

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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May 24, 2018

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Isaiah 6:1-8

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching

Sermon: To Keep the Faith

Text: II Timothy 4:6-8



Pastoral Potpourri

Did you know that since the late 1950's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place a small American flag at each of the 260,000+ gravestones in Arlington National Cemetery? Then, through the weekend, they patrol the cemetery 24 hours a day to ensure that each flag remains standing.

Did you know that in 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000+ graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn? This practice continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have been placing candles at each of the 15,300+ graves of soldiers at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Did you know that in 2004, the city of Washington D.C. held the first Memorial Day Parade the city had seen in over 60 years?

Over the years the true meaning of Memorial Day has faded from our general consciousness. It's human nature to avoid the unpleasant. But we need to remember the cost of war and the price we have paid to win and hold on to our God given freedoms.

Few realize or remember that our National Anthem actually has 4 verses. It also used to appear in the Presbyterian Hymnal. It is the final verse which, for me, speaks so well to this:

**O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!**

I'll see you in church, Stephen



May 28 - Church office will be closed for Memorial Day

June 3 - An Evening of Kalein & Koinonia: Fellowship & Purpose (see below)

June 8 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am

June 12 - Second Tuesday Supper Club, Bella Luna Italian Bistro, 6 pm
- please RSVP to Don Wall 292-3292.

AN EVENING OF KALEIN & KOINONIA: Fellowship & Purpose

Sunday, June 3 ~ 5 - 8 pm

"If we don't understand the cause, then even the right answers will steer us in the wrong direction." -- Simon Sinek

Very few organizations can articulate why they do what they do. In January, the Session of Central gathered to define our purpose, our cause - WHY we exist. And if we know why we exist, then others will know why they need us.

Join us on Sunday, June 3, at 5 pm, in the Activities Center, to learn more about our "WHY" as the Session defined it, and how that is influencing and leading us as we venture forward in our journey with Christ.

Menu for this evening is **Mexican Potluck**. Those whose last names begin with:

A-G please bring a Mexican salad

H-O please bring a Mexican main dish

P-Z please bring a Mexican dessert



Youth Volunteer Needed

The Youth are looking for a **male adult sponsor** to go with them to Synod Youth Workshop July 8-14 at Tulsa University. The sponsor will get to participate in a small group without having to lead the group. The sponsor will get to see how the Lord is moving in the youth ministry of our Synod. If interested, please contact Andrew Bryngelson at youth@cpcwaco.org.

Notes from the May 22 Session Stated Meeting:

1 - The Youth Director Task Force has been meeting and hopes to have a recommendation to bring to the

Session at the June meeting.

2 - Pastor Nominating Committee members will be visiting potential candidates soon.

3 - The church is going to sponsor a Little Free Library (<https://littlefreelibrary.org>). It will be built by Jay Bryngelson and placed on the church campus.

Committee Assignments for 2018-2019:

Building & Grounds - Neal Rhoden, June Bryngelson

Education - Elaine Smith

Fellowship -

Finance - Chris Wolfe

Personnel - Karen Groman

Service - Laura Clifton, Tricia Tolbert

Worship - Bennett Richardson, Hope Johnston

If you would be willing to serve on any of these committees, please contact the chairperson.

April Finances:

Receipts for April: \$26,035

Expenses for April: \$20,545

Receipts year to date: \$92,628

Expenses Year to date: \$84,491

Budgeted receipts year to date: \$91,764

Budgeted expenses year to date: \$90,809

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Rita Smotherman as she recovers from a procedure in Houston.

Aubrey Hague in her continuing recovery from surgery.

The **Pastor Nominating Committee** of Central Presbyterian Church.



Celebrating Birthdays

Noah Bierwirth - May 28

Cedar Scott - May 29

Martha Ginsburg - May 31

Denyse Rodgers - June 1

(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!)



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