

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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December 13, 2018

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School -

Luke 3:7-18

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching

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Greetings from Pastor Judith



If you have driven by the church recently, you may have noticed our sign has changed. First, a big thank you to Matt and Jay for their willingness to do the actual work!! Second an invitation, to you and your family, friends and even neighbors and acquaintances, to come celebrate Christmas with us here at Central.

On Christmas Eve, beginning at 6pm, we will listen to Scriptures, sing Carols, celebrate Communion, light candles and welcome the Christ-Child again into our hearts, our congregation, our community, and into all of the sometimes darkened mangers of the world with the growing light of Christ.

The morning before, during our regular Sunday worship hour (10:45am), we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, and the theme of God's Love Come Down with a No-Fuss, No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant. Like our sign says, you are invited to come and join the cast! We will begin worship in a fairly traditional format, with a Call, the lighting of the Advent Wreath, a confession, Scripture reading and song. And then, we will begin the retelling and acting out of the Christmas Story using mostly Luke's account. David and I will serve as your narrators, and we will have volunteers to don costumes or carry props (these will be labeled & set aside in the front pews) and come forward to help act out the story. There will be no individual spoken lines, and the whole congregation will be led to help with some of the important parts.

For many years I had helped with the children's pageant, and after becoming a pastor, I watched many volunteers continue the tradition. Only after living next door to the church did I begin to realize exactly how much time, effort, and levels of frazzle were being given to this time-honored tradition. One year, while sharing stories of frazzle with my community clergy network, we wondered if there weren't a better way, and the No-Rehearsal Pageant was born. I look forward to engaging in worship with you through the story of the birth of Jesus Christ in this new way on Sunday the 23rd.

I found the church closet of costumes and props, but do need your help! I am looking for a few brightly colored suitcases or luggage (yellows, greens, reds, blues) to represent the travelers' lodgings (Inns). If you have a case or set that I could borrow, I would be grateful!

No matter how you celebrate this Christmas, I hope that you can sense the Love of Christ here at Central, and that you feel welcome and loved by all of us here. May you know the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Christ this and every day.

Grace and Peace, Judith



Christmas Eve Communion, Carols, Candlelight 6 pm

150th Anniversary

Save the DATES! We hope all of you have already marked your calendars for **Sunday, February 17, 2019**, when we will celebrate Central's 150th anniversary with a special worship service and festive luncheon. To highlight Central's many years of faithful service to the community, there will be an All-Church Service Day on **Saturday, February 2, 2019**. We hope that ALL members and friends will participate in one of the planned service events:

- Caritas Hidden Treasures Resale store -- Sort donated items with Don Wall and others. (adults, older youth, ages 10-15 with a parent)
- Children Serving the Community -- Assemble blessing bags for the homeless and make cards to deliver along with homemade cookies to Woodway firefighters and police. (children, youth and adult leaders, and bakers)
- Sewing for Hospitalized Children and People Using Walkers -- Sew colorful pillowcases and pocket bags for walkers with Laura Clifton and Tricia Tolbert. (adults who can cut fabric, iron, or sew)
- Habitat for Humanity (tentative) -- Work with Jay Bryngelson and others on a current project. (adults, older youth)

Sign-up sheets with details will be available in the narthex.



Sharing Christmas joy
at Collin Street Bakery



December 14 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am

December 16 - Advent Groups

December 19 - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Children's Music, 6 pm

Bible Buddies/Youth, 6:45 pm

December 23 - No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant, 10:45 am

December 24 - Christmas Eve service, 6 pm

December 24, 25, 26 - Church office closed

December 31, January 1, 2 - Church office closed

January 8 - Second Tuesday Supper Club, 6 pm, Uncle Dan's BBQ, 1001 Lake Air Drive. Please RSVP to Don Wall at 292-3292 so we can save you a seat.

January 9 - Wednesday night activities resume

January 13 - Pastor Judith's Installation Service, 4 pm, in our sanctuary, with guests from all over the presbytery

February 2 - All-Church Service Day - sign up in narthex

February 17 - 150th Church Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating Birthdays



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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