

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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November 15, 2018

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Mark 13:1-8

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching

Hebrews 10:11-25

Fish Fry immediately following worship

Greetings from Pastor Judith



Greetings!

After attending part of the Garden Room Sunday School class last week, I was left wondering-what is rust? Is there something that we missed? The word translated as *rust* in James 5:1-5 often means *poisoned, cankered, or corroded* in the Greek. And so, how can and does our wealth poison, canker or corrode? And, more importantly, how can we prevent this? The answer-better stewardship!

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 6:19-21)

Many think of "fundraising" and "budgeting" when thinking of stewardship. Of course it partially has to do with money, especially this season when we ask you to pledge your tithes and offerings for the coming year.

Stewardship is a much larger concept, however, including much of Discipleship and Christian life. Stewardship is a foundational part of how we relate to God our Creator, governing how we recognize, care for, and put to good use all of the blessings of time, talent, and treasure God has entrusted to our care.

Both stewardship and relationships are all about trust. The church becomes the steward of the gifts and resources (human, physical and financial) that are entrusted to its care. Each of us, each follower of Christ here, is in the same way a steward of the gifts and resources (family, home and earnings) placed into our care.

So, the real question here is not the definition of stewardship, but the meaning of our individual and corporate lives, our *Why*, if you will. What does God expect us to do with the resources entrusted to us-*why* are we here, together in this time and place? How can we glorify God and proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and make a difference in our community?

I hope (after asking for the open-mindedness to hear, and the willingness to act on God's will) that you will pray on James 5 and Matthew 6 and on how God is calling all of us into deeper relationship, wider discipleship, and more generous stewardship in this season of our lives together. Please also watch for further communications, pledge opportunities, and the like. May we truly pour out our hearts before God through the love and ministry of Christ here at Central!

Grace and Peace, Judith

CPC T-Shirts for Sale!

Last year's t-shirts will be on sale this Sunday in the Activities Center after worship

\$5 each



This Sunday!
Immediately following worship
Activities Center
Please bring a side dish to share.

**Our Choir and Handbells
will play at Collin Street Bakery
Saturday, December 8, 1 - 2:30 pm
Come out & enjoy lunch & Christmas
music!**



Advent is Coming Soon!

HELP! Please contact Pastor Judith if you would like to volunteer or have a suggestion for intergenerational families, couples or singles to light the candles of the Advent Wreath. Judith will prepare a small script that people of any age can handle.

Also, please look in the Narthex for a sign-up sheet for the Advent Suppers (December 2, 9, and 16).

We want to get groups put together who will stay together, eating and visiting at different homes. So, if you would like to host a meal on one of the three dates, please let Pastor Judith know (You can put an asterisk by your name on the sign-up sheet). Do sign-up this week if you can. We will begin making calls next week.

We are hoping no one is left out!



Christ is Coming! Hallelujah!

Prayers and Concerns

Prayers for **Stephanie Scott**, undergoing treatment for kidney stones over the next few weeks.

Prayers for the family of **Dorothy Lambert**, who passed away November 1. Services were held in Las Cruces, New Mexico on November 10. [Click here to read her obituary.](#)

Prayers for **Virginia DuPuy** and her brother, Lowell, who has entered hospice in Irving, Texas.



November 16 - Looking for volunteers to help collect donations for the 26th annual [Food for Families](#) food drive in Waco. Contact Andrew Bryngelson to volunteer at abryngelson@caritas-waco.org or 254-753-4593 x203

November 18 - Fish Fry - immediately following worship in the Activities Center. The church will provide the fish and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share.

November 21, 22, & 23 - Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

November 24 - You are invited to a 90th Birthday celebration for Willis McMahan in the Activities Center, 1-3pm. RSVP to Linda Heese at 717-3702. Please no gifts!

November 25 - Bikers pick up toy donations for Mission Waco Toy Store

November 27 - Presbyterian Women, 1 pm

November 28 - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Children's Music, 6 pm

Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Bible Buddies/Youth, 6:45 pm

November 27 & 29 - Prayer Walkers, 5:30 pm. Meet at 1109 Charing Cross Dr. We will walk first, concluding with Body Flow (a hybrid of TaiChi and Yoga) and prayer. Bring a yoga mat or thick towel, if you have one.

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the Greens

December 8 - Choir & Handbells will play at Collin Street Bakery, 1-2:30 pm



Celebrating Birthdays

Witten Williams - November 22
Willis McMahan - November 24
Quinn Rhoden - December 3
Andrew Bryngelson - December 12
Linda Williams - December 22
Melissa Rhoden - December 25



**(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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