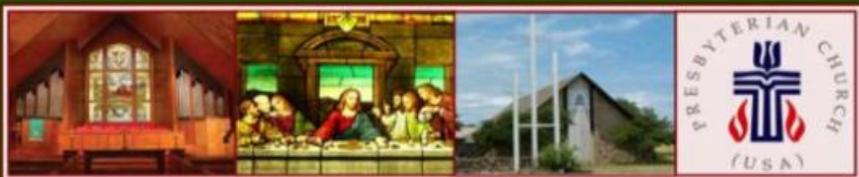


**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN  
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January 3, 2019



**This Sunday:**

**9:30 am - Sunday School - Matthew 2:1-12**

**10:45 am - Worship**

**Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching**

**Epiphany Sunday ~ Holy Communion**

**Caritas offering**

**Greetings from Pastor Judith**

Happy New Year! One thing I love about the calendar, and the Christian way of living, is the opportunity we get to start anew—a new season, a new month, a new chapter, a new life! As an assurance of pardon tells us, "the old is past and gone, everything is fresh and new."

Starting over again is not exactly easy, though there is always the chance to learn from past mistakes, set new and improved goals, and strive for something better this next time around the sun. I guess that is why New Years' Resolutions are so popular. Many start over with diets and exercise plans, or recommit to changing some habit or another. In the church, we have new budgets, new ushers and elders being nominated to help discern the mind and guide the body of Christ, and new possibilities and dreams for mission and ministry in the Waco/Woodway community and beyond. It is hard to believe that I've been here as your pastor for 11 weeks already—that's almost 3 months! I'm sure it's also hard to believe that you have been here in Woodway for 15 years, or one-tenth of this congregation's 150 years! One thing is for certain, we cannot rest on our laurels! I invite you, no matter if you have been here one or 5000 weeks, to keep moving forward and to keep Christ central in all we do.

Think about why you are here. Pray about it. Mull it over. Look back over the arch of your life and see all of the pieces of the puzzle, all of the parts of the journey that brought you here. If you are like me, you will begin to see what we call the Hand of God working in your life. I invite you to consider how your path and that of Central have intertwined, weaving together love, hope, compassion, service, worship, discernment, and family. In the next weeks, we will be remembering some of God's handiwork in Central's history. June Bryngelson and Karen Groman will be sharing brief vignettes in the First 150 Years, so come and listen. What's more, I believe God will be inviting us each to consider what we can do together with Christ in our future! For in the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree... in the end is our beginning, another year for ministry (borrowing heavily from a favorite hymn, #250 in Glory To God). Grace and Peace, Pastor Judith

**Stewardship Reminder**

**Please complete your Estimate of Giving card, if you have not already done so, and turn it in to the office. Extra cards are available in the narthex, or we can mail you another one. It is important to let the Finance Committee know your intentions so they can budget accordingly.**

**It is also important to consider how God may be calling you to help keep Christ Central, both here in the work and worship of the congregation, and beyond as we serve others in our community. Please make sure to consider pledging your time, your talent, and your ideas as well.**

**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 EVERY member, together with friends and family 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, 16 and older youth-with a parent present)

Sign-up sheets are now available in the Narthex. Please sign up, and join us as we celebrate a history of service. And, more importantly, join us as we celebrate our New Beginning through Christ, as we step out to serve and follow Christ, who is Central to All we Do in God's Name!



**January 8** - Second Tuesday Supper Club, 6 pm, Salty Dog, 1004 North Valley Mills Drive. Please RSVP to Don Wall at 292-3292. (NOTE location change)  
**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  
**January 15** - Session Meeting, 6 pm  
**January 27** - Annual Congregational Meeting, following worship  
**February 2** - All-Church Service Day - sign up in the Narthex  
**February 9 & 16** - Church Clean-up Day (watch for details, projects, and improvements) in preparation for welcoming guests and celebrants for our 150th  
**February 17** - 150th Church Anniversary Celebration



#### **Celebrating Birthdays**

Meghan Franks - January 15  
David Fleuriet - January 17  
Phil Oliver - January 17  
Nancy Cagle - January 18  
Wren Williams - January 18  
Gwynn Range - January 19  
Margaret Pauling - January 20  
Jeanette Bloemer - January 22  
Rita Smotherman - January 28



(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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