



March 12, 2020

Invitation to Engage!

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 (LaMotte 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!

Countdown to Easter! We are learning all about the Joy we find through following Jesus during Lent. First for our crosses was a sparkling stole (Matthew 11:28). Last week we placed little compasses on the cross, a symbol of the guidance of the Spirit we have through Christ (Galatians 5:25). There are still crosses with stoles, compasses and Scriptures in the Narthex for your home prayer station if you didn't get one. This week's symbol will help remind us of the ways Jesus gives us exactly what we need. 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 prior to a joyous worship of our Risen Lord. We will have Communion, guest musicians, and lots of praise, followed by a release of butterflies in the Memorial Garden.

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

NEW! Volunteer to help Caritas! The Spring onto Summer food drive is on **Saturday, April 18th**. This is in conjunction with the local Walmarts and helps several of the food pantries in town (including Caritas!) prepare for the busier summer months. Caritas needs volunteers to help fill 2-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested? Contact our own Andrew Bryngelson at 254-753-4593 ext. 203 or abryngelson@caritas-waco.org Thanks!



The Dorothy and Ted Talbot Memorial Book Drive will benefit the Talitha Koum Institute, which provides research based trauma-informed childcare and early education for infants through four year olds. <https://www.talithakoum.org/>

The best options for donating are board books and "Indestructibles" that feature diversity and / or early learning concepts. If you haven't purchased a board book in a while, some CeccatoPierce family favorites are Margaret Wise Brown, Eric Carle, Ezra Jack Keats, and Dr. Seuss. We've recently discovered Baby Lit, Todd Parr, and Roger Priddy. They have also read (and highly recommend) several from this list: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/21-childrens-books-every-black-kid-should-read_n_565f176be4b072e9d1c43b0a

If you've never purchased an "Indestructibles" book, you'll be surprised by the durable construction and beautiful artwork. They are available at Fabled, Barnes and Noble, and Amazon.

Books can be donated in the narthex at church or Angela will be happy to pick them up. Call 254 339 3097.

Prayer Requests

- for everyone born, a place at the table;
- 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!

We are thirsty for many things. What do you thirst for today? Why? Might your thirsts and desires belie a deeper thirst within?

Read John 4: 11-15. This passage comes within a longer conversation, in fact it is the longest conversation recorded between Jesus and anyone. He is speaking to the Samaritan woman, who becomes one of the first missionaries for Jesus. This story of a lone woman coming to the well for water, and then leaving her water jug behind in order to joyfully go and tell others about Jesus--well it speaks of just this very thing.

As humans we have several thirsts. Other than physical and spiritual sustenance (food, water, love), most of life's questions boil down to: Who am I? and What is my purpose or calling?

We may find ourselves thirsting at the world's wells found in the media (TV, magazines, social media) or even from friends and family...but their answers will not satisfy and we will find ourselves seeking answers again and again.

By turning to Jesus, however, we discover, both individually and collectively, that we are God's beloved children who are to join in God's mission (the church) of reconciling people one to another and to God. This is our identity and our purpose, to love others as we have been loved, and to teach them to go and do the same.

As Easter draws closer, let us do two things. Let us draw closer to one another that we might listen and understand our neighbors' needs and hunger. And, let us draw closer to God that the Unconditional Love, Strength, and Renewal of Life might be reflected through Christ in all we do.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Judith



Celebrating Birthdays

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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