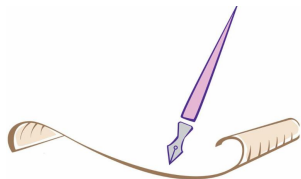


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December 21, 2017



Pastoral Potpourri

While visiting Big Bend a couple of years ago, Cindy and I took a short hike leading to the Burro Mesa Pouroff. For thousands of years, much of the seasonal rains which fall upon the Burro Mesa run to a central stream which leads to a 100 foot drop. Over the millennia, the water has cut a smooth, polished channel into the side of the hill. From there the water travels down the Javelina Wash, cutting a path, rounding stones, and causing boulders to fall and tumble. Not being the rainy season when we were there, the pouroff and stream were dry on this day.

This all causes me to wonder: if we look for meaning where true meaning is not found, the cliffs and the streams of our lives become dry waterfalls, and empty beds. We become disconnected from our real purpose and the One who gives us our life. Reverence is lost, and the fire of God's Spirit does not flow over us, carrying us along the path of our days.

Christmas gives to us each year the opportunity to renew this sacred wonder - to reconnect with the one who cuts a channel though the cliffs of our lives. The amazing wonder of Christmas is that we can begin to see God anew where we did not see Him before - and we are filled. May you each have a most wonderful and blessed Christmas, Stephen



Christmas Eve, December 24

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
(no Sunday School)*

Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm

Candlelight & Communion

Next Sunday, December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

10:45 am - Worship

(No Sunday School)

Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching

Text: Philippians 3:12-14

"I press on toward the goal"

Sermon: I Am Resolved

Theme: making resolutions

Change for Change offering

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



Christmas Joy Offering

To help retired church workers and their families, the Christmas Joy Offering provides critical financial assistance through life's challenging circumstances. You may give generously through our special offering on December 24, during morning worship.

Announcements

Central Presbyterian Serving - Because of generous anonymous donations to help families this Christmas, CPC gave a gift card to each family living at Compassion Ministries Hope House. Our Lord is at work.

Future Dates

January 7 - Caritas offering

January 9 - Second Tuesday Supper Club, BJ's Restaurant, 6 pm

January 21 - Third Sunday potluck lunch

January 28 - Annual Congregational Meeting, following worship

It's not too late to turn in your 2018 pledge card! The budget is being built now.



Celebrating Birthdays

Linda Williams - December 22

Melissa Rhoden - December 25

Meghan Franks - January 15

David Fleuret - January 17

Phil Oliver - January 17

Nancy Cagle - January 18

Wren Williams - January 18

(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.

The Weekly News is published each Thursday and sent to members via email. It is also mailed to members who do not have email or desire a printed copy. Printed copies are also available in the church narthex.

Church activities and pertinent event information is available on the church website: cpcwaco.org