

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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June 28, 2018

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Mark 5:21-43

10:45 am - Worship

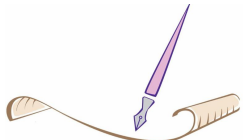
Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching

Sermon: Jefferson's Monkey

Text: Matthew 6:26-28

Holy Communion

Caritas offering



Pastoral Potpourri

The Declaration of Independence. The Liberty Bell. Continental Congress. Freedom. Many images come to mind as we approach July Fourth. Most certainly, the generation which was raised on Reformed Theology had big dreams. They even staked their very lives on those dreams. It was an age of bold thinking and dedication to words. The coming of the Pilgrims was a magnificent Reformation adventure into the unknown. The American Revolution was a great gamble staged by people to whom the word "impossible" was a sham and a disgrace. As George Washington said: "They wanted to make something that had never existed on the earth before." They wanted liberty or death - there was no acceptable alternative.

Today it appears to be security we want. "Lord, make us comfortable," we pray. "Lord, keep us safe," we implore. "Lord, make my job last and keep wages high," we plead. It seems that it is more important to live long than it is to live well. I once read that any life, or age, dominated by its impulse for security, condemns itself to become uneventful and unendurable.

Ralph Pulitzer, son of Joseph Pulitzer for whom the Pulitzer Award is named, said: "Monotony is the awful penalty of the careful." God meant for life to be risky. God made us humans to be free adventurers, just like He is. This Fourth, as we celebrate our great nation, let us take a moment and remember not only the gift we have been given, but also the truth that there is no security except for what is found in Jesus Christ, therefore we venture forth taking risks in Him. I'll see you in church, Stephen

July Worship Themes

July 1

Text: Matthew 6: 26-28

"can any of you by worrying add a single hour"

Sermon: Jefferson's Monkey

Theme: How did Thomas Jefferson prepare to write The Declaration of Independence?

July 8

Text: Habakkuk 3: 1-3, 13

"Selah"

Sermon: What God Hides

Theme: God's unexplained providences of life

July 15

Text: Ephesians 3: 7-10

"to preach...the unsearchable riches of Christ"

Sermon: An Inexhaustible Resource

Theme: The truth, love, grace, and forgiveness of Christ are without limits

July 22

David Rogers in pulpit

July 29

Text: Proverbs 30: 3-4

"Who has gathered the wind in his fists?"

Sermon: The Four Winds Of God

Theme: The winds which blow through the Bible

Fellowship & Fireworks

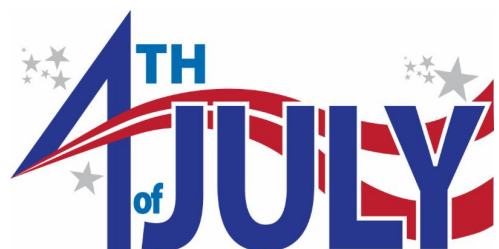
July 4, beginning around 7 pm

At the home of Elaine Smith, 5848 Mt. Rockwood Circle

Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert.

Let Elaine know if you can bring ice and soft drinks also

(254-751-0632).





July 4 - Office closed for holiday
 July 4 - Fellowship & Fireworks, Elaine Smith's, 5848 Mt. Rockwood Circle, 7 pm
 - please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert
 July 10 - Second Tuesday Supper Club - Chili's, 1800 South Valley Mills, 6 pm -
 please RSVP to Don Wall at 292-3292
 July 13 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am

Celery Test

Imagine you are at a social gathering and someone comes up and says: "You need M&M's. Successful churches use M&M's." A few minutes later another person says: "Designer coffee is what all the big churches are serving." Later, a third person offers: "Your church should be giving Oreo Cookies to everyone who comes in the door. We get a lot of members by giving away Oreo Cookies." Before the end of the gathering a fourth person catches you and offers: "Data shows that people are really into healthy things like celery. You need to use celery to attract new members."

All good advice coming from people who are members of highly visible and growing congregations. So what do you do? You go to the store and spend a bunch of money buying M&M's, coffee, Oreo Cookies, and celery. Standing in line with your arms filled, everyone around can see "WHAT" you do, "WHAT" you are going to do, but nobody can see what it is you believe in and your reason for buying these items.

What if you knew your "WHY" before you went to the store? What if your "WHY" was to only offer things that are healthy and good for the body? All the good advice which people offered would be filtered through your "WHY" and you would buy only the celery.

"To lovingly serve so that all experience hope and encouragement through the Holy Spirit" is our WHY.



We'll distribute a new church directory in August. Please email the church office if your information needs updating: office@pcwaco.org

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Jeanette Bloemer as she undergoes heart ablation procedure
Linda Williams recovering from recent knee replacement surgery
Doug Rodgers who will be undergoing heart valve replacement surgery
 That God may guide **our nation** in the way of truth and peace
 Our **Pastor Nominating Committee**

Celebrating Birthdays



Joyce Fisseler - July 10
 Karen Groman - July 15
 Jay Bryngelson - July 17

**(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!)**



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