

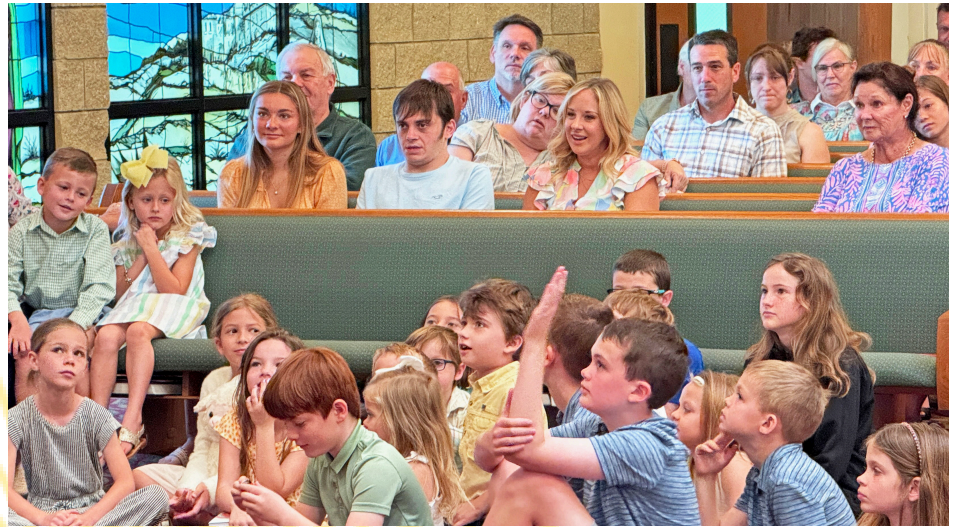


# Glad Tidings

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"The Egg is Empty, The Tomb was Empty" -  
Pastor Oscar's Time for Children



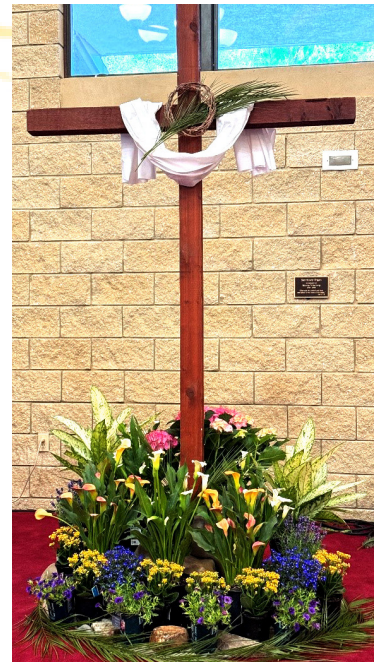
Kids listening to the Time for Children

## EASTER MORNING 2024

He is Risen



Passing the Peace



## Fire from Heaven



There are two stories in the Old Testament that are important to my message this month. The first is the story of the burning bush. Moses encounters God as a burning bush and it speaks to him in his language and consecrates the ground he stands on. This is Moses' commissioning, his call to free the Israelites from the oppression of the Egyptians. The second is when God gives Moses the ten commandments. A storm with lighting (which the Bible calls fire,) and wind surrounds Mount Sinai as God's presence dwells in the midst of his people and signals to them that God is partnering with them.



Rev. Oscar Clavel  
Pastor

Move to the first century A.D. and once again you have a display of fire coming down from Heaven in an upper room in Jerusalem. This time it appears to the disciples as they are praying and worshipping together. They have been awaiting instructions from God on what to do next after the Ascension of Christ. The fire from God touched these disciples but did not consume them. Scripture says it was like tongues of fire, and they began to speak in other languages. Once again, there is a commissioning taking place. God's message will now go to the nations. God's presence becomes fully indwelt within his people.



This is what the message of Pentecost is all about. It is how God, through historical events, confirms His promises for ordinary men and women to go forth and proclaim God's holiness, salvation, and mission. Today, we face the same challenges all disciples have faced as it relates to the cross and the gospel. Our call is to both live and speak Jesus' words. God's fire reminds us that we are not alone. God is partnering with us to do something far greater than we can do on our own. We are called to ignite others, hoping they experience the warmth of God's fire for the first time - - or for the first time in a long time.

Maybe that is why God gives us historical markers like Pentecost to remember year after year so that we don't forget how God keeps sending fire into our lives and setting us ablaze for His purposes and mission.

*Oscar*

The deadline for the **JUNE 2024 GLAD TIDINGS** is Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Send your submissions to [abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org)



## Vacation Bible School Mission Projects 2024

— see Lisa Prewitt about how to help!

### PRIMARY MISSION PROJECT

#### *Cuba & Living Waters for the World*

You have heard when visiting some foreign countries, “*Don’t drink the water.*” That is true when we visit Remedios, Cuba. Pastor Jesus brings in water from a nearby town so that we have water that is safe to drink.

