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# Church Mouse



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 10:00AM Women's Bible Study	2 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 Food Pantry Sunday 10:30AM Worship (no Communion) 11:30AM Fellowship Cinco de Mayo	6 9:30AM 2024 Harvest Happening Crafters	7 11:30 TTO	8 10:00AM Women's Bible Study	9 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Mother's Day Breakfast	13 9:00AM Operation Shoebox Sewing Group	14 11:30 TTO	15 10:00AM Women's Bible Study <b>Session Committee Reports due in office</b> 5:00PM Seniors Group Dines Out	16 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship SESSION Meets 11:45AM DEACONS Meet	20 9:30AM 2024 Harvest Happening Crafters	21 11:30 TTO	22 10:00AM Women's Bible Study	23 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 10:30AM Worship & Communion 11:30AM Fellowship Potluck / Corn Boil	27 <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b> 	28 11:30 TTO	29 10:00AM Women's Bible Study	30	31	

## Words from the Pastor



I want to take an opportunity, as I end almost a year and a half as your part time interim pastor, to thank you all for your hospitality and support.

My last Sunday with you for now will be on April 21. I will then be leaving for a long awaited journey to Japan. I actually planned this trip before I preached for the first time at WPC! When I return, I will join you for two Sundays – May 26 and June 16. I will then leave again for almost 6 weeks in Italy. I will spend most of my time in Italy in a place I love and know well – Assisi. While there I will be part of a very small staff leading quiet meditative retreats. You can find details about that on a website: [www.assisiretreats.org](http://www.assisiretreats.org).

As Angela Pecor announced on Easter Sunday, I have agreed to return to WPC for another 6 months beginning August 11. Please keep me in your prayers over the next 3 months and know you will be in mine!

Peace and all good!

Marianne

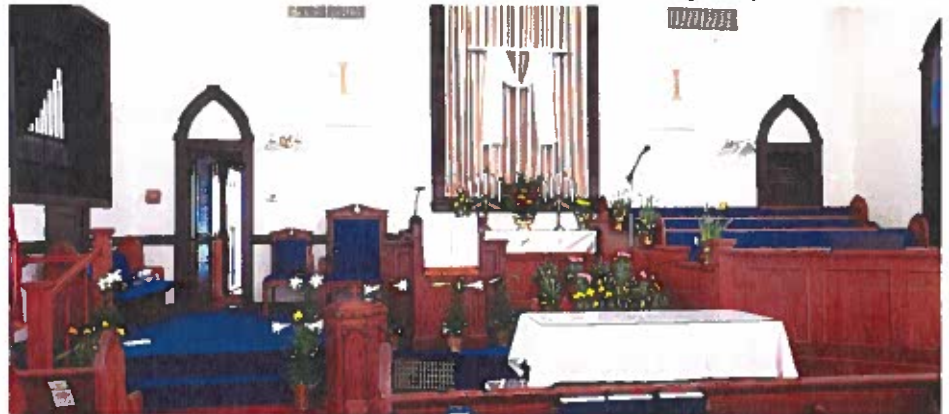
# EASTER 2024



Our Living Cross



The Roses were in full bloom and glory!



EASTER in the Sanctuary

## TTO's MAY MENUS

**May 7:**

Taco Bowl, Street Corn, Fruit, Dessert

**May 14:**

Chicken Bake, Oven-fried Potatoes, Tomato/Cucumber Salad, Roll, Dessert

**May 21:**

Cheesy Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole, Salad, Roll, Dessert

**May 28**

Bacon Cheese Burger TaterTot Casserole, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Tuesday Time Out (TTO) meets every Tuesday. Come at 11:30; lunch is served at noon.

Only \$7.00/meal for a complete home-cooked meal.

## AN APRIL BAPTISM

Pastor Marianne baptized Paul Bridger Dudley this month along with the help of big brother Grey. Proud parents are Reed & Mallory Dudley.



## LIFE SAVING CLASS HELD

Six people showed up on a Friday morning in April to take the AED/CPR class to earn/renew their certifications for the use of the defibrillators and to learn to administer CPR.

The church has two "Defibs" with one located in the church parlor and the other inside the door at Douglas Hall.

We pray that we'll never need to use them, but it is comforting to know they are there and that there are a few who have been trained in their use.

Thank you to those who participated.

