

GROWING THE FAITH OF THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD.

Today, it's cold in Lake Mary. Tomorrow could be a heat wave. It's Florida, right? However, heat is one way to describe spring break. For college students, it's not only about the temperature, but the rhythm of the sun, surf, and romance. Did you know, prior to 1960, spring break for college students meant an Easter respite from college? Now we know that designation has a dual meaning. What happened?

In 1960, a beach-blanket-bingo sort of movie called, "Where the Boys Are" created what is now a college rite of passage – The Spring Break. You may remember the movie about four Midwestern college girls Angie (Connie Francis), Melanie (Yvette Mimieux), Tuggle (Paula Prentiss) and Merritt (Dolores Hart) who take off to our sunny state for spring break. Their search for romance and adventure led them to Fort Lauderdale. In real life, that sleepy beach community was never the same after that movie played.

I know, I'm not only dating myself, but may have you reliving some of your "spring breaks." The point (and there is one) is in the title, "Where the Boys Are" as if that's what makes Fort Lauderdale the magnet. If you ask me, to be more historically correct, the title should have been, "Where the Girls Are." The "boys" nearly always find their way to where the girls are.

So, where are the girls? First, to bring the vocabulary up to 2020, "the women" are right here at MWPC. Did you know we have two new and very dynamic women small group studies which are attracting some attention?



On Thursday mornings, at 10 a.m. a group of 25 mostly young mothers gather for study and fellowship. Kelly Edwards facilitates as they are currently working through a study called "Seamless, Understanding of the Bible as One Complete Story" by Angie Smith. You may notice lots of little ones on the campus for this study as we provide childcare.

The second group meets on Monday nights, at 6:30 p.m. These 18 or so women, facilitated by Tiffany Staley, are studying women in the Bible, "Empty Hands – Experiencing God with a Broken Spirit."

As these Bible studies are geared toward women, I thought I would highlight these additions to our women's small groups for several reasons. First to say how thankful I am for what God is doing in our church. Both of these groups are lay-led and reach out to a variety of people, in and outside, our church. Second, it is not all about the numbers, but these small groups are ministering to over 40 women a week! Third, just as spring break will never be the same since "Where the Boys Are," so it is with the 21st century understanding of Sunday School.

There has been a trend in our churches over the past 20 years that, at first glance, may seem sad – the slow extinction of "Sunday School." However, there needs to be a clarification and realization to counter the "sad view." Our culture has, and is, continuing to change. Families are more mobile and far busier than ever before. Sunday School, as we have known it, has not gone away, it's transforming. Small group studies are more popular than ever, only they no longer function exclusively as a Sunday morning school. Vital and vibrant churches have found ways to meet the needs of women in this changing culture. Our new women's small groups are just one example. Sunday School is not gone, it's just transforming.

Lastly, the original premise of the movie, "Where the Boys Are" could lead you to believe the "girls" go where the "boys" are. In our case, the women are moving first. Now it's up to the men. Men, where will you be as we grow the faith of the whole family of God at Markham Woods? We have a small group for you too!



Ash Wednesday
February 26
Sunday's in Lent
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Lenten Dinner and Devotionals
March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1





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ond Friday of the month.***



SESSION NOTES

By: Bryan Southard

Approved communion dates for 2020 are listed below:

- January 5
 - February 2
 - March 1
 - April 5
 - April 9 (Maundy Thursday)
 - May 3
 - June 7
 - July 5
 - August 2
 - September 6
 - October 4 (World Communion Sunday)
 - November 1
 - November 29 (Hanging of the Greens)
 - December 24 (11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service)
- Session approved the 2020 budget for the church at \$775,000.

Session approved calling the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 19 at 10:15 a.m. (Update: moved to February 2)

Financial Report

By: Finance Committee

Details of the actual 2019 financials were included in the MWPC annual report. The annual meeting is on February 2 at 10:15 a.m.

For this message, the Finance Committee would like to outline some highlights as shown below. It should be noted foremost that MWPC is a blessed and generous church. This is demonstrated in financial terms, mission work, volunteer levels, and general level of activity both on and off campus.