We have formed a partnership with the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC to install a water purification system in the Remedios church. This system, made by *Living Waters for the World*, is capable of producing 1100 liters of clean water (agua limpia) per hour. It will provide safe drinking water for the congregation and it will be shared with the community.



### LOCAL MISSION/SERVICE PROJECT

#### *The Wekiva Foster Closet serving Seminole County Foster and Adoptive Families, and beyond*

What is a foster closet? A foster closet is a free resource that provides items for children who come into foster care, often with little or no personal belongings. Additionally, it aims to support families who chose to open their hearts and homes to fostering children. Babies and young children specifically require so many costly items that are used for such a short period of time. We will collect, clean and organize items from the community, give them to foster families in Seminole County.

VBS is specifically collecting:

- Kids Socks - all sizes
- Kids underwear - new, all sizes
- Travel size toothbrushes
- Travel size toothpaste



We are in desperate need of items such as hygiene products, socks, underwear to meet the immediate needs when children and sibling groups come into foster care. We are connected with the local Sheriffs department and DCF and they send the families our contact information when they receive a new placement. We get calls and texts the morning after a family has said yes to a foster care placement and they come to our location and “shop” for free items for the children. We routinely give 7 outfits, pajamas, hygiene products, toys, or whatever else we may have. The children often accompany their foster parents to pick out clothing or items that interest them.

Thank you for considering supporting the Wekiva Foster Closet.



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Nurture Faith, Support Missions, Work for Justice and Peace, and Build Community*

## ***Birthday Offering Luncheon***

The Birthday Offering luncheon was held on **April 21, 2024**, after church. Lunch was a delicious “All You Can Eat” salad bar and dessert by Ramona Seaver and her band of faithful choppers. **Nancy Warlick** was the guest speaker. She and her husband Bill spent over 40 years as missionaries in Africa. She shared some of her adventures and treasures.

The Birthday Offering is a collection that is sent to the Churchwide PW to support missions. This year Wekiva will be sending **\$444** to support the worthwhile charities. Thank you to everyone who was so generous.

The officers of the PW Coordinating Team were installed by Mary Bell Streetman. We are so fortunate to have **Candace Nile** continue as moderator, **Anne White** as vice-moderator, **Pat Neff** as secretary, and **Kathy Sinclair** as treasurer. Our circle leaders for next year will be **Trina Laing**, **Mary Bell Streetman**, **Sylvia Ballerstein**, and **Martha Newhart** (not pictured.)



**Nancy Warlick, our special guest and mission worker**



**L to R: Kathy Sinclair, Candace Nile, Pat Neff, & Anne White**



**L to R: Sylvia Ballerstein, Trina Laing, & Mary Bell Streetman**

## ***Spring Plant Sale – May 5, 2024, 8am-12pm***

Green’s Nursery will be bringing a wonderful selection of spring plants for you to choose from, just in time for spring planting and gifting. Trina and Lois will have some greeting cards and a few crocheted or knitted friends to take home. Purchases can be made by cash, check, or credit card on the kiosk. If you use the kiosk, please note that it is for the **PW Plant Sale**.





## Voices of Appalachia Summer Concert Tour

May 10, 2024, 7 - 8pm

Wekiva Presbyterian Church

Sanctuary

✧ FREE ✧

Join us for an evening of music as we welcome the Voices of

Appalachia from **Alice Lloyd College** to our church on Friday evening, May 10th at 7pm. The Worship Committee is sponsoring this free concert. The program will blend the unique story of Alice Lloyd with sacred anthems, spirituals, Appalachian folk tunes, and light pop music, all done a cappella.

### A/V CLINIC

- Are you an up-and-comer wanting to dip your toes into volunteering, but not sure how to make a full leap?
- Are you retired and want to give back, but also want to make it to your beach condo once a month?
- Are you a techie?

We need you! We're looking for a few volunteers to help on our A/V team. It involves running the cameras, *LiveStream*<sup>®</sup> and video boards. **Scott Prewitt** will take us through a typical Sunday morning and share the opportunities available!

Please join us **Sunday, May 5th at 11am**- it should only last an hour. We look forward to seeing you there!



**The Communication Committee** (formerly Long Range Planning) is proud to report that after **18 months** of design and discussion, the new WPC Brand/Logo has led to a 7 new church signs on property.

This project was only possible because of the generosity of an anonymous donor.

Thanks to **Scott Prewitt, Dave Larson, Kim Harshman, Marcus Hopkins, Scott Wesley, Kimm Brunk and Pastor Oscar** for their work on this. Great job one and all!



