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Invitation to Inreach (Fellowship/Care)!

Second Tuesday Supper TONIGHT!

Join us ONLINE and enjoy a meal together!

Tuesday, October 13

6 - 7 pm

<https://mclennan.zoom.us/j/9968661260>



**Wednesdays
5pm
On Facebook**

[Click here to request a song.](#)

Click on the graphic to go to our Facebook Livestream.

Coffee UP

(AKA Coffee Under the Portico)

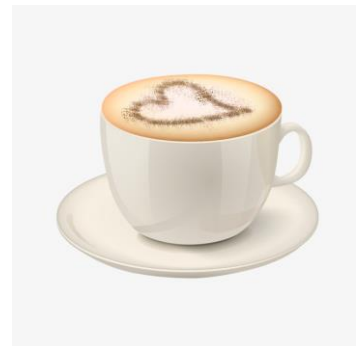
Come sit for a bit to share prayer and encouragement!

Tuesday Afternoons 4:30-5:45pm

Wednesday Mornings 8-9:15am

Chairs and distancing provided.

Bring your own beverage and mask.



[Click to join on Zoom](#)

Invitation to Outreach



PC(USA) Research Services is conducting 3 Listening Sessions and an Online Survey to help us in our search for a new General Presbyter.

Listening Sessions will be conducted via ZOOM, [registration required](#).

Thursday 10/8, 7-8:15pm

Tuesday 10/20, 7-8:15pm

Thursday 10/22, 1-2:15pm

Dr. Susan Barnett will send out anonymous surveys by email.

Your address will be neither sold nor used for other notifications/ads.

Please [email ME Clary](#) in the presbytery offices to get a survey invitation.

Join Central's Virtual CROP Walk Team!!

CPCWaco invites you to join our team for the Virtual Heart of Texas CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Over the past 50 years, tens of thousands of walkers have raised more than \$500 million through the annual CROP Hunger Walk. The Heart of Texas walk always raises around \$2500, making it one of the most successful fundraisers for a small community walk. For 2020, our local beneficiary is Caritas of Waco. For more information, click the picture below.

Join our team as a walker or sponsor a member of our team who will walk in isolation or with their family. Contact [Denyse](#) for more information or to sign up.

Note: Please plan to take some pictures and/or video of you walking (in your CPC shirt), and watch for a time to gather at church for a socially distanced team picture in the next couple of weeks. We will be compiling a short 3 minute video to submit for the Facebook Live HOT Crop Hunger Walk.



Join the CPC Virtual Walkers: Denyse, June, Meg, Laura, Judith, and Vik
(Last year we had about a dozen walkers. Please consider joining us in raising funds to fight hunger!)

Invitation to Upreach!

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 Jay, 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).

When joining us for worship, whether "in sync" or "on demand," please use the chat room or comments section to pass the peace and let us know you are "here."

Order of Worship for this Sunday, October 18, is at the bottom of this email.

Special Service Coming on November 1 (don't forget to fall back an hour)

Save the date for a Drive-In Service (you stay in your cars). We are planning to lead worship and singing from the Narthex Patio and Memorial Garden area, broadcasting over FM radio.
We will also worship online for those who are not able to come.

Prayer Concerns

- for Don Wall who is home recovering after a fall;
- for the Waco ISD High Schoolers and educators adjusting to a fairly sudden shift to online learning;
- for Olivia's FIL Paul who is struggling with circulatory health and an abdominal aneurism;
- for those suffering with Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse;
- for the threat and ripple effects of everything to do with this Pandemic;
- Denyse's father Frank, as he tries to rest and recover through the chemo treatment schedule (you can get updates on his care and condition here: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankseaman>);
- for Allison's mother Michelle, Meg's cousin Libby, and others struggling with Cancer;
- for Bill Carson, for Carl and Billie Kathryn, Les and Joyce, Don and Pat, and all who are isolated at home;
- for Gloria, Nancy, Latisha, Brian, and others suffering pain or illness;
- for Tessa, a 10 year old recently diagnosed with Lupus;
- for the team from Central creating community through a reverse Trick-or-Treat;
- for cities and nations who suffer from natural or social disasters;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!

Celebrating Birthdays



Gail Hegar - October 14
Madison Rhoden - October 15
Carl Carson - October 20
Rich Riley - October 21
Matt Bierwirth - October 23
Patricia Tolbert - October 27
Charlie Tolbert - October 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!)

from Pastor Judith

Greetings,

Preaching on these last couple of parables (Wicked Tennants last week and Wedding Banquet a couple of days ago) is challenging because for so much of history they have pointed to the Wrath of God and have caused many to judge Judaism harshly. There is already too much hate in our world, and I am certain that it is our human fear and not our godly faith that has interpreted these texts in this way. It's time for a fresh look!

What could God be saying to us through the Parable of the Wedding Feast now? This parable is also told by Luke (chapter 14), where bringing in the poor, crippled, blind and lame is emphasized, as well as gathering people in from the city streets and country lanes. Matthew's version (chapter 22) seems to emphasize anger and violence (which has been a lived experience for many, both then and now). What both have in common is that Jesus is addressing the Pharisees. He wants them to open their eyes and see their own complicity in being too busy for God and too harsh in judgement of others. Are we also complicit?

Jackie DeShannon just popped into my head--"What the world needs now, is love, sweet love. No, not just for some, but for everyone." Look up the lyrics to the song (I just did). Why it is that religions develop rules and judgements is beyond me--except that we are proud humans who forget to put God/Love first. What if the second coming of Christ/Love happens as we put God first in our living, if we focus on what we can give rather than take, if we learn to be fully and lovingly present with God and one another? My favorite of the six great ends of the church was always "exhibit the kingdom of heaven to the world." How can we pool our efforts, our gifts, the work and worship of our fellowship towards this goal? Let's do it!

Grace and Peace,
Judith

Sunday Worship

Order of Worship October 18

Call to Worship

With eyes to see, and ears to hear,

With lips to sing, and hands to help:

Let us worship God

With the fullness of our being.

Hymn # 428 We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,

And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first fruits give.

To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,

To tend the lonely in distress, Is angels' work below.

The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,

To teach the way of life and peace - It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be;

Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

Opening Prayer

O God, in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

Isaiah 45:1-7

Hymn # 400 When We Are Living

***When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, We belong to God, we belong to God.***

***Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, We belong to God, we belong to God.***

***Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, We belong to God, we belong to God.***

***Across this wide world, we shall always find Those who are crying with no peace of mind,
But when we help them, or when we feed them, We belong to God, we belong to God.***

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, hear our prayer. There is pain and there is sorrow, there are broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are the cause of those things. We have caused pain. We have broken the relationship. Sometimes we are simply a part of them - we are the ones who suffer, we are the ones who are broken. So we ask for your forgiveness, and we ask for your healing. Beyond that, we ask that you would help us turn from our former selves to the persons you have created us to be, full of mercy and grace and love. Through Christ, who is our example, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Offering/Offertory

Hymn # 435 We All Are One in Mission

***We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.***

***We all are called for service To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.***

***Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.***

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