

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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*Remember to set your
clocks ahead
Saturday night!*

Invitation to Engage!

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).

Second Tuesday Supper will be **March 10** at 6 pm at Logan's Roadhouse, 2806 West Loop 340 (Marketplace). Please invite a friend and RSVP to Anne Stewart at 512-966-9876 so we can get a big enough table!

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!

Lenten Fish Fry will be **Sunday, March 22**, in the Activities Center immediately following worship. We look forward to the wonderful fare prepared by our Central family--don't forget to bring a side dish to share.

NEW! Renowned Presbyterian Musician, David LaMotte, in concert March 27th - 7pm at First Presbyterian Church, Ennis, TX. Pastor Judith is going (he has been a favorite of hers ever since she saw him at Montreat about 20 years ago), and has room in her car for one or two more. Free tickets are being "sold" through Eventbrite. Let Judith know, and she can reserve some for you!

NEW! Easter Egg Hunt at Central is being planned for the week before Easter on **Saturday, April 4th**. Collection bins will be in the Narthex for candy, small treats, and the plastic eggs to stuff them in. Like the Trunk or Treat event, we want to have a group to help plan, advertise, and execute this as a service to our community. Please help as you can, with donations of Easter treats, time, creativity and good old Christian hospitality! An informal meeting to plan and gather ideas will be held in the Parlor after church this Sunday, March 8th. Thank you :)

Countdown to Easter!

We are learning all about the Joy we find through following Jesus during Lent. Last week's symbol of the journey was a sparkling stole for the cross (Matthew 11:28). There are still a few crosses, with stoles, in the Narthex for those who didn't get one. This week's symbol will help us remember to open ourselves to the strength and guidance of the Spirit on this journey. Come see what it is!!

Easter is **April 12th**. There will be an Easter Sunrise Celebration and Breakfast (potluck/finger foods) at the **Poage Park Pavillion**. We will Flower the Cross in the sanctuary in between. And a joyous worship of the Risen Lord is being planned with Communion, guest musicians, and lots of praise, followed by a release of butterflies in the Memorial Garden afterwards.

Plan to come **April 19th** for Bright Sunday, a service of humor and praise for the victory over death that Christ has given us.

Prayer Requests

- for everyone born, a place at the table;
- for Carl Carson, and Carl Kuhnle, that each may know love and care as they continue to recover from falls;
- 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 after the death last Thursday of their mother. May the memorial services be a sign of God's sweet strength and care for all her friends and family at this time;
- for David Rodgers, who is recovering well from eye surgery, even though the process is slow. Come show him some love this Sunday as he brings the message from the pulpit;
- 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 start this time with you in prayer. There is so much going on in our lives right now that can pull us toward fear or worry. Let's remember that God is always with us, that Christ's presence is able to strengthen and guide us, and that the Spirit of love and encouragement lives in us. Read (or remember) John 3:16 & 17. Breathe in, breathe out, and thank God for the gifts of Life and Love within.

Have you seen *Frozen*? Olaf was a goofy, lovable snowman whose music and general hi-jinks were a treat to watch. Little children loved him! Their peels of unabashed and contagious laughter still ring in my ears.

Breathing in and out in meditation, Olaf came to mind as a sage, and a thoughtful Christian example. He leads with his heart. He chooses love and connection above all else, even his own life... "Some people are worth melting for." "An act of true love will thaw a frozen heart." "Love is putting someone else's needs before your own." Words to live by, and the message at the heart of Jesus' teachings.

As we continue our Lenten Journey, as we ponder the Life given in love, for love, by Love. Let us remember that *we are loved* and asked to love as we have been loved. Breathe in, breathe out. God of all creation, remind us that our greatest calling is to care for others with a selfless and loving heart. Grant us the wisdom to recognize the leading of Jesus, your beloved son, as we journey together towards that New Easter Life!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Judith

PS. Thanks to Rev. Sarah McCaslin for the Olaf example, and to Father Richard Rohr (a progressive contemplative monk) who says, "God's one-of-a-kind job description is that God actually uses our problems to lead us to the full solution. God is the perfect Recycler, and in the economy of grace, nothing is wasted, not even our worst...most stupid mistakes." (*A Lever and a Place to Stand* 2012)



Celebrating Birthdays

Rosemary Duncan - March 8
Gabe Bierwirth - March 8
Laura Clifton - March 9
Heather Franks - March 22
Stephanie Scott - March 26
Jack Kelley - March 31



**(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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