long been in our language coming in English from the Old Norse sometime before the 12th century.

Its meanings include the plank, stone, or piece of timber that lies under a door. Or, it can refer to the door itself or a gate. I especially like this definition: the place or point of entering or beginning.

Church doors have always had great significance

to the people of God. They serve more than a literal function; they are symbols of our common life. For when we assemble for worship, we gather from out of our neighborhoods and into our church building by passing through the threshold of the doors. And, at the end of our worship, we again cross the threshold as those sent out with the words, "Go in peace; remember the poor; Christ is with you." Thus, our coming and going is a weekly movement back and forth across the threshold of worship and mission.

On Sunday, August 22, a new Sunday morning



adult formation discussion begins which we are calling

"THRESHOLD." Our discussion will include anything and everything that has just taken place in our worship. Perhaps you have questions or comments about the sermon, the scriptures, the music choices, or something else in the service. THRESHOLD is a time for us to explore the

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From Worship Out to the World

By Betty Weckerly

All participate in the formational activity of sharing holy hospitality with special consideration for our youngest children in the Kids' Corner.

By 11:15 lights and sounds have signaled time to begin Formation Sessions.

Adults will move to the library for the "Threshold"
Children and youth will

divide as follows:

- Infants, toddlers, preK return/stay in nursery and adjoining room
 - All children/youth attend opening for story in Kids' Corner then move to space appropriate for interacting with scripture activity as scheduled.
- Gallery: Arts/crafts (formerly room 3)
Studio: Music (formerly

room 4)

Green Room: Drama/ Games (formerly room 5)

Fellowship Hall: Science/Cooking

By 11:50 ish, all K-12 assemble in Studio for closing which will include prayer each week. Parents will pick up their children from either the Studio or the nursery as appropriate at noon.



*Jeremiah's Gardener's
Need a Break!*

*Join us for Oktoberfest
Saturday,
October 2, 2010
5 pm-8 pm
At WPPC
Save the Date!
More Details Coming
Soon!*

Putting Faith into Action: WPPC Answers the Call to Civic Action with DAI

As WPPC seeks way to practice faith that loves neighbors as ourselves, Dallas Area Interfaith (DAI) is offering three different opportunities for WPPC members to join in actions for a just society in late summer and early fall.

Exercising our Democratic Freedom and Helping Neighbors Prepare to Vote

On August 21 (and the Sundays following) DAI - along with all 11 networks in Texas - will walk target precincts in each city to enroll legal voters in previously low turn out areas. Each walking team will include a deputized voter registrar and will enlist voter support for the Agenda for Families detailed later in this article. The identified precincts are in the Bachman Lake and Oak Cliff neighborhoods. WPPC members are invited to join

the neighborhood precinct walkers. Further information is coming soon. Contact Priscilla Kimery, Cheryl Helmick, or David Batchelder ASAP if you feel called to participate. The DAI monthly meeting on August 19 will give final details.

Getting Inside the Issues that Affect Us All

On August 28, parishioners of member DAI institutions are invited to participate in a state-wide assembly in San Antonio devoted to learning about the issues coming up in the legislature impacting our Agenda for Families. An early morning bus departure will take DAI leaders to San Antonio where we will meet with networks across the state to hear about the issues facing each network and plan legislative strategies. Various candidates for

state office will also participate in the assembly. This coming legislative session will be an important one since drastic cuts called for by the governor in state service agencies may be impacting CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), Medicaid, Pre K-12 education, the JET Fund job training funding for the new job training program just begun in Dallas/Collin, and Immigration measures.

Getting Behind Matters that Make a Big Difference In All our Lives

Registered voters are asked to commit in writing to support of the DAI Agenda for Families. This agenda calls the Legislature to

- Extend CHIP to thousands of Texas children currently not enrolled by accepting

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Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday, August 22, is the day before school starts and our worship will include a time of "Blessing of Backpacks."

All children, youth, and adults who will be going to school in any grade or year and all who work in education are invited to bring your backpack or work bag to worship on Sunday, August 22. We ask that they be able to be tucked under the chair during worship so that the flow of movement during worship not be impeded.



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We believe this schedule places us in a better situation to respond to visitors. Please, help us make the most of this schedule change. Between now and then we have much to do

to get ready for this new beginning. Indeed, it will serve us well to think of this change as a reset to how WPPC does all of Sunday morning. We urge you to open yourself in positive ways to these opportunities.

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meaning we have just shared in worship believing that our faith must be carried with us out the doors and into the world. So - COME AND JOIN US!

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- federal funds and matching them;
- Maintain state budget commitment to Medicaid so that full federal support of this program falls to the state;
- Maintain educational funding in view of expanding student enrollments transferring from other states' educational systems instead of potentially

bringing total education cuts over the last six years to 37% of previous budget;

- Renew the JET (Jobs and Education for Texans) Fund for the next biennium so that proven long-term job training for high skill-high demand jobs continue for those unemployed or underemployed;
- Remain committed to long term, comprehensive immigration re-

form that honors the dignity of each individual, does not separate families, offers an acceptable means for thousands of persons who have resided in Texas for years/generations to become legal residents; includes border security and enforceable national laws.

Signup sheets to support this agenda will be available before and after services on the coming Sundays.