

November 2022

Greetings Central Presbyterian,

Grace and peace to you all this season of giving thanks. First and foremost, we give thanks to God, always. We are grateful to God for all the blessings, both big and small, we have received in our lives. We are grateful for the gifts of our family, friends, church community, and the kindness of strangers. As Presbyterians, we believe in gratuitous righteousness, that is we reach out, we give of ourselves, we give of our time, talents, song, prayer, and wealth because God has so freely given unconditional love and forgiveness to us. The mission and ministry of our church is driven and enabled by our gratitude for all that we have received from God.

November is Stewardship month. We take this time to prayerfully consider how we will serve the church in the year to come and how much of our wealth we can pledge to the 2023 budget. We have a wonderful slate of elders and trustees to be nominated at a congregational meeting called for November 13th immediately following worship. We are so grateful for their willingness to give of their time and serve as leaders in our church. We have sent out pledge cards and there are more available in the church office. Please fill one out and return it by November 27th. We will, again, step out in faith during 2023 and keep growing our new church community. The stewardship scripture for this year is Isaiah 43:18-19

I do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

God has been gracious to us in the year 2022 and has begun a new thing in our midst, do you not perceive it? We are very slowly, very surely, beginning to move forward into the beautiful unknown of doing a new thing! Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Betsy





November Birthdays

Karen Curry	10
Rusty Marchman	11
Ayden Davidson	15
Meredith Hallett	14
Michelle Burks	18
John Young	22
Bill Hill	23
Sydney Barr	28

Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Psalm 95:2



Members and friends of CPC,

We would love to "thank you" for the Baby Grand Piano. I have always wanted to learn to play the piano. So now that I have a beautiful piano, I can learn and so can my grandchildren. It fits perfectly in the room that we have it in. Thank you again.

Valarie & Chris Austin



Thyme in the Garden

This month, the Garden Group has enjoyed the cooler weather. We have cleaned out the vegetable beds and planted tomatoes for a fall crop. We harvested the last of the watermelons and plan on clearing the area for other vegetables. We also have enjoyed eating radishes and some peppers that were planted.

Mrs. Hamilton shared a baked pumpkin with stuffing inside. It was such a treat. We are grateful for our fellowship with our friends.

We meet weekly and invite all to stop by and learn with

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 2022

Unrestricted donations Other Income Total Income	\$ 11,400 10,920 \$22,320	YTD Unrestricted Other	\$134,640 <u>24,040</u> \$158,680
Total Income	ΨΖΖ, JZ 0		\$130,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$18,139	YTD	\$142,051
Net	\$ 4,181		\$ 16,629

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Isaíah 43:19

Greetings Members and Friends of Central Presbyterian Church,

We stepped out in faith throughout the year 2022 and God responded with abundant grace. We have been blessed with new members who have freely shared their gifts of time, talent, song, prayer, and wealth with the church. Also, we received a redevelopment Grant from Grace Presbytery which will help us provide a competitive salary for our future pastoral leadership. God is indeed doing a new thing in our midst, and we are excited about our mission and ministry in the upcoming year 2023!

We believe that support of the mission and ministry of the church is everyone's responsibility. Each Fall we reach out to our members and contributors with an opportunity to pledge financially in support of Central Presbyterian's ministry of Grace to the local community and to the world. Pledge Cards were mailed recently for 2023. Please complete the card and return to the church by November 27th, either by way of the offering plate during Sunday worship or to the church office. If you did not receive a pledge card and would like to support CPC, there are cards at the entrances of the church.

Grace be with you as we bravely walk in the way,

The Session of Central Presbyterian Church



CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY

Common Ground Ministries will again host CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY for the families whose children are enrolled and for the east side community. The toy collection has begun and there is a decorated box in the sanctuary for members of CPC to donate toys to this effort. Also toys may be donated through the website, yougivegoods.com/CGM-2022-Christmas-store.

The deadline for ordering through the website is **November 19**. The deadline for donating to the Christmas box is **November 30**.

CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY is a program that was started many years ago for the parents of students at CGM. All toys that are donated are marked at 1/3 of the original price and all money received goes toward the summer recreation program at Common Ground Ministries.

