

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
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Invitation to Engage!

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

Worship Leaders Wanted! We are looking for help with liturgy in worship. What is liturgy? Literally, it is the "work of the people." Liturgists at Central generally lead the printed Call to Worship and Opening Prayer and read the first Scripture of the day, all of which is provided a few days ahead of time. On some occasions, liturgists who have served before as elders or deacons may also help with Communion. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for those who are interested (or feel nudged by God).

A **Community Involvement Workday** is scheduled for **THIS Saturday, February 29th!!** Wear one of your church shirts and show up to help us to become the hands and feet of Christ reaching into our community!

10 AM - CARITAS--3912 Bosque Hidden Treasures Thrift Store (team leader, Angela C)

FRIENDS FOR LIFE--430 Lake Air in the Tool Shed Thrift Store (team leader, Judy R)

SEWING IS CARING--In our Garden Room. (team leader, Laura C)

10 AM - PUBLIC SERVICE APPRECIATION-- Meet in the Activity Center, and we will caravan to the local Safety Departments once our appreciation baskets are assembled. (team leader, Melissa R)

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!

NEW! Game Day Fellowship on the third Tuesdays - March 17 - noon to 2ish in the Garden Room. Bring finger foods or a snack to share. And wear green for St. Paddy's Day!

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 at home, that his hand may improve so that he can get back to driving;
- for Andrew Shull, who is recovering after neck surgery, that his pain and mobility will improve;
- for Tricia Tolbert, who is in Little Rock with her siblings to spend last times with their mother. May these times be sweet and blessed;
- for David Rodgers, who is at home recovering from a procedure to correct a detached retina;
- 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!

I want to tell you about my experiences of God yesterday on Ash Wednesday, and I also want to give you something to think about as we begin our Lenten journey. I don't know that these will hang together well, but I feel that God's presence may help us discern God's call through our human experience. Let me know what you sense...

Yesterday started out COLD and BLUSTERY. The cones that had been placed the night before to hold a space for us had been moved. Cars were in the way. The wind prevented us from getting the canopy over the tent poles. We put the canopy away and parked the sandwich sign behind my car. Ashes To Go! But it was so blustery, would anyone come?

And then a church member showed up. We got out the ashes. We chatted. We imposed ashes, recognizing the fleeting nature of our lives and the immense power of the love we get to share. And then a sweet family came

by, because of children curious about the cross on the sign. And then I got a call that someone at Wesley Woods wanted ashes, and all of the sudden, ashes were on the move. I held mini services in rooms and larger impositions in common areas of four area residential places. I spoke with current and former members, with staff, with kids walking home from school, and with so many lovely, lonely, encouraging, seeking spirits. The day ended at home with my family, with you all, remembering Christ and setting out on this journey to the cross.

One of those kids walking by Royal Manor after school asked me why ashes are even a thing. "Was it that whale guy's fault?" he asked. WOW! We talked about running away from God and being angry with God. I say again, WOW.

That whale guy, Jonah, was sent to confront the Ninevites, who responded by mourning, wearing sackcloth, sitting in ashes, and fasting. Jonah was furious. Have you ever felt like the Ninevites, willing to receive God's mercy and love? Or have you ever felt like Jonah, angry with God for showing mercy to your enemies? The remarkable thing is God had mercy and compassion for both Jonah and the Ninevites.

Wearing ashes on our foreheads is a sign of humility and a remembrance of the mercy and grace we have in Christ. As we enter this season of Lent, I pray that our hearts may be humbled as we receive God's mercy and compassion. Like the Ninevites, let us mourn the brokenness in our cities and us and pray that the God of peace will bring mercy and healing.

Genesis 3:19: "Remember you are dust, and to the dust you shall return."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Judith



Celebrating Birthdays

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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