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November 22, 2017



Pastoral Potpourri

About this time every year I begin to see various shows on TV where people are expressing what they are thankful for - yet no one ever acknowledges who they are thankful to. That puzzles me because how can a person be truly thankful without knowing where the source of gratitude lies and from where the blessings come?

Going through my files the other day, I came across Proclamation 3560: Thanksgiving Day. November 5, 1963. It is among the last documents President Kennedy signed, and it says in part: "our first President in the first year of his first Administration proclaimed November 26, 1789, as 'a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God' and called upon the people of the new republic to 'beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions...to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue...and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best'...Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings - let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals - and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human being throughout the world."

May you each have a blessed Thanksgiving,
Stephen

This Sunday, November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

9:30 am - Sunday School - Matthew 25:31-46

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching

Text: Hebrews 13:5b-8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"

Sermon: Forever the Same

[Click here for this Sunday's readings](#)



Next Sunday, December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Sunday School - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching

First Annual *Hanging of the Greens* Service

Holy Communion

Caritas offering

Announcements

The financial pledges which came in last Sunday reflect tremendous faith in God and a deep commitment to the future of Central Presbyterian. If you have not already turned in your **Stewardship Commitment Card** please do so as soon as possible so the Finance Team can plan for 2018.

November Session meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 28, at 6 pm.

Mission Waco's Biker Christmas Toy Run - This Sunday at around 9:50 a.m. Our CPC group of 7 children, 3 youth, and 6 adults enjoyed shopping for toys at Walmart last Wednesday. These toys will be collected by the Bikers on Sunday and taken to the Mission Waco Christmas Toy Store. Thank you for your generous support of the Change for Change offerings which allowed us to buy these toys. Pictured are 1st Row: Quinn Rhoden, Jude Rhoden; 2nd Row: Avni, Emry, and Rogan Deivanayagam; 3rd Row: Meghan Franks, Allison Wahlberg, and Matthew Bierwirth.



Future Dates

November 26 - Mission Waco Biker Toy Run

November 28 - Presbyterian Women, 1 pm, Garden Room

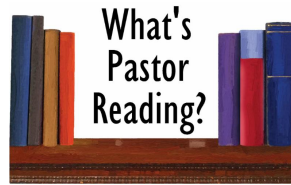
November 28 - Stated Session meeting, 6 pm (RESCHEDULED from 11/21)

December 3 - 1st Annual Hanging of the Greens, during worship

December 5 - Personnel committee meeting, 6 pm

December 9 - Our choir and handbells will perform Christmas songs at Collin Street Bakery from 1 - 2:30 pm

No Second Tuesday Supper Club in December.



Start With Why, by Simon Sinek

While doing continuing education a couple of years ago, I was introduced to Simon Sinek and the Golden Circle principle. Sinek is with both Rand Corporation and Columbia University, where he teaches strategic communications. Using Apple, Southwest Airlines, and Harley Davidson as prime examples for success, he tells how most companies set up and market backwards. Most companies organize and market "what" they do, "how" they do it, and lastly "why" people should buy their product. But the most successful companies - and leaders - do just the opposite. They first define "why" they do something, then "how" it is going to be done, and lastly "what" it is they do.

Example: If Apple built its company and marketed like everyone else they might sound like: (The What) "We make great computers." (The How) "They're beautifully designed, simple to use and user-friendly." (The Why) "Want to buy one?" But Apple founded its company, continues to follow its founding principles, and markets itself: (The Why) "Everything we do, we believe in challenging the status quo. We believe in thinking differently." (The How) "The way we challenge the status quo is by making our products beautifully designed, simple to use and user-friendly." (The What) "And we happen to make great computers. Want to buy one?"

Most companies have lost sight of their original "why" - "why" did we begin; what is our passion? We always ask people "what" they want, but seldom do we ask "why" they want it. Instead of asking "what" we need to do to compete, the question should be "Why did we start doing what we are doing in the first place, and what can we do to bring our cause to life in today's world?"

So, why am I studying Sinek and learning more about this approach to business in the 21st century? I am very curious how it may apply to a church and her ministry. BTW: it is a very good read.



Celebrating Birthdays

Witten Williams - November 22

Willis McMahan - November 24

Andrew Bryngelson - December 12

(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!)



December Scripture readings are available in the Narthex or [click here](#) to view.

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