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Invitation to Innovate!

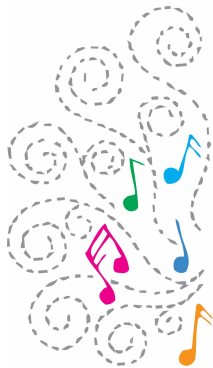
20 Days of Devotionals remain available On-Demand

Pastor Judith has completed the devotional series on James. Days ONE through TWENTY will remain on our Facebook page, and can be found by clicking on the link below. Each day we spent just a few minutes in prayer, reading through the Letter of James, and pondering its relevance to our situation today (pandemic times). Suggested action steps and prayers to help mature your faith through the struggle of these times are included.

If these were of any value to you, please like them, comment on them, or share them.

Posted on our Facebook page, and viewable [here](#).

Watch for the next series on Philippians to come in September!



Don't forget our
Wednesday Live @ Five on
Facebook

Request your favorites by
[clicking here!](#)



BYOB

COFFEE @ CPC

(or your beverage of choice--BYOB)

Tuesdays at 4:30pm**

OR

Wednesdays at 8am**

Under the Portico in front of the AC
Coffee, conversation, connection,
and prayer!

**Pastor is on staycation...she may show up, she may not :)

Get Connected!



Bring/Purchase/Cook
your own dinner,
-wear a mask & distance-
:)

NEW & IMPROVED--

EVERY TUESDAY SUPPER CLUB!!

GAIL H. HAS AGREED TO BE THE SCHEDULER

[\(EMAIL HER HERE\)](#)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN OUTDOOR
(think patio, park, restaurant)

TUESDAY SUPPER FOR A SMALL GATHERING,
EMAIL GAIL AND SIGN UP FOR A 1ST, 3RD, 4TH,
OR THE RARE 5TH TUESDAY

(2nd Tuesday, is hosted on Zoom from the Fleuriet's home)

Give Blood Give Life

Sign-up
and
Complete
Paperwork
Below

September 9th and 12th
(or you can go directly to the center)

CPC versus FPC

friendly competition

tell all your friends and neighbors

(seriously--this is a David and Goliath competition)

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[Wed. 9/9: 10 -2:40](#)

[Sat. 9/12: 10 -2:40](#)

Creating Sacred Community Online

(Buttons for Zoom and Facebook can take you to our Sunday services

from the church webpage at www.cpcwaco.org)

Sunday Morning - Click [HERE](#) (a link to our Zoom services on Sunday)

9:10 AM Gathering/Fellowship

9:35 ish Adult Sunday School

Genesis Class is studying from the Letter to the Romans with Rev. Rodgers on Zoom.

The Men's Class studies from the lectionary with Elder Bryngelson, meeting this Sunday in the Memorial Garden. (Masks, distancing, and remaining outdoors will be observed).

10:30 AM Gathering and Prayer

10:40 AM Worship in the same zoom space ([link](#)), though we will also go [live on Facebook](#)

(that's a link to our Sunday Worship at 10:45. A recording will remain posted for viewing "on demand" later). Please leave a greeting in the comments section and invite others to join us on Zoom and/or Facebook (you can also call in by phone starting as early as 9:10 for Sunday school).

Order of Worship for this Sunday, August 30, will be sent via email on Friday.

Last Sunday's Sermon Notes

Greetings,

Today's sermon was a message from the middle of Matthew's gospel when Jesus stops and asks the disciples if they, and the people around, understand who he is. Peter is the one who answers, and upon whom the church is built.

Can we answer Jesus' questions today? Who do the people say he is? And who do we say he is? Or, perhaps we don't really need to come up with or speak an answer (unless you or someone you know is ready to join the church or be baptized!!!). Perhaps what we most need to do is to keep Christ central in everything we do.

If we are not living and moving in Christ, if we are not connected in worship and study and service and fellowship, if we are not attached to the vine and in some stage of the fruit-bearing process, then we might not BE a church. It has nothing to do with whether our building is open or closed. It has everything to do with our vital signs. We want to be actively centering our lives and our service around Christ and what the Spirit is up to in the world. If the doctor were to take our vital signs, we want to be found on fire and blood pumping (I would pound the pulpit for that line!).

