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August 9, 2018

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 19, immediately following worship

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to elect and approve the terms of call of the Pastor Nominating Committee's nominee for pastor of Central Presbyterian Church.

This Sunday:

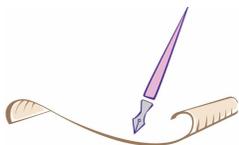
9:30 am - Sunday School - Ephesians 4:25-5:2

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching

Sermon: Who's Driving the Bus?

Text: Luke 18:18-30



Pastoral Potpourri

Religion separates us from the common life of people around us. It even gives us feelings of detachment, because we do not follow the mass - we belong apart, not conforming to the ways of the world because we have other standards. Religion forces us to draw lines between what we believe is correct and what the world thinks, and this is because we respect God more. Our loyalties are to the Church, the Bible, Christian principles, which people may often think are odd, even ridiculous. But all of this detachment is necessary if we are going to be attached to God. God lifts us above ordinary standards, supplies us with more inclusive and tender sympathies, secures our conscience, and makes us aware of our fellowship with Christ.

So religion isolates us that it may consecrate us. It severs us from the bundle of human life and secures us to the heart of God so that we may have a warmer and fuller relationship, through Him, with far more people than we could ever know alone. This is the process by which we truly become Children of God. I'll see you in church, Stephen

On Calling a Pastor

As you are now aware, the Session has called a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a recommendation from the Pastor Nominating Committee. Therefore, I wish to remind you what has occurred, and what to expect going forward.

Our Book of Order, G-2.0802 says: **"The session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pastor nominating committee that shall be representative of the whole congregation. The committee's duty shall be to nominate a pastor for election by the congregation."** This is what has occurred over the past 10 months. Last October the congregation met to elect the PNC. These people are your representatives; they know your thinking, your loves, your needs, your weaknesses, and your preferences. In short, they are you and you are they.

Our constitution then continues in G-2.0803: **"According to the process of the presbytery and prior to making its report to the congregation, the pastor nominating committee shall receive and consider the presbytery's counsel on the merits, suitability, and availability of those considered for the call."** In various forms and during the duration of the process, the PNC has been in constant contact with presbytery. No candidate was considered without the approval of PCUSA at large. Nor were any candidates contacted directly without presbytery's knowledge and oversight.

The same paragraph of our constitution then continues: **"When the way is clear for the committee to report to the congregation, the committee shall notify the session, which shall call a congregational meeting."** Presbytery's Committee On Ministry has cleared the way. They have met with the candidate and affirmed the individual. Therefore, last night, at a Called Meeting of the Session, the Pastor Nominating Committee asked the session to call a meeting of the congregation. The session gladly did this, and set the date for the soonest time which our By-Laws will allow, August 19, following morning worship.

Calendar

August 13 - Personnel Committee meeting, 4 pm

August 13 - 150th Anniversary Committee meeting, 5:15 pm

August 14 - Second Tuesday Supper Club, 6 pm, Rosati's (824 Hewitt Drive) - please RSVP to Don Wall 292-3292.

August 15 - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Children's Music, 6 pm

Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Bible Buddies, 6:45 pm

August 19 - Called Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship

August 21 - Stated Session meeting, 6 pm

August 26 - Gospel Hymn Sing

Trust the Intangible

Some parts of the church are easy to measure and very predictable. For example, the size of the active membership can tell us about how many will be in worship each Sunday, or historical patterns of financial support enable us to build accurate budgets each year. But when it comes to vision, mission, and the inspirational, things become much more intangible. Too often these intangibles are abandoned and given up on due to a need for feelings of well-being and immediate success. That is why knowing what got us here, remembering what cause marched us forward and brought us fulfillment, is so important. "To lovingly serve so that all experience hope and encouragement through the Holy Spirit."

Festival of Faiths

Sunday, August 26, 3 - 5 pm

Presented by the Greater Waco Interfaith Conference, a family-friendly celebration of the many faith traditions of our Central Texas community, including food, stories, music, and more.

Providence Health Center Pavilion

(6901 Medical Parkway, in the building closest to the Hwy 6 Post Office)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Anne Stewart's mother, **Anne**, recovering from a stroke

David Groman - joy for a successful and uneventful endoscopy procedure



Celebrating Birthdays

Char Rood - August 16

Randy Boldt - August 17

Mary Ann Thompson - August 22

Robbie Cagle - August 26

Cindy Rehrig - August 27

(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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