2019 Highlights:

Both the church and Heathrow Christian Academy (HCA) ended the year with positive cash positions. Tithes and offerings exceeded budget and actual expenses for the church. Expenses were below budget due to the actions of staff and committees. In addition, tuition exceeded expenses for HCA due to high enrollment. HCA expenses were higher than budgeted; this was due to the higher enrollment. The extra funds will be utilized to support the sustainability plan as well as the five-year financial plan. Also, the funds will be utilized to expand missions, continue to fund sustainability projects, and assist to reduce the principle of the mortgage. (Your Finance Committee has an objective to prevent having a balloon note due in 2028.)

2020 Highlights:

Pledges have been very supportive of the 2020 challenge budget. At this time, it appears that all budget items can be supported including the staffing plans and the mission budget. For the year 2020, the highest percentage of members have pledged which helps the Session with financial planning.

The Financial Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support of the church and campus. The committee will continue with a rolling 5-year financial and contingency plan to insure proper stewardship of church funds and mission support.

ASSOCIATE
PASTOR

By: REV. JODY MASK



My Annual Report (Extended Remix Version!)

For the past couple of years, MWPC has produced a more compact annual report than in previous years. This is because we want to save paper and keep the reports tight and focused.

As I did last year, I am using the February newsletter space to expand a bit on my “bullet-point buffet” report. I am doing this for those who may not have picked up a copy of the annual report, as well as giving myself an excuse to be more long-winded. It’s what preachers do, right?

So, without further ado...

In 2019, I saw God continuing to move within our congregation. In the annual Run for God 5k, this movement was quite literal! Once again, we finished second in the Church Challenge, but I’m convinced we had the most people actually show up and run or walk in the race.

NOTE! Let’s beat those Catholics this year! Go to runforgod.net to register, and be sure to select Markham Woods PC in the list under the “Your church or charitable organization” drop down menu.

The Disciple 1 group concluded its study in 2019, and the group has reconvened (bringing on a couple of new folks!) for Disciple 2. I am proud of how we wrestle with God’s word in that space.

With Pastor Joe and a couple of parents, I was happy to work to bring Cassidy Hornsby on board as our new Youth Ministry Director. She is doing fantastic work, and I encourage your support of Impact Youth as they have some exciting events and activities planned in 2020.

Speaking of younger folks, I filled in as middle school leader for their 2019 summer camp—a learning experience for sure! I began a new confirmation class in the fall using a new curriculum called *Big God, Big Questions*. It’s a longer class this time, which I believe is vital to faith formation that has staying power in an increasingly complex world.

I continued to serve as liaison to several groups, including the deacons, the Heathrow Christian Academy Board, and various committees. I encourage you to get involved in the life of MWPC through these groups and/or other opportunities that may arise.

Once again, I pursued opportunities for professional development like the NEXT Church Conference in Seattle and the first week of Presbyterian CREDO Conference, a specialized curriculum and retreat model for recently ordained pastors. I look forward to the concluding week of CREDO in September in North Carolina.

I remained active in Central Florida Presbytery by continuing service with the communications and presbytery meeting planning teams, and by joining the nominating committee. I served as a chaperone at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium on the campus of Purdue University in the summer, and I helped bring the meeting speaker to our winter presbytery meeting. This year, I am looking forward to participating in a brand-new presbytery podcast, and I have been elected to be an alternate commissioner to the 2020 General Assembly.

