

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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October 4, 2018

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Mark 10:2-16

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. David Rodgers preaching

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Holy Communion

Caritas offering

Greetings from Judith!

Greetings! I have been in Texas almost a week now; I say Texas because already I have made trips to see family in the Dallas and Tyler areas. Yes, I love to travel!

Last Friday, for my birthday, Connor and I drove up to Richardson to see Terry's band Memory Trip, and my cousins who had posted they would attend on Facebook. We had devised a plan where we would sneak to the restroom first (because if they aren't expecting us, they won't see/recognize us walking past toward the restrooms), and then surprise them at the front table. Instead, they saw us, recognized us, and screamed right away. Turns out, they had just moments before spoken of how cool it would be to have me there on my birthday, and so their brains were ready to see me!

This past Monday, we made the drive back to Tyler. I'd made the same drive just five days earlier as I was first arriving with a carload of stuff and cats and my younger son, Connor. It was amazing to see the old roadside rest stops and picnic areas along 31. I shared stories of riding along with my dad in his traveling-preacher days, and of my mom's Collin Street Bakery fruitcake giving at Christmas when we drove through Corsicana. That is how my mind works. When I am stressed, I don't see the things right in front of me. When I am safe and secure, I not only see more clearly, but can pull up stories long forgotten.

Sight and memory are like that. We think we see and remember clearly, but then other people share what they saw, what they remember. Or, our situation changes, and we realize that the landscape is not what we had thought. Reality is difficult to define because of the truth of perspective; truth is difficult to discern because of the chains of tradition and the thrust of change. The great truth I hold to is that we were all created to live together with all our differences of perspectives and personal truths; and the great faith which gives me hope is that through mediation, bridge-building, and relationships, we can draw clear wisdom even from a muddied well if we go deeply, honestly, openly, willingly and slowly enough.

I am grateful to have been given this time to unplug (no newspapers, television or radio) and spend with family; I am also heartsick for my country and community, who seem to see things so clearly and yet so differently, so dividedly. And so, as we begin to meet-whether at church, in the community, or even online-let's take the time to unplug from the world around us and get to know each other. In a Mark 8:23-25 kind of way, let's trust that Christ is not through with us yet, that we have not arrived, but are still walking the path to which God is calling. And, in a Psalm 139 kind of way, let's remember that our loving God is always nearby, always knowing, and always loving. My hope is that Central can be for you, for me, and for all fellow travelers on the road of life, a safe and secure respite where God's love and calling can be more clearly seen and heard, known and shown. Grace and Peace, Judith

PS October 14th is coming!!!! Smile





**We collected over \$150 last week for
Change for Change!
Way to go, CPC!**

CPC 150th Anniversary

The 150th Anniversary Committee asks for your help!
Please send contact information for former members, friends & staff to:
patricia_tolbert@baylor.edu

Please place photos of church events and other memorabilia in the mailbox in the office marked "150th Anniversary Committee". Please label the participants and include your name also. Digital photos can be sent to: mrhoden1225@gmail.com



October 9 - Second Tuesday Supper Club, Cheddars (4208 Franklin) 6 pm, RSVP to Don Wall at 292-3292

October 10 - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
Children's Music, 6 pm
Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
Bible Buddies, 6:45 pm

October 12 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am

October 14 - Rev. Judith Hardie's first Sunday, with Welcome Reception following worship

October 20 - Celebration of Life for Yvonne Pugh, 2 - 5 pm, Carleen Bright Arboretum - RSVP to jacque.pugh@gmail.com

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers of thanksgiving for our new pastor, **Judith Hardie**.



Celebrating Birthdays

Betty Ringo - October 4
Les Fisseler - October 5
Elaine Parker - October 6
Betty Crouch - October 9

(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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