

THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165



*You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love
To all who call to you.*

Psalm 86:5

February 2024

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent have long been on the liturgical calendar of the greater church, but the Presbyterian Church did not widely celebrate this season until the mid 1970's. Over the years this season of reflection has become very meaningful to many in the PCUSA. I hope you will join us on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm to celebrate Ash Wednesday here at Central Presbyterian.

This year during the season of Lent I would like you to participate in a small group for the six weeks of Lent.

Each small group will meet once a week for a total of six gatherings. We will all study the same material, Matthew's passion narrative, Matthew 26:47- 27:56 I will be preaching on each one of these parables before you gather as a group.

Kitty and I have been in many small groups, and in each one we have experienced spiritual growth and wonderful community. I would like for each person to have that similar experience. We read in 1 Corinthians 12 how each of us has different gifts, but all gifts are important, and all gifts are needed. We need each other. We need to be in community with one another. So an important part of this study will involve time to fellowship and get to know one another.

Also, we need to be growing in our relationship with God. One of the best ways to do that is through the study of God's word. Our small group ministry will have Bible study as the central piece of each group. Every group will be studying the same text each week. Each group will have a leader who will facilitate a discussion.

We will have groups that meet throughout the week. These groups will be organized by your availability. Your small group leader will contact you to let you know when your group will meet. You may sign-up to participate in this important ministry contacting the church office.

I am very excited about this Lenten opportunity. I hope you will join us.

Your brother in Christ,
Fred



February Birthdays

Susan Cravens	8
Robin Willett	8
Steve Cagle	11
Carl Holleyman	20
Claire Crabb	23
Patty Collier	25
Bonney Ramsey	25
Brooks Authier	27



Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Please make sure the church office has your birthday.
We would like to wish you a Happy Birthday.

Fellowship & Worship Opportunities

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 7:00 pm
in Sanctuary



Table Fellowship

Sunday, February 18, following
worship, in undercroft

Sunday School

Children and Adult
Sunday School Classes
meet at 9:30 am, Sundays,
in the undercroft.

Ministry Team Meeting Schedule

These teams meet immediately following
worship:

Worship, First Sunday of the month

Mission/Congregational Care, Second
Sunday of the month

Discipleship, Third Sunday of the month

If you want more information about the
ministry teams listed, please join us for one of
the meetings. Everyone is invited and
encouraged to attend.

Lenten Small Groups Explore the last few hours of Jesus' life. We will be offering small group studies that will meet weekly to discuss the passage that will be preached upon the following Sunday. Everyone who is interested in participating will be placed in a small group that will gather each week for seventy-five minutes for fellowship, study and prayer. Registration forms can be found on the website or in the church office. Groups will begin meeting the week of Monday, February 12 and will meet for six weeks. We will be one week ahead of the Lenten schedule. If you have any questions please contact Johnna Breedon at the office, 972-937-2924

Jubilate Ringers meets on Mondays, at 6:30 pm.

Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
2nd Saturday of each month
8:00 am, in the undercroft

Presbyterian Women's Circle meets the 2nd Thursday, each month, at 10:30 a.m., in the parlor.

DECEMBER 2023 FINANCIALS

Unrestricted donations	\$ 24,478	YTD Unrestricted	\$200,706
Other Income	\$ 555	YTD Other	\$ 71,428
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 25,033</u>		<u>\$272,134</u>
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 19,311</u>	YTD	<u>\$273,131</u>
Net	\$ 5,722		\$ 997

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

"Flowering of the Cross" is a church tradition practiced since ancient times to celebrate spring and the emerging new life in a very visual way. It is traditionally done on Easter Sunday morning.

During Holy Week a cross with a purple drape will be placed in front of the church. Then on Easter Sunday, members of the congregation are invited to gather blooming flowers and bring them to church to place on the cross.

Flowers may be placed on the cross during the sunrise service and throughout the day as people enter the church.

The "flowered cross" will then remain in front of the church through the following week which will offer a unique visual reminder of Christ's resurrection and new life and new beginnings.

It is hoped that all will participate and even bring extra flowers for those who may not have any. The beautifully adorned cross will also offer a great backdrop for Easter pictures for families and individuals after the church service.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden Group did not get to meet much in January. The cold weather and rain made it difficult to be outside. We covered the plants and despite our efforts, we did lose some. We are repairing beds this month and preparing for the spring. Stop by the garden on Sundays and watch our progress! We are meeting on Wednesdays, after school. We welcome anyone that has knowledge or is interested in sharing the garden.

Reminder

Please have your Newsletter submissions to both Nancy Post at ntpostx@gmail.com and Johnna Breedon at cpcwax@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.
No computer?
No problem.
Please just submit to the office.
Thank you!

Waxahachie Caregiver Support Group

Every second Tuesday of the month, from 6:30 -7:30 pm, there will be a Waxahachie Caregiver Support Group Meeting at Central Presbyterian Church. The group is led by Marie Gardner, and it focuses on those who are caregivers or ones affected by Alzheimer's or dementia. Together you will:

- ◆ Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges & solutions
- ◆ Talk through issues and ways of coping
- ◆ Share feelings, needs and concerns
- ◆ Learn about community resources

This group will meet once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday. For more information, contact Marie Gardner at 214-450-3849.



NOTICE FILMING IN PROGRESS

To include those who are not able to worship in person, worship services may be filmed.

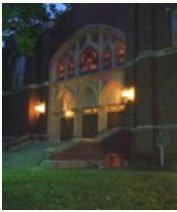
We have reserved the back third of the sanctuary as a no-film zone.
Please sit where you feel most comfortable.



Lay reader or liturgist?

Two terms that mean assisting in worship, reading the scripture, and leading other parts of the worship service on Sunday morning. We have a new year of worship opportunities with an opportunity for new leaders. Please contact Alex Galeti at 516-473-4748 (call or text) or e-mail AlexGaleti@RaymondJames.com to learn more.

Jesus is calling—you?



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 Worship Service 11:00 am

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February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 6:00 Saturday Seekers
4 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Worship MT	5 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	6	7 7:00 Chancel Choir	8 10:00 PW Women's Circle	9	10 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Mission MT	12 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	13	14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship	15 10:00 Church Life MT	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Table Fellowship Following worship Discipleship MT	19 10:00 am Finance 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	20	21 7:00 Chancel Choir	22	23	24
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