

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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March 29, 2018

Easter Sunday:

Flowering of the Cross before worship

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching

Text: Matthew 28:1-6

Sermon: The Greatest Epitaph

"He is not here, for he has been raised."

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

Holy Communion

Caritas offering



Pastoral Potpourri

Through Judy Garland, in the movie *The Wizard of Oz*, the world was introduced to a song which has touched the hearts of millions upon millions of people ever since. It talks about a place where "dreams that you dare to dream really do come true," and where problems "melt away like lemon drops." The song is "*Over the Rainbow*," and it ends with Garland singing, "If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow...why can't I?"

Why does this song, which was written in 1938, still touch us so deeply? Because we all experience a desire to escape; a dread of what is to come; the dream of a world different from the one we find ourselves in. Judy Garland never found what she was looking for - she later committed suicide.

But the message of Easter says that we do not have to go "over the rainbow" to find that which we are looking for. The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, has come to us. "That my joy may be in you, and your joy be made full," is what he says to us. Christ came to us so that we may experience the fullness of a relationship with God - and He is still coming new and fresh every day. The Lord is risen! I'll see you in church, Stephen



Holy Week

TONIGHT - Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with Communion, 7 pm

TOMORROW - Good Friday Service, noon

Sunday, April 1 - Easter

Don't forget to bring your flowers for the Flowering of the Cross. Place your flowers on the cross before worship.

Remember our Butterfly release in the Glory Garden following the service.

Easter lilies may be taken home after worship.

April Worship Themes:

April 8

Text: Luke 24: 13-31

"he took bread...and broke it...and they recognized him"

Sermon: Something So Quiet

Theme: Christ comes to us in the most common, unexpected moments of life.

April 15

David Rodgers preaching

April 22

Text: Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd"

Sermon: Pastoral Symphony

Theme: Why the 23rd Psalm is so comforting

April 29

Text: Acts 8: 26-40

"the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away"

Sermon: The Key To Control

Theme: God will use us where and as He will

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an ecumenical ministry whose mission is to make the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer from disaster, conflict, and economic hardship.

On Easter Sunday, Central will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing during morning worship.

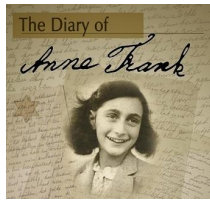
Please be prepared to give generously to this fantastic ministry.





April 4 - First Wednesday cookout, 5-7:15 pm
April 10 - Second Tuesday Supper Club, Olive Garden, 6 pm
April 12 - MCC Choirs Spring Concert, 7:30 pm, CPC Sanctuary

Other Happenings at CPC:



Diary of Anne Frank

Put on by Woodway Church of Christ
 CPC Activity Center
 Friday, 3/30 at 7 pm & Saturday, 3/31 at 2 pm
 Tickets \$10 - proceeds go to Here's to Life
 Orphanages in Kenya



MCC Choirs Spring Concert

Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 pm in CPC Sanctuary
 Free & open to the public
 Bring a friend!

PNC Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet weekly. We are still receiving Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from applicants and continue to review them. In the last couple of weeks we have had four informal phone interviews with applicants and we are in the process of contacting their references. If we move forward with any of these applicants, we will first contact the Committee on Ministries (COM) and they will interview any applicants outside our Presbytery. We would then have a formal interview with the applicant and possibly go to their current church and hear them in the pulpit.

This is purposely a slow and deliberate process and we feel that it will still be a couple of months by the time the applicant's interviews, acceptance, paperwork, and notification of the current pastor's congregation take place. The PNC is also grateful that our pulpit is in the more than capable hands of Stephen Rehrig in this interim. Please continue to pray for our church and the PNC.



Celebrating Birthdays

- Vicky Wolfe - April 1
- Willow Williams - April 2
- Matthew Bierwirth - April 11
- Ken Smotherman - April 24

(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!)



April 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