

# buzz

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## WMC Library Additions

***Living Successfully with Screwed-Up People* by Elizabeth B. Brown.** Unfortunately, the world is full of screwed-up people. But the good news, says Elizabeth Brown, is that your world no longer has to revolve around them. Brown is a trusted author who writes with brilliant insights and a keen sense of humor.

***Preparing the Children: Information and Ideas for Families Facing Terminal Illness & Death* by Kathy Nussbaum.** The book is accurate, well organized, practical and easy to read.

***Men Are Slobs, Women Are Neat; ... And Other Gender Lies That Damage Relationships* by Kimberly Alyn.** Dr. Kimberly Alyn and Bob Phillips will show you how the gender lies you've been fed most of your life are affecting the way you view the opposite sex.

***52 Things Kids Need from a Dad: What Fathers Do to Make a Lifelong Difference* by Jay Payleitner.** The author, veteran dad of five, who's also struggled with how to build up his children's lives. His book combines straightforward features with step-up-to-the-mark challenges men will appreciate.

***Bad Girls of the Bible And What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs.** Popular storyteller Higgs takes a look at the vamps and tramps of the Bible, searching for the lessons these wicked women have to teach. Higgs retells these biblical stories with rollicking humor and deep insight as she teaches about the nature of sin and goodness.

***The Story, NIV: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People.***

***Shine On: a Story Bible***

***One Cow and Counting* by Page McBrier.** A picture book for children. Published by Heifer Project.

## Does better music grow a bigger church?

I came across an article recently about church music. A minister of music in a large mega church did some informal research trying to connect the quality and style of music to Sunday worship attendance. He found that after visiting large churches with bland music, large churches with great music, and small churches with both bland and great music, that it isn't the music that is primarily attracting more people to church.

So, what did he think was the reason for more people coming to church? From his perspective he decided that if the preaching is relevant and personable, the music will not keep people away. I was relieved to hear that. It is always reassuring that the pressure is not on the song leaders trying to choose music that everyone likes.

I am hoping Waterford is a place where we are not only challenged and drawn in by singing, preaching, and praying together, but also by other things. Maybe our glue is found in our nurture classes, or in our shared welcome, and the many new guests who enter our doors becoming our old friends and church family. In faith this is possible. Realizing that sharing Christ with each other enables us to look beyond the music, we can become a part of each other's lives, supporting each other, and celebrating our shared identity in Christ.

—JD Smucker

## Christmas Music Group

December 14. Mark it on your calendar. Conrad, it is time to dust off that cello you haven't played since high school. Anne, the flute is calling you. Andrew, you can play in church. We will be having our annual Instrumental prelude of Christmas carols before our worship services. The music is good for all ages to play. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. with donuts in mouth and music in our hearts.

More information to come. Send JD a note at [jd@waterfordchurch.org](mailto:jd@waterfordchurch.org) if you are able to participate. The more the "merry-er" (Christmas pun).

—JD Smucker



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## Thank You

After shoulder surgery and five weeks of therapy at Greencroft, I am happy to be home again. Now I am doing therapy three times a week. Thanks for the cards and the beautiful orchid plant. Also, many thanks to my Sunday school class and small group for their thoughtfulness and caring.

—Jane Lehman

## Thank You

Good byes are never easy. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church family and friends. We are adjusting and working at settling into our new home. We are connecting with our new church and making friends here in Austin, and especially enjoying being closer to the grandchildren. We want to say thank you to each of you for your notes and words of encouragement and well wishes. Thank you to the pastoral team for their support and friendships. A big thank you to the Agape Sunday school class for hosting an open house and also for their support, friendships and encouragement. We miss and love you all and pray God's blessing on each of you.

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—Sam and June Wyse

## Old Pews Available

This is a second attempt to reduce the number of church benches that are located around the facility. We will keep a few around for the occasional combined service but you are free to take any bench that is identified with a round green sticker. Some of you wood workers out there may be interested in the wood for other projects. If you have any questions or if you need help getting the pews home, please contact me at facilities@waterfordchurch.org or you can call or text me at 971-1277.

—Jan Oostland, Facilities Manager

## Reading Scripture Together as a Spiritual Act

Did you want to read through the Bible this year, but got waylaid? Do you wish you had a time set aside that could help you get caught up? Are you successfully staying current, but wish you could read together in community? Fear not! Adult Nurture ministry team has your answer. This winter, we are offering an elective Sunday School class so simple it's not even a class. No instructor. No lectures. Just a facilitator and space for people to gather together within God's Word. The nurture hour should provide approximately and exactly enough time for reading that week's Year of the Bible texts. There is a sign up sheet at the Participation Station. Contact Aaron Lehman if you have questions.

## Dig-In Book Return

We are waiting for people and classes who are currently studying the *Dig-In* study books to return them. They need to be distributed to the classes that will be using them next quarter. There is a "Dig-In book return" box on the lost and found table by the library for people to place them the next couple of weeks. Please make sure you turn in your books when you are finished with them this quarter.

## Website Face-lift

If you have been to our website in the past week, you should notice some exciting changes. We have updated our website with a new look, new features and some new information. It is now more visually appealing with Year of the Bible resources available. The new live streaming url is <http://www.waterfordchurch.org/stream> or you can access the live streaming by entering the url or going to waterfordchurch.org and click on Live Worship Streaming under the worship tab. The old url for streaming will no longer work. This new streaming will allow mobile and mac users to view the services. Our new website is more user friendly and we are in the process of adding new features. Make sure you check it out!