

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
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Invitation to Engage!

Coffee Chat Chix will continue meeting **Tuesdays around 4:30pm** at Common Grounds/Slow-Rise of Woodway.

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, **February 25** at 1 pm for fellowship and Bible study. Karen Groman will be the hostess and Anne Stewart will lead the discussion of lesson 6. All are welcome!

Shrove Tuesday is February 25 - join us in the Activities Center at 5:30pm for a **Pancake (and Keto Waffle) Supper** followed by the **Burning of the Palms** at 6:15.

Ash Wednesday Service, with Communion, will be February 26 at 7 pm.

A **Community Involvement Workday** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 29** at several sites around Waco. We will celebrate our 151st anniversary much like we celebrated our 150th! Mark your calendar and come **LEAP into SERVICE** with us! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for a variety of service opportunities (sewing for local nursing home residents, testing items for Caritas in a thrift store, preparing donated tools for resale in a new local ministry for working laborers, and delivering gratitude to our community service folks) morning and afternoon.

First Wednesday Cookout will be **March 4th** in the Activity Center from 5-7:15.

Second Tuesday Supper will be **March 10** at 6 pm at Logan's Roadhouse, 2806 West Loop 340 (Marketplace). Please RSVP to Anne Stewart at 512-966-9876 so we can save you a seat!

Prayer Requests

- for everyone born, a place at the table;
- for Carl Carson, who would love a call while at St. Catherine's (room 3105, 761-8105);
- for Carl Kuhnle, who is now continuing to recover at home;
- for Andrew Shull as doctors continue to seek better mobility and relief for him;
- for those affected by sudden or drawn out diagnoses, storms, or situations;
- in gratitude for all those who helped to plan, execute and attend the Valentine's Banquet and Sock Hop last weekend;
- for our members, friends, and congregation, that we may grow in health and wellness as we follow the light of Christ in service to our community!

Greetings from Pastor Judith

Greetings, Central Friends and Family!

First, let me say thank you to all of you who helped to make the Valentine Banquet and Sock Hop the sweet Koinonia event it was! I also want to thank those of you who took pictures and videos to share with me, and those who made it possible for me to travel with my family to pay our last respects to the boys' Grandpa Bill. I felt the love this Valentine's, and I hope you did, too!

Just around the corner now is Shrove Tuesday, when we gather again at church to have breakfast for supper, to worship, and to burn last years' palms (preparing to prepare for Easter--that day when the folly and tragedy of the cross become a joyful celebration of the Risen Life given to us freely by God through Jesus Christ).

Because Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-2) in preparation for his new life of ministry, we prepare for 40 days (not counting Sundays). Lent is a time for us to reflect on our own lives, our own habits, our own anchors that can, at times, either hold us steady or hold us back from being the best people we could be.

We can use this time to understand our own weaknesses and shortcomings, remembering that we are mortal; we can also use the time to discover new practices, remembering that we are made in the image of God. We may feel insignificant in the eyes of the world, but we are significant enough for God to love us and want to work through us.

The virtue I'd like to increase is Gratitude. I will add a time of gratitude at the end of my morning prayer and meditation, keeping a gratitude journal (thanks to a Tuesday coffee regular) and writing a personal thank-you card each day. The shortcoming I would like to reduce is wasted time. I will fast from playing games (solitaire, soduko, dots) and mindlessly "surfing" the internet on my phone. My hope is that by Easter, I will be able to look back and see the ways Christ has been calling me out of the grave all along--and that I will be able to faithfully dedicate more of my ways to his Way.

The Lenten Challenge for us this year is to take a personal and a corporate inventory. How might we fast in order to leave the past behind and walk into the future together with Christ? And, how might we feast to enlarge or embolden our Christian journey?

What is your hope, both personally and as a member of this community, this Lenten Season?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Judith



Celebrating Birthdays

Neal Rhoden - February 21
Rogan Deivanayagam - March 2
Don Wall - March 3
Rosemary Duncan - March 8
Gabe Bierwirth - March 8
Laura Clifton - March 9



**(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)**

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