MARVIN ELEMENTARY FOOD PROGRAM

We are receiving from donations, sacks of nonperishable food items for our students at Marvin who may be nutritionally compromised during the Christmas holiday season. As we've done in the past, food items such as boxes of cereal, peanut butter jars, Vienna sausage, mac & cheese cups, fruit cups, etc. will be collected to give to identified students on **December 17**. The deadline for that food collection will be on **Sunday, December 12**. There will be more information coming soon on this project.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS



Pie, oh my!

Our congregation has been asked to provide **10 pies**, either homemade or store-bought, for a November 17th Thanksgiving dinner held at the Waxahachie campus for the PCHAS families.



If you would like to contribute a pumpkin, apple, sweet potato or pecan pie please contact Dee Dreckshage or Susie Tickner. Your help with this is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Dee: 972-533-9564 Susie: 214-205-5540

Making Contacts and a new Shepherding Program

The Congregational Care Ministry team is looking for volunteers who would be interested in making contact with our homebound members. Contact could be a card, a phone call, or an email, etc. We strive to include all of our congregation as important members of our church.

The Team also voted to form a "Shepherding Program" for the new members of our church. The purpose would be to pair new members with a "shepherd" who can help them feel welcomed, to introduce them to our church family, and to determine their interests in being a part of the work and ministry of our church.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with contacting homebound members or Shepherding new members should contact Dee Drecksage at 972-533-9564, or any member of that Team.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER

The worship team is looking for individuals who would like to serve as greeters on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. If you are interested in participating, please call Cheryl Arey or Cheryl Loper to volunteer.

This is a great way to meet other members and friends!



Common Ground Ministries is looking for you to invest in the children on the east side of Waxahachie. Fall school year starts August 11, 2022, and goes through December 20, 2022. We need energetic, loveable, and generous men and women to mentor and tutor our students. If you would like to be a wonderful asset for us in our endeavor to speak into the lives of children and help them make positive decisions, please follow the QR Code to sign up.

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.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2022 Flower Calendar is on the wall in the side entrance by the ramp. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one or event. Johnna will add the information to the bulletin and the entire congregation can enjoy the flowers on Sunday.



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.

Are you still receiving the CPC Monthly Newsletter, The Outlook, by mail? Sign up for e-mail-only delivery by contacting the office at cpcwax@gmail.com and help save on printing and postage.

Thank you.



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.

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General Assembly Good News Summer 2022 Annual Report

The Environmental Justice Committee selected a proposal from the Presbyterian Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) recommending that Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66 and Valero Energy be placed on the General Assembly's Divestment/Proscription List. GA failed to recommend the possibility of industry-wide divestment in the future.

GA also approved overtures to reduce the denomination's carbon footprint, protect biodiversity and fund carbon offsets for staff and conference travel.

GA Committee on Addressing Violence in the USA took action on issues such as voting rights, bullying and gun violence prevention. Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF) launched and funded the "Presbyterian Decade to End Gun Violence" involving all levels of the church. PC(USA) became the first major denomination to support the Guns to Gardens Movement.

GA Immigration Committee approved these words-"We do hereby declare the Presbyterian Church (USA) to be a 'Sanctuary and Accompaniment Church' that supports and encourages its congregations, mid-councils and members to support immigrants, refugees, asylum seeker and their children and to resist efforts by the government to separate families."

To learn more about these efforts and others not reported, please visit Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (presbypeacefellowship.org) or subscribe to the Newsletter of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Patty Dickerson, Earth Care Congregation Ministry Team

Sign up for CPC updates and reminders by e-mail by contacting: cpcwaxnews@gmail.com

Reminder

Please have your Newsletter contributions/submissions to both Nancy Post at ntposttx@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!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	7 Wax. Home School 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	8 10:00 am Presbyterian Women 6:00 Memory Support Group	9 First Christian Day School	10	11 Veterans Day	12
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20 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Decorate Sanctuary and sack lunch fellowship	21 Wax. Home School 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving Church office Closed	Church office closed	26
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