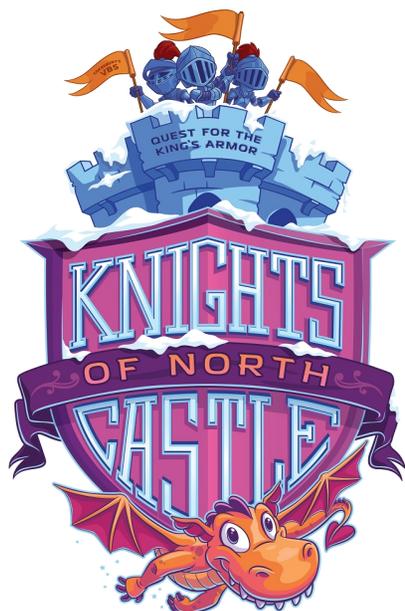
While reviewing my February 2019 article that inspired this one, I was surprised to discover that I wrote the following:

As I shared in a recent edition of the email newsletter I started, we live in a culture that suffers from overscheduling, and many people are experiencing burnout as a result. In 2019, how can we encourage folks to find rest for their overburdened souls at our church, rather than seeing it as just another cog in the work machine?

In my first message of 2020, I indicated that my “star word” (a sort of mantra inspired by Epiphany Sunday) is REST. It seems that this theme has been brewing in my subconscious for a while!

So, while I continue to be active in ministry inside and outside MWPC, I also plan to devote time to relaxation and rejuvenation of body, mind and spirit. I hope you will, too, so we can be the best representatives of Jesus, who reminds us to “Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

If you need advice on how to rest, or if anything else is on your mind, please don’t hesitate to get in touch. I am no professional counselor, but I am happy to listen.



By: Cindy Teetzel

Save
the
Date

2020 Vacation Bible School
June 8— June 12

More information including registration will be forthcoming in a future edition of the Markham Messenger newsletter!

Donations

By: Cheryl Beck

A great big thank you to everyone who started their day with a big bowl of cereal and ended their day with a delicious slice of pie. We have all the boxes and aluminum plates that we need. Ms. Juliet created Gongs with these items during one of our SMART Friday classes.

We are currently looking for the large plastic coffee containers. We will be turning these into drums!

Thank you again for supporting our program.
Cheryl Beck



Heathrow Christian Academy Spring Bookfair
February 9—February 16
The hours are posted in Anderson Hall

How to make wishes come true:

The Markham Woods Presbyterian Church wish book is in response to frequent requests by members and friends who wish to give a special monetary gift toward a needed item for our church.

These acts of loving generosity are always accompanied by a statement, "I have some extra funds and I'd like to do something for the church." What follows next is an inquiry about need, "Is there anything you may need or want that I might help with?"

We have wish books located in Anderson Hall and the narthex, and, of course, we have many wishes that need to be fulfilled.

Any individual wishing to make a special monetary gift toward a purchase may have their generosity stewarded in a way which meets current needs and helps grow the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for taking the time to view the wish book. If you want to add any funds to a wish or purchase the wish in full, contact the church office.

MISSIONS



I have a confession to make: I eat food every day, several times a day in fact. I am thankful that my resources are such that I can purchase enough food for every day. The clients at the Sharing Center food pantry do not have that luxury. Markham Woods has a nonperishable food drop off box in Anderson Hall. Have you seen it? Did you know it was there? Our volunteer, Mary Ann Watson collects the food and takes it to the Center regularly and she has noticed that the food side of the box has been pretty empty.

The Mission Committee challenge to you is to fill up the box. Here are some ideas: mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned goods, beef jerky ... you get the idea. Pick up an extra item the next time you go to the grocery store and bring it to MWPC.



More than 75 folks gathered on January 15, 2020 in Anderson Hall to hear about the Mission Work that MWPC accomplished last year and to taste chili made by the seven guest chefs: Cheryl Doyle, Kelly Edwards, Cindy Etchison, the Mintons, Tom Haller, Dave Anderson, Tom Lavery, and Betsy Lyon (standing in for Kevin Grant).

The three judges: Tom Reiniger, Joe Mack, and Angela Jordan had very difficult choices to make because all entries were great! After much debate, the judges chose Cindy Etchison and Tom Lavery as runner ups and Kevin Grant as the winner. Trophies and gift cards to Chilis were awarded to the winners.