I know the Pandemic is tiresome, but it is real, and it is causing suffering and pain. Do not try to play the partisan card. Do pay attention to the needs of your neighbor, and to how we might show kindnesses or mobilize resources to care for others. Let's make sure that people can know something of who Christ is by watching us.

Keep Christ central; get some healthy spiritual routines going and re-calibrate as needed.

Grace and Peace,
Judith

COVID is going to be around a while...

We are beginning to meet for fellowship and study in small groups (less than 10) and in outdoor settings, taking all precautions (masks, distance, if ANY symptoms, stay home).

We look forward to the time when it will be safe for everyone to return to worship at the church. [Click here](#) to watch a balanced and informative video about all of the considerations when that time comes. The portion beginning at minute 42 speaks of how we might move to a hybrid gathering. Please watch, and let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Session and staff are working on plans to continue connecting for worship, fellowship and service, giving honor to God and doing our part to prevent illness.

Grace and Peace!

From the Finance Committee:

For the month of July, we had a deficit (more expenditures than receipts) of \$1,689.50 and for June a deficit of \$3,366.03, leaving us with a deficit year-to-date of \$597.77. This is a negative trend about which the Session and Finance Committee has some concern. Our receipts to date are down compared to our budget, and even though our expenditures are also lower than budgeted, we still have a deficit at this point in the year. These budget differences are primarily the result of not having church activities in our building (no loose offering or building use donations, causing lower receipts and less use of utilities and other occupancy costs helping to lower expenditures). During this pandemic time, church, while different, has continued and we have paid all our staff at the budgeted amounts as well as continuing to support the other local agencies (Caritas, Compassion Ministries, Mission Waco) supported by our church.

The church's investment returns, year-to-date, with the Texas Presbyterian Fund are now slightly positive, having been down by over \$135,000 at the end of March.

The Finance Committee is grateful for our congregation's commitment to regular and generous giving during this times. We would invite those who are able to please continue to financially support our church and its ministries. Thank you.

Prayer Requests

- for the family of Earle Guthrie (our beloved church organist for many years)
 - Visitation at Wilkirson Hatch Bailey on Sunday, 8/30 from 3-5pm
 - Funeral at DaySpring Baptist Church on Monday, 8/31 at 10am
 - Mailing address for Jane Guthrie: **5400 Laurel Lake Dr, Apt. 109N; Waco, TX 76710**
- for Denyse's father Frank, as he continues treatment for lymphoma (you can get updates on his care and condition here: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankseaman>)
- for Allison's mother Michelle, also being treated for cancer;
- for Les (who recently got good news--a smaller tumor) and also for Joyce (being treated for a-fib)
- for Bill Carson, for Carl and Billie Kathryn, Pat and Don , and for all who are isolated at home;
- for Courtney, a young mother (with a two year old) recently diagnosed with Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer
- for Anne who is continuing to heal and struggle with kidney issue
- school systems of all levels and sizes, especially educators, students, and all the staff and community;
- for firefighters, first-responders and so many who have suffered loss from the forest fires and derachos;
- for Stevie Walker Webb, his solidarity and protest on behalf of his brother \$UN Waco Trib front page)
- for the wisdom and hope of Christ to be carried in us, in our words and deeds, in our light and love;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!

Celebrating Birthdays

Robbie Cagle - August 26

Gloria Johnson - August 26

Victor Ceccato-Pierce - September 2

David Hegar - September 8

Timothy Bierwirth - September 9

Sara Alexander - September 17

Randy Castillo - September 26

Judith March Hardie - September 28

Morgan Williams - September 29

Nancy Jackson - September 30

(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!)



Sunday Worship

Order of Worship
for August 30

Will be sent via email on Friday

***The Zoom Room will be opened at 9:10 for gathering fellowship and prayer requests;
Sunday school generally starts after 9:30.***

At 10:40, Worship will be Live on Facebook (and shared through Zoom).

Please utilize the Zoom chats and Facebook comments to greet one another, etc.

The Weekly News is published each Tuesday and sent to members via email.

It is also mailed to members who do not have email or desire a printed copy.