**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** is asking for hosts. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen and you may call Diana Harris for more information.



Snacks

## UPCOMING FELLOWSHIPS

May 14: Mother's Day Breakfast  
May 26: Potluck/Corn Boil/Potluck  
June 2: Watermelon Sunday  
June 16 Father's Day Meat Loaf & Potluck



## COULD YOU SUPPLY ALTAR FLOWERS FOR ONE OF THESE SUNDAYS?

June 2, 16, 30  
July 7 or 14  
August 4, 18, 25



## SENIORS DINED IN DOUGLAS HALL THIS MONTH

The Seniors Group decided to dine “in” this month and it was a booming success. Thirty-four people came for a home-cooked meal and fellowship in Douglas Hall. We even had a few invited guests enjoy dinner with us.

Thank yous go to Gary, Ralph & John for the meal prep. Honorable mention and thanks to Dani and Kirsten for setting up, serving, bussing and cleaning up! All efforts by the kitchen crew were greatly appreciated. Though it won't be an “every month” event in Douglas Hall, we will do it again.



### WORDS FROM THE PNC:

The PNC has not made any progress. We have had several set backs.

We have lost three members since we began.

We have waited on a matching system between the church and potential candidates. That process did not work and fell apart. We tried again and were not successful.

We wrote letters to churches all over the country and got no responses.

We are working on a new idea with the help of the Session. It will require some time and patience.

Meantime, we are blessed to have Reverend Marianne to assist us in our endeavor and to serve our church until January 31, 2025.

I hope to have more news soon. Please keep praying that God will send the right person our way soon. This is extremely difficult and frustrating for us all.

Angela Pecor



## Harvest Happenings 2024 UPDATE

Mark your calendars for October 11 & 12, 2024  
Harvest Happening Craft Bazaar

The crafting group has been meeting regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Scarecrows are in the works as well as wreaths, floral arrangements, jewelry, and many more creative items. The group always welcomes new participants. There are many ways to help.

The group has set up a "Krafting Korner" upstairs in Douglas Hall. Seasonal items will be displayed for sale throughout the summer and leading up to our big sale in October. The palm branch Easter Bunnies were a big hit! Thank you to Diana Harris for making them. Keep an eye out for other creative items to make an appearance.

### Inquiring minds want to know – where does the money go?

Over the years the money raised from this event has gone towards several maintenance and improvement projects at Weirsdale Presbyterian Church. Douglas Hall upstairs in fellowship area was give a fresh look, the Narthex was renovated; the bathrooms in the office and parlor area were updated and redecorated; money was donated to help refinish the floors and carpeting in the sanctuary and a sum was also donated to the Manse Renaissance project.

This year we are looking to use some of our proceeds to help install new windows in the Douglas Hall kitchen area.



**LOVE INC** is always appreciative of what our church does for them in the way of the gas can ministry, our financial support and our donations to their thrift store Centsible Furnishings.

Diana McDonald is our liaison with Love INC and wanted you to see their letter of gratitude sent this month.

Weirsdale Presbyterian Church and YOU make a difference. and you deserve to know how much you are appreciated!



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April 1, 2024

Congregation  
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Dear Weirsdale Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for demonstrating your belief in the mission of Love INC by your generous support. By being a part of Love INC's giving family, you are doing something remarkable. You are investing in life transformation in your community. Together we really do make things happen!

Each day, people with varied levels of need reach out to ask for help. Your investment ensures that there are resources available when they do. Your partnership is deeply appreciated.

Your gift enables us to continue to nurture the potential of individuals and families through Journey In the Name of Christ (Journey INC), the comprehensive transformational ministry program that has been expanding this year. Feel free to call 352-245-8774 or check out our website at [www.loveincflorida.org](http://www.loveincflorida.org) to learn more about this or any of our other programs. You can also let us know if you'd like to receive a weekly email that details the stories of some of the people your generosity is helping.

It is a privilege to work with you to transform lives and communities!

Together in Ministry,

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### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

**If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please contact BIRDIE ROBERTS.**

**330-322-3996**

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### MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Head Usher: June Matson**  
**Liturgist: Russ Matson**  
**Communion Setup: Ilene Newton**  
**Lock-up: Jean Cox**



**As always, if you cannot serve as listed, PLEASE find a substitute.**

**And thank you for your willingness to serve our church!**



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