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:37

By: Mission Committee and Finance Committee

Mission Philosophy: 50/50/10 Update

Your session updated the “5 year Assessment” for MWPC in 2019. As explained in an earlier article, the study evaluated 17 potential vulnerabilities. Session concluded that 14 of the vulnerabilities have adequate contingencies in place. One of the vulnerabilities identified was a general philosophy to facilitate the church mission programs. It was concluded that missions have been supported well by the congregation and the Mission Committee has managed the distribution of those funds well. Thus, a request was made to study the patterns of the past few years of mission activities.

Session felt an overall approach or philosophy would help guide the church to balance funds with needs and requests. A review indicated an overall pattern of 50/50/10 would best define the MWPC philosophy with some variation year to year. Session and the Missions Committee agreed this would be the guiding philosophy. So what is a 50/50/10 philosophy/pattern?

The first 50 in the 50/50/10 philosophy represents how mission funds will be distributed. Of that amount, 50% will go to local missions and 50% will go to a combination of presbytery, regional and international needs. Examples of local recipients include Love Mission, Sharing Center and the Hungarian Church (facility usage). Examples of non-local entities include presbytery support, joy gift and traveling missions such as Haiti and youth trips.

The second 50 in the 50/50/10 philosophy relates to the methods by which funds for missions are derived. Fifty percent of the income will be identified within the annual budget as coming from the congregation's pledges. Programs specifically identified within the budget from the pledges include Grace and Grits, Dr. Laura Layer and Rescue Mission. The other fifty percent will be generated by targeted fund raising for such programs as Boy Scouts, mission trips (youth and Haiti), the food bank and the turkey fund.

The 10 in the 50/50/10 represents a goal that 10% of total church funds be directed to missions, regardless of how that income is derived.

Hey Impact,

By: Cassidy Hornsby

I hope everyone had a great Christmas break! 2019 has ended, and 2020 is here, full of opportunities for the youth group to grow in faith and community, as well as fun events to look forward to in 2020! Both Clayton and I are excited about the direction Impact is going, we hope that everyone else is as well! We have plenty of fun events to look forward to in February, so don't forget to mark your calendar.

Upcoming Events:

- 2/2 No Impact**— Enjoy Superbowl with your families!
- 2/14 Movie Night**—On Valentine's Day, Clayton and I are hosting a movie night in the student center from 6 p.m.-9:00 p.m. So, parents, drop off the kids, go out to dinner, and enjoy Valentine's day! We will be watching a movie, playing games, and providing snacks/dinner.
- 2/23 Youth Breakfast**—Want to have breakfast with Impact? During the 9:00 a.m. service come to the student center and have breakfast with the youth group. Youth breakfast serves as a great way to bring all middle schoolers and high schoolers together for fellowship.
- 7/12-17 Summer Camp**—Though it may not seem like it, summer is just around the corner! This year middle school and high school age students are invited to attend BRIDGE. BRIDGE is a summer camp hosted by St. Simons Presbyterian Church, located in St. Simons Island, Georgia. This mission-based summer camp is all about Creation Stewardship. Students will be able to learn more about how to care for God's creation. So, if your child is interested, please contact me at impact@mwpcusa.org. Space is limited so sign up early!

Hope to see you at IMPACT!

Cassidy Hornsby
Director of Student Ministry

By: Finance Committee

Markham Woods Presbyterian Church (MWPC) Attendance Update for 2019

The year ended with high attendance in December bringing overall average to 219 per Sunday for 2019. That is slightly below the past attendance numbers of 227 for 2018 and 2017 for 222. The target number is 240 for each Sunday or 47% of our membership.

The highest attendance numbers were Christmas and Easter (511 and 426 respectively) compared to 2018's 589 and 536 and 2017's 605 and 503 respectively. The two services were split 55/48 for the attendance average. The lowest was 156 the last Sunday of March. The lowest in 2017 was 157 in mid-May.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday in one of the two services in 2020.

Flower Ministry

By: Kurt Leinenkugel

Does everyone know the flowers at the front of the church each Sunday at worship are gifts from the congregation? They are donations to mark occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, and honor loved ones who have passed. All it requires is for you to sign up for a Sunday on the large annual calendar in Anderson Hall and the church orders the flowers for you. The donor has the option of taking them home after the 2nd service or leaving them to be separated into smaller bouquets that deacons or pastors take to homebound members, somebody in the hospital, or someone sick at home.

