



## Central Presbyterian Church

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### Invitation to Inreach (Fellowship/Care)!

## Let's Get Connected!

### SAVE THE EVENING OF JULY 22ND

Ruling and teaching elders from around the "southern portion" of Grace Presbytery (our district mission center for resource and administration) are making plans for the first post-Covid get together. We are planning to meet in Temple at Grace. We will probably have both in-person caravans and a hybrid Zoom connection for the first in a series of worship-fellowship-service connecting events.



### Second Tuesday Supper ONLINE

Tuesday, July 13, 6-7 pm

[Join us here](#)



Click the note above to watch online!

## Wednesdays Live at 5

**The Sanctuary is Open for this Music Service!**

**Masks and safe distancing are encouraged.**

**Hymn and prayer requests are welcome!**

**AND BEST OF ALL,**

**YOU CAN FIND MOST OF OUR LIVE @ 5 SESSIONS**

**ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

**ONE COULD LISTEN FOR HOURS!**

## Fellowship Events and Ideas

Are you a natural caregiver? Gifted in hospitality?

Lonely and in need of some time with friends?

Called to help deepen our commitment and connection with one another?

Help us schedule and plan church dinners, events, and programs  
to care for and keep our CPC community connected!

**Volunteer your ideas and your time with the Inreach Committee.**

Contact Pastor Judith to express your interest or your ideas.



## Summer Meet-up Schedule

**invite staff, members, friends and neighbors!**

Prior to (and during) Covid, Pastor Judith met with young-at-heart educators for coffee at Common Grounds Woodway or the church on Tuesday afternoons, and with some "more experienced" hearts at the church on Wednesday mornings. We had some great brainstorming, some wonderful conversation and fellowship, and a great opportunity to pray with and for one another.

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If you are interested in hosting a one-time or repeating book discussion or coffee/fellowship hour at the church, at a coffee shop or bookstore, or in your home, let Judith know! (She still loves coffee--and books! Anyone recognize where she was when this picture was taken last week?)

**Invitation to Outreach!**

*"CPC Builds Community by...Fostering an Ethic of Service"*



Above, Melissa, Olivia, Brooks, Tatum, Angelina, Anne and Judith present a check to the ministry team of My Brothers Keeper. Right, Karen, Anne, Angela, and Robin shop and deliver little league baseball and softball equipment to East Waco.



Giving to Caritas



Presentation and tour of Shepherd's Heart



Pastor David gives books collected by CPC to Susan Cowley of Talitha Koum Institute.



## Outreach Partnerships and Benevolences

Interested in Outreach?

Know of any needs or opportunities for service?

Called to follow Christ and reach out to neighbors in need or to partner with other missionaries in the field?

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass them on to an elder or pastor!

McLennan  
Community  
College



MCC is doing a community survey of people who live in McLennan and Falls counties. Click on the [website](#) to learn more. The survey only takes about 7-10 minutes to complete. As a community college, MCC wants to be responsive to the needs of the community it serves. Please take a few minutes to offer your feedback and suggestions. Thanks!

**Invitation to Upreach!**

## Encountering God in our Worship and Music

Do you love music?

Flowers? Scriptures? Sacraments (Baptisms and Communion)?

How about worship?

So much of what we do centers on coming to worship and encounter God through Jesus Christ in worship! If praising, glorifying, and encountering God during worship is meaningful to you, perhaps you would like to share your ideas and help plan for the sacraments, the music, and the special offerings and regular and special (Services of Community Prayer, Healing, Blessing of the Animals, etc) services of worship at CPCWaco.

Perchance you have skills or a desire to learn something about soundboards, cameras or broadcasting; perhaps you enjoy changing out the paraments, flowers or other seasonal and special decorations in the sanctuary; maybe you are willing and able to help keep the pew racks straightened or serve as liturgist. Again, if you sense God calling you to help in this area, please let one of our elders or pastors know!

CPCWaco Hybrid Worship

Series: Summer in Ephesus

Meet , Greet, and Worship via [Zoom](#),

or attend live, or anytime convenient for you on [Facebook](#).

### ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11

Seating Music

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

**We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!**

Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

**We celebrate the love that frames our lives.**

It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

**May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, merciful parent, creator of this universe and the rich diversity of life within it, You have blessed us from the beginning. Gather us in now for praise and adoration, that our spirits may dance before You. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of Christ's wondrous love! Let us hear the Spirit of Wisdom! Unite us and give us the courage, energy, commitment, and imagination to serve Christ in our homes and communities. AMEN.**

**HYMN GTG #175 vv1-2**

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

**Psalm 85:8-13**

**HYMN GTG #649 v1+4**

***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.***

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, our attention is scattered, unfocused, disrupted. We have worked hard, and need rest and recreation. But in our push for normalcy, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. Focusing on our desire for normalcy, we neglected spiritual hunger and thirst and failed to connect more deeply with You. Forgive us our selfishness, our self-centeredness, our ambition.**

*(Time for Silent Prayer)*

**As we celebrate in worship together now, help us remember your blessings. In a time when sorrow and hurt abound, ready us to bring hope and peace. Forgive our shortcomings and use our weaknesses to display your grace and power, we pray. AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading                    2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Children's Message

Scripture Reading                    Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon--A Summer in Ephesus: The Richness of God's Grace

Offering

Offertory

Dedication

**HYMN GTG# 839 vv.1+3**

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
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Charge and Blessing

## Prayer Concerns

- for Linda, Martha, Les and Joyce, Char, Sara, and any others needing healing and comfort;
- for all who sorrow, and for those who rejoice;
- for those in need of healing, and for those called to heal;
- for any called to carry the Good News in word or deed;
- for guidance, strength, open-mindedness and kindness;
- for God's teams of cooks and visiting angels among us;
- for our congregation to stay close to the vine, bearing fruit through and for Christ in our community; and
- for everyone born, a place at the table!

## Invitation to Church Support and Administration

The church is not the Steeple (or building), the church is the People! While this statement speaks to the heart of Christ's body reaching out to others, loving one another, and glorifying God, the way we manage, use, and improve our resources is also a part of our ministry. Are you good with numbers and budgeting? Do you like to garden or paint? God has richly blessed us with financial resources (budget and endowment), physical resources, and human resources (all of you). We have traditionally utilized Finance, Buildings and Grounds, and Personnel/Administrative Committees to recruit and care for these "footings" that support the cross of ministry in Christ. If you are skilled in finance, administration, or facility maintenance, and feel called to use your gifts to deepen our roots and expand our reach, please let an elder or pastor know.

If you haven't noticed, we are looking for a few gifted servants to help us to truly be the Church---the hands and feet and love of Christ for our neighbors! Meetings happen via email, Zoom, and in-person, as agreed upon by the members of each team or committee. "Work" is sometimes completed via phone or email, and sometimes with a little sweat-equity. Ministry is always fulfilled through Christ who strengthens us!

One last thing: here is a 60 second video Pastor Judith has used with Session prior to Covid ever being on our radar. Click [here](#) to watch (It is an old Superbowl commercial). Ministry is nothing if it isn't transformational, right? Join one of our imaginative and purpose-filled teams and see what we can build together!



### Celebrating Birthdays

Joyce Fisseler - July 10  
Jane Guthrie - July 11  
Karen Groman - July 15  
Jay Bryngelson - July 17  
Diane Griffin - July 18  
Chris Wolfe - July 25  
Elaine Smith - July 25



**(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!)**

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