



October 20, 2020

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Invitation to Inreach (Fellowship/Care)!

Family-Friendly Halloween Movie & Costume Contest

Saturday, October 31st

6:30 Arrival, set up blankets in marked, socially distant areas

6:50ish Movie Starts

Pictures can be taken of costumes prior to the movie, or you can submit a picture here.

We will vote by applause after the movie.

Coffee with Pastor Judith

(We are moving inside the Activity Center, maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, and limited to 30 people-lol let's make that an issue :D)

Come sit for a bit to share prayer and encouragement!

(Tuesdays on hiatus for now)

Wednesday Mornings 8-9:15am

Chairs and distancing provided.
Bring your own beverage and mask.



Click the coffee cup to join on Zoom



Wednesdays

5pm

On Facebook

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

Click on the graphic to go to our Facebook Livestream.

November Fish Fry!

Click [here](#) to let us know how many Fish Dinners you would like
Fried or Baked
and Pick-up or Delivery

Save the Date--November 15th



Invitation to Outreach (Community Involvement)



PC(USA) Research Services is conducting 2 more 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](#).

Tonight - 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.

Mission Waco's Toy Store is ON!

- **Because we haven't been collecting Change for Change, please participate by making your donation to Change for Change now (send check to church).**
- **This year there are two ways to donate toys.**
 - **1) Shop and bring your purchases to the church on or before Sunday Morning, November 29th;**
 - **2) Shop Mission Waco's Wish List [HERE](#) and have Amazon deliver your toys to your home or the church.**
- **NEW rolls of Gift Wrap will also be collected at the church**



Volunteers Wanted
Processing Donations
or
Help with store 12/1-3

Contact Cheryl
cws7941@aol.com or
254-366-2135

BIKER TOY RUN will pick up toys Sunday, November 29th!

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.**

For more information about CROP Walk, click the picture below.

Please put 2pm, Sunday, October 25 on your calendars to gather at the church (in your CPC shirts) for a group photo/video for our CROP Walk. Feel free to make or have your kids/grandkids make signs and posters for us. The more the merrier! Andrew will take photos/video of us (3 minute limit) and submit it to the Waco walk.

Thanks for your support. As of today, we've raised \$875 of our \$1500 goal.

There's still time to 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.



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!)

Carter Bloodmobile NOVEMBER 14th 10am - 3pm

Click the picture to schedule your appointment.



Please share this info with your friends and neighbors so that we can beat our personal best (10 pints).

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 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 25, 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.

The liturgist, preacher, and choir members will be broadcast over FM radio.

(We think it will be 88.9, but will find the best station that morning.)

The broadcast will only be available to those in/near our parking lot.

Greeters will meet you at the entrance to parking, and give you a church directory, a bulletin, and communion packets for everyone in the car.

For those worshipping from home, you can find us on Zoom for Sunday School, and on Facebook Live for worship---make sure you have your bread and cup ready for communion!

Prayer Concerns

- for Annaliza, 13, and her mother with Covid;
- for John DeVries, who is recovering from several broken bones in a car accident;
- for Phil Oliver and family of his father, Marvin E. Oliver, who passed away earlier this month;
- for Latisha Knight and Chris Clifton, who will each be seeing specialists in Houston this week;
- for Don Wall, who visited the ER after a fall;
- for Bill Carson, for Carl and Billie Kathryn, Les and Joyce, Don and Pat, and all who are isolated at home;
- for for Gloria, Nancy, Latisha, Brian, and others suffering pain or illness;
- for cities and nations who suffer from natural or social disasters;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!

Celebrating Birthdays

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!)



Sermon Notes

Greetings,

We know that the Israelites lived a precarious life for many generations. In Jesus' time, their culture was highly religious, though the religious leaders often worked along with the Roman oppressors in order to maintain their way of living. A Galilean revolt was recorded by historians of the time in year 6, protesting the Census Tax, or Head Count Tax, being levied on Judeans by the Roman Governor Quirinius of Syria. Israel's land had recently been annexed under the Syrian district, but Judeans resisted paying taxes to Romans on when the land was given them by God. Hence the tricky tax question posed to Jesus in the Temple by the religious leaders--they were trying to ensnare him.

Instead of answering the yes or no question, Jesus pointed out that even the religious authorities carried Roman denarii (and therefore had some type of allegiance to Roman leaders and ideologies). Jesus was teaching the crowds (including us) to give to God what is God's. And, as we all bear the Imago Dei, the Image of God, we belong to God. We, ourselves, are created as tributes to God.

Realizing this, how might our ways of living and giving change in order to live more fully into paying tribute to God, the Creator of All?

This coming Sunday, we will conclude our time listening to the questioning and the parables of Jesus at the Temple during his last week in Jerusalem. A Pharisee has one more question about the Law.... I'll look forward to seeing you in church (via Zoom).

Grace and Peace,
Judith

Sunday Worship

Order of Worship October 25

Call to Worship

To know the warmth of love,

To have the assurance that someone cares,

To be confident of our worth,

To be bold to love in return,

To be washed over with grace,

To be accepted as we are:

This is to know a bit of God.

Then let us worship our God.

Hymn #356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Opening Prayer

Psalm 90:1-6 and 13-17

Hymn # 498 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign,

With this water God has sealed you Unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, Love's creation, loved indeed!

Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, Into joy and laughter lead.

*Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent, Learn to listen for God's call.
Grown to laugh and sing and worship, Trust and love God more than all.*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God: when we are ungrateful, remind us of your grace. When we are oblivious, open our eyes. When we are harsh, gentle our spirit. When we are apathetic, show us your suffering children. When we demean ourselves, whisper that we are created in your image. When we lose all hope, show us the empty tomb. So shape us, and turn us around, that we will live with blessing and grace and light. Amen.

Children's Message

Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

Offering/Offertory

Hymn # 358 Help Us Accept Each Other

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted And meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, As in our daily life
We struggle to be human And search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them Or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, So that we may be moved
In living situations To do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness And laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, New hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

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