Thank you to everyone for brightening up each Sunday service with beautiful flowers this past year as well as all the volunteers who helped with the arranging.





- 4 Carolyn Robinson
- 5 Susan Dissinger
- 5 Herman Miedema
- 5 Siena Sigurdsson
- 5 Avery Wehmeyer
- 6 Joan Pilhorn
- 7 Paula Fry
- 7 Madelynn Noufer
- 9 Owen McCarron
- 9 Kelly Signer
- 10 Joe Mack
- 10 Mike Timmons
- 11 Elizabeth Neckles
- 11 Bob Paladino
- 13 Susan Greenhut
- 13 Sophie Spera
- 13 Elise Ward
- 15 Bob Miller
- 16 Kelly Gierach
- 18 Kevin Gagne
- 18 Rachel Wendorph
- 19 Louise Geczy
- 19 Diana Thomas
- 20 Wayne Duke
- 20 Jaley Rivers
- 24 Anne Bailey Holt
- 24 Tiffany Krummick
- 24 Elizabeth Kurtz
- 24 Richard Pilhorn
- 24 Mackenzie Potter
- 26 Katelyn Bayliss
- 26 Rebecca Yadav
- 28 Bobby Longobardo
- 28 Payton Rivers

Steve and Susan Kuca	2/8	17 years
Robert and Stephanie Conklin	2/12	15 Years
Mark and Karen Bras	2/18	37 years
Bill and Sandy Marcum	2/21	5 years
Robert and Ellen Paladino	2/29	28 years

Church Directory 2020 MWPC Photo Directory



Please sign up for photos in Anderson Hall on Sundays after both services before all of the time slots are full. Our goal is 100% participation for all members and visitors to be part of this new directory that we only do every 4-5 years.

Photograph Sign-Up

Photography times are:
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday March 4-6, 2020 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday March 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can also contact Mark Roberts at 407-718-7837 or markroberts0622@gmail.com or Betsy Lyon at 561-889-7919 or betsy.lyon@icloud.com with questions or to sign-up.

Thank you to our current and new deacons and elders who are vital in being able to do the work that God has called us to do.

SESSION

Clerk of Session: Bryan Southard

Class of 2020

Cheryl Doyle
 Tim Kemp
 Susan Kuca
 Tiffany Staley

Class of 2021

Jane Allingham
 Julius Hajas
 Mark Roberts

Class of 2022

Julia Buckley
 Brian Doyle
 Sandy Marcum

DEACONS

Moderator of Deacons: Kathy Rewis
Assoc. Moderator: Susan Dissinger

Class of 2020
 Susan Greenhut
 Cindy Haller
 Jackson Jones
 Judy Southard
 Julie Thompson

Class of 2021
 Kathy Baltzell
 Kurt Leinenkugel
 Tom Reininger
 Kathy Rewis

Class of 2022
 Cindy Etchison
 Susan Dissinger
 Tom Lavery
 Tami McDonald





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Thursday, February 13 at noon

Join us for an informative presentation by Greg Frazier on the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's followed by lunch prepared by chef Kevin. In addition, we will learn what aren't the warning signs of Alzheimer's. There will be plenty of time for Q&A following the presentation. The cost for lunch is \$7.00.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

March 12 St. Johns Eco Tour with Dutch treat lunch.

April 16 Comfortable traveling presentation by Go Travel. Lunch prepared by chef Kevin. Cost \$7.00

May 14 Lake Ridge Winery Tour. More details in a future newsletter.

Contact Chris Leinenkugel at cleinkugel@mwpcusa.org or 407-333-2030 with questions.

BRIDGE AND CHESS

Sunday, February 2
1:00 p.m.
Bridge in the library
Chess in Anderson Hall



**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Saturday, February 15 at 8:00 a.m.

Cracker Barrel
200 Hickman Drive, Sanford, FL

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Call Mark Roberts at 407-718-7837 or Markroberts0622@gmail.com more information