

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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January 10, 2019

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching

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**Service of Installation
for Pastor Judith
This Sunday, January 13th at 4 pm**

Reception following

Greetings from Pastor Judith

I came across a sweet children's book today while searching Amazon for a book on baptism. It was titled, Will You Still Love Me, by Waco's own Vicki March Kabat, and has several pages of hypothetical (but common) situations that might test a relationship. "If I use bad words and scream and stomp my feet, will you still love me?" Life can be so difficult! We tend to believe that if we spill the milk, or use bad words, or leave to be by ourselves (spoiler alert--these are all scenarios from the book), that we will threaten the love or friendship of someone special. Many have felt this way, and asked some of these same questions about God's love.

Baptism is one of God's gifts to the church. We learn that we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). Like passing through the waters of birth, baptism signifies the love and blessings of God throughout a lifetime. These can never be taken away; nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:39). What happens when a young child or teenage youth lives life confident in being loved? What happens when anyone is able to live, moment by moment, day by day, assured that they are beloved children of God? What can we do to increase the likelihood that each of us, each human individual is loved and valued and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)? We can learn what it means to Live Wet--letting the waters that cleanse and unite us with Christ guide our daily living. Once our baptism begins to shape our living, then we can work to bring Christ's love to others, baptizing them into this human family of God.

This Sunday we will have a chance to celebrate both sacraments of the Presbyterian church. We will remember our baptisms in the morning, and celebrate communion in the afternoon. Like any long-awaited birth, I look forward to celebrating our union as pastor and congregation surrounded by so many witnesses of God's love. May this special day full of worship cleanse and feed us so that we may begin a renewed journey of faith in Christ!

Grace and Peace,
Judith

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 (wearing the new anniversary t-shirt or polo --order forms are in Narthex) 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 -- Work with Jay Bryngelson and others on the current build. (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 11 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am

January 13 - Pastor Judith's Installation Service, 4 pm, in our sanctuary, with guests from all over the presbytery. A reception will follow in the Garden Room.

January 15 - Session Meeting, 6 pm

January 20 - Potluck Lunch - Guest: Brenda Shuttlesworth, Director of Habitat for Humanity

January 22 - Presbyterian Women, 1 pm

January 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting, following worship

January 27 - World Religion Day - Greater Waco Interfaith Dialogue, 3 pm, Providence Pavillion (building closest to Hwy 6 Post Office)

February 2 - All-Church Service Day - sign up in the Narthex

February 9 & 16 - Church Clean-up Days (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

Anne Stewart - 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!)



The Weekly News is published each Thursday and sent to members via email. It is also mailed to members

who do not have email or desire a printed copy. Printed copies are also available in the church narthex.

Church activities and pertinent event information is available on the church website: cpcwaco.org