**Wed May 1, 2024**

- 9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 1pm - 2pm Book Club  
**Where:** Reception Hall
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club  
**Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall, Crow's Nest
- 5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal  
**Where:** Choir Room
- 7pm - 8pm CE Committee Meeting  
**Where:** via ZOOM
- 7pm - 8:30pm Deacon's Meeting  
**Where:** Reformation Room and Zoom

**Thu May 2, 2024**

- 7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Sat May 4, 2024**

- 9:30am - 11:30am Inquirer's Class (Membership)  
**Where:** Reception Hall, Small Kitchen

**Sun May 5, 2024**

- 8am - 12pm PW Spring Plant Sale  
**Where:** Reception Hall and Parking Lot
- 8:45am - 9:45am Foundations Group  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room
- 8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group  
**Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom
- 8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group  
**Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade  
**Where:** Crow's Nest
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade  
**Where:** Room 110
- 9am - 9:30am Special Session Meeting  
**Where:** Compute Room
- 10am - 11am Children's Worship  
**Where:** Room 107
- 10am - 11am Worship Service  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 11:15am - 12pm A/V Clinic  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group  
**Where:** Education Hall, Crow's Nest

**Mon May 6, 2024**

- 8:30am - 1:30pm Teacher Appreciation - CCC  
**Where:** Education Hall, big kitchen
- 7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal  
**Where:** South Transept Room

**Tue May 7, 2024**

- 9am - 10am Outreach Team  
**Where:** North Transept
- 9:30am - 10:15am CCC Chapel  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Wed May 8, 2024**

- 8:30am - 1:30pm Teacher Appreciation - CCC  
**Where:** Education Hall and Big Kitchen
- 9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
**Where:** Reception Hall
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club  
**Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall, Crow's Nest
- 5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal  
**Where:** Choir Room
- 6:15pm - 7pm Reformation Sunday Planning Meeting  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room
- 7pm - 8pm Mission & Benevolence Committee  
**Where:** Reformation Room
- 7pm - 8pm Worship Committee Meeting  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Thu May 9, 2024**

- 8:30am - 1:30pm Teacher Appreciation - CCC  
**Where:** Education Hall and big kitchen
- 9:30am - 10:30am Fire Marshall inspection
- 10am - 12:30pm Memorial Service, Sandra Payne Becker  
**Where:** Sanctuary, Reception Hall
- 1pm - 2pm Cong Nurture Committee  
**Where:** North Transept
- 2pm - 3pm Caring Friends of Wekiva  
**Where:** Reformation Room
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm HR Committee  
**Where:** Pastor's Office
- 7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Fri May 10, 2024**

- 9:30am - 10:15am CCC Graduation Rehearsal  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 10am - 11:30am PreK Centers  
**Where:** Education Hall and Memorial Garden
- 5pm - 6:30pm Supper for Choir  
**Where:** Reception Hall and Small Kitchen
- 7pm - 8pm Concert - Alice Lloyd College "Voices of Appalachia"  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Sat May 11, 2024**

- 10am - 4pm Rehearsal Kids Club End of Year Program  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Sun May 12, 2024 Mother's Day**

- 8:45am - 9:45am Foundations Group  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room
- 8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group  
**Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom
- 8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group  
**Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade  
**Where:** Crow's Nest
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade  
**Where:** Room 110
- 10am - 11am Children's Worship  
**Where:** Room 107
- 10am - 11am Worship Service Kids Club and Cherubs Sing  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group  
**Where:** Reception Hall, Crow's Nest

**Mon May 13, 2024**

- 9:30am - 10:15am CCC Graduation Rehearsal  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 7pm - 8:30pm CCC Board Meeting  
**Where:** via Zoom
- 7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal  
**Where:** South Transept Room

**Tue May 14, 2024**

- 9am - 10am Outreach Team  
**Where:** North Transept
- 9:30am - 10:15am CCC Chapel  
**Where:** Sanctuary
- 10am - 11:30am PW CT MEETING  
**Where:** Reception Hall
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm Communication Committee Meeting  
**Where:** via Zoom
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm Property Committee  
**Where:** Reception Hall
- 7pm - 9:30pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision  
**Where:** Crow's Nest

**Wed May 15, 2024**

- 8am - 2pm PreK Fun Day  
*Where:* Education Hall
- 9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel  
*Where:* Sanctuary
- 9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
*Where:* Reception Hall
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club  
*Where:* Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall, Crow's Nest
- 5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal  
*Where:* Choir Room

**Thu May 16, 2024**

- 7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
*Where:* Sanctuary

**Fri May 17, 2024 CCC Last Day of School**

- 12pm - 2pm PreK Graduation  
*Where:* Sanctuary and Reception Hall
- 7pm - 9:30pm CNC Movie Night  
*Where:* Crosswalk

**Sat May 18, 2024**

- 10am - 4pm Dress Rehearsal Kids Club End of Year Program  
*Where:* Sanctuary

**Sun May 19, 2024 - Pentecost**

- 8:45am - 9:45am Foundations Group  
*Where:* Wekiva Heritage Room
- 8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group  
*Where:* Reformation Room and via Zoom
- 8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group  
*Where:* Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade  
*Where:* Crow's Nest
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade  
*Where:* Room 110
- 10am - 11am Children's Worship  
*Where:* Room 107
- 10am - 11am Worship Service Senior Recognition  
*Where:* Sanctuary
- 11:30am - 8pm Kids Club End of Year Program  
*Where:* Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Children's Choir Room
- 3pm - 6pm Kids Club End of Year Program Dinner for Children  
*Where:* Education Hall
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group  
*Where:* Education Hall, Crow's Nest
- 4pm - 5pm Youth Committee  
*Where:* Crosswalk



**Mon May 20, 2024**

- 11:30am - 12:30pm Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
*Where:* Education Hall
- 6pm - 7:20pm Finance Committee  
*Where:* Reformation Room
- 7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal  
*Where:* South Transept Room

**Tue May 21, 2024**

- 9am - 10am Outreach Team  
*Where:* North Transept
- 10am - 12:30pm PW Morning Circle  
*Where:* Reception Hall and ZOOM
- 1:30pm - 3:30pm PW Circle Meeting VOTG  
*Where:* Village on the Green, Annex, Spiritual Life Center
- 2pm - 4pm PW Afternoon Circle  
*Where:* North Transept Room
- 6:30pm - 8pm PW Evening Circle  
*Where:* Reception Hall + Zoom

**Wed May 22, 2024**

- 9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
*Where:* Reception Hall
- 5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal  
*Where:* Choir Room
- 6pm - 7pm VBS Volunteer Information Meeting  
*Where:* Reception Hall
- 7pm - 9pm Session Meeting  
*Where:* Reformation Room

**Thu May 23, 2024**

- 7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
*Where:* Sanctuary

**Sun May 26, 2024**

- 8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group  
*Where:* Reformation Room and via Zoom
- 8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group  
*Where:* Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade  
*Where:* Crow's Nest
- 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade  
*Where:* Room 110
- 10am - 11am Children's Worship  
*Where:* Room 107
- 10am - 11am Worship Service  
*Where:* Sanctuary
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group  
*Where:* Education Hall, Crow's Nest

**Mon May 27, 2024**

- Church Office Closed - Memorial Day Holiday
- 7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal  
*Where:* South Transept Room

**Tue May 28, 2024**

- 9am - 10am Outreach Team  
*Where:* North Transept

**Wed May 29, 2024**

- 9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
*Where:* Reception Hall
- 5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal  
*Where:* Choir Room

**Thu May 30, 2024**

- 7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
*Where:* Sanctuary



**SPECIAL DATES IN MAY 2024**

- May 5 — PW Plant Sale and A/V Clinic
- May 10 — Alice Lloyd College Free Concert
- May 12 — Mother's Day
- May 14 — PW CT Meeting
- May 17 — CCC Last Day of School/PreK Grad
- May 21 — PW Circle Meetings
- May 22 — Session Meeting
- May 27 — Church Office Closed - Memorial Day

Note: This calendar shows WPC EVENTS; not any of the support groups, scouting groups, CCC, or other outside events that are part of our Master Schedule.

Go to:  
[www.wekivapresbyterian.org/calendar/](http://www.wekivapresbyterian.org/calendar/)  
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## CNC Nurture Note

### *It's Okay*

We, as humans, have a great love for our pets. If one of our pets becomes frightened, we do our best to calm them down. We once had a dog, a Golden Retriever, who knew when a storm was brewing. She was terrified of the thunder and lightning. She would attempt to put her head under the couch waiting for the storm and then tremble when it came. Of course we, if we could, would've done anything to alleviate her fears.

I have a cat who wears a troubled look from time to time. Sometimes she hears things that frighten her. I find myself telling her, "*It's okay.*" Sometimes stroking her head or holding her in conjunction to my saying, "*It's okay.*"

I was thinking about this today. Doesn't God do the same for us? Doesn't he say, "*Be not afraid. Be at Peace.*" We, as his children, often become frightened of wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, famine, economic failure, and everyday anxiety. The television news is enough to keep us in a state of perpetual fear. But God wants us to remember His words,

*"I'll never leave you nor forsake you."* ~ Deuteronomy 31:6 And if we listen ... really pay close attention to His voice, we will hear Him say, "*It's okay ... it's okay, my child ... Be not afraid.*"

- from a collection of stories written by a man named Steve who died of COVID. Lois Brown knew him.

