



Words from Woodforest Oct./Nov. 2019

Words from Cassandra:

As you all know (some of you more than others) I have just returned from a beautiful part of the country that is very dear to me. Northern Minnesota is always beautiful, but especially so in the autumn when all the leaves are turning, and we hit them at their peak. My heart just beats differently when I am there, and I feel God in every breath I take.

But none of us has to look far to see the wonder of creation or the beauty of God's imagination. Every human face is a reflection of that. The sky, the earth, the plants, the birds – all of it sings to God's glory. And God gave it to us to take care of.

There are a lot of things this church does to practice good stewardship and tender care of the earth. We recycle when and where we can. We have two dishwashers so that we don't have to use disposable, single use dishes. We try to be watchful in our use of the lights and the air conditioner. We have reusable grocery bags available so that we don't have to use plastic ones when we go to the store. And we have planted trees!!!!!!

But a recent segment my husband and I watched on 60 Minutes made me even more aware than I already was of the dangers that plastic poses to nature everywhere – because plastic NEVER goes away. We have come to appreciate all of the pluses of plastic so much that we have not paid attention to the negatives. And there ARE negatives. Serious ones.

While there are people who are working to address this problem on a large scale, as a Christian I feel it incumbent upon me to do my part in caring for the creation. So I am re-examining my use of plastic and making changes where I can. I am avoiding single use straws. I am switching from body wash (which comes in a plastic bottle) to soap, which comes wrapped in paper. And I am looking for other ways to reduce my use of plastic. I invite you to do the same.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

We can't just sing it. We have to live it. Let's strive anew and always to care for this precious and singular creation that God has gifted us with.

God's peace,

Cassandra



Anyone who receives the paper please save them and bring it to Cassandra. She gives it to the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

**Church Garage Sale
Saturday, October 26th
We will spend the week before
pricing and sorting. 9 am– Noon
Come and join in the Fun!**

Property Committee

We are starting to slip back to the old ways. Today and several times on the past when locking up the church I am finding food left out. Today it was potato chips and Cheerios. In past weeks it has been other food items left out. Also ALL the trash is not being emptied. This continued lack of effort will bring back the mice. I am NOT going to continue to pick up afterwards.

Johnny Gaskill

Field Trip: Holocaust Museum

There was a field trip to the Holocaust Museum on Thursday, September 12. The museum reopens its campus after a 34 million dollar expansion of its original location at 5401 Caroline Street. It more than doubled its size to a total of 57,000 square feet. The new facility ranks as the nation's fourth largest Holocaust museum.

The new three story structure houses a welcome center, four permanent galleries, two changing exhibition galleries, classrooms, research library, Legacy Café, 200 seat indoor theater and 175 seat outdoor amphitheater. As one of the leading Holocaust Museums in the country, the organization works to field a more humane society by promoting responsible individual behaviors, cultivating civility, and pursuing social injustice.

The Holocaust Museum Houston Lester and Sue Smith Campus is a non-profit 501—(c)(3) Organization founded in 1996 by Houston area Holocaust survivors and their descendents and members of the community and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Museum is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors' legacy by using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, we teach the dangers of hatred and apathy. This was a two hour tour.

We left there and went to Cleburne Cafeteria for lunch. The food was so good. It was a good trip,



**Live Nativity
December 14th
6 pm. –8 Pm**

Outreach:

Unfortunately, the Food Fair scheduled for Saturday, October 12 had to be cancelled. Per Rodney Redford - No. Channel Asst. Ministries Director- the Houston Food Bank now requires that any distribution point must be USDA Certified. Hopefully, in the near term Mr. Redford will be able to get this situation remedied and we can continue with this important community event.

GARAGE SALE: October 26 is the day. We will need everyone who can help with pricing and set up to be at the Church around 9:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday, 10/21 - 10/25. For all that can stay after Church on Sunday, 10/20, to set up tables and make-ready for the garage sale your help will be greatly appreciated.

Ministries:

Thanks to all for your generous gifts for Peace and Global Witness offerings. This is a very important mission and you made it successful for Woodforest Presbyterian Church. We are entering the holidays where so many activities are happening. The SEAFARERS gift boxes will a part of our mission and again this year we are asking for shoe boxes - a list is provided of articles needed (but not limited to that list). You can bring the filled and wrapped boxes or bring articles and we'll fill and wrap. This year we're keeping the Lady Seafarers in mind when collecting articles. Please bring your wrapped boxes to the Church by December 15,.

Prayer concerns:

- For people and places in conflict.
- For Linda Norris as she recovers from her heart attack.
- For Patricia Chaudoir with recent health concerns.
- For Timothy Black in his battle with cancer.
- For those with chronic conditions: Ruth Flick, Krista Bartel, Sandra Horton, Irma McLeod
- For Billy Vickery as she continues to recover from recent surgery.
- For Roger Martin as he continues to recover.
- For our church.
- For the hungry, the homeless, and those who are grieving.
- Traveling mercies for those on the road and in the air.
- And thanksgiving for the joy and privilege of being in ministry together in this place and this time.



Dearest WPC Congregation,
We are just wanting to thank you all very much for your attending our recent party at the church.
Philip and Perry did a great job with the meat, everyone's generous sides were appreciated, as was a super fast put up and take down! Ryan's music was wonderful as always! We loved that Cassandra was there to speak and keep events flowing.

Thank you for making our anniversary party even more special than it was imagined to be.

With appreciation & Love-in-Christ
Krista & Bob

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am— Choir
Rehearsal

10:00 am—Worship

11:00 am—Coffee and
Fellowship

11:15 am—Sunday
School

Communion is celebrated
the 1st Sunday of each
month.



November 3rd

Congregational Life

**Dine out Dinner
November 6 at 6 pm
\$5 Kids eat free**

October 2019

Week 1
SUN. Oct. 6 **10 am** Worship , Communion
World Communion Sunday

Week 2
SUN. Oct. 13 **10 am** Worship,
Dutch Treat Lunch Iguana
Joe's

WED. Oct. 16 **10:30 am** Women's Circle
12 Noon Lunch Bunch

Week 3
SUN. Oct. 20 **10 am** Worship
SAT. Oct. 26 **6:30 am** Garage Sale

Week 4
SUN. Oct. 27 **10 am** Worship
Fellowship Potluck

November 2019

Week 1
SUN. Nov. 3 **10 am** Worship , Communion

WED. Nov. 6 **6 pm** Dine Out Dinner
7 pm Adult Study

Week 2
SUN. Nov. 10 **10 am** Worship,
Dutch Treat Lunch

Week 3
SUN. Nov. 17 **10 am** Worship
WED. Nov. 20 **10:30 am** Women's Circle
12 Noon Lunch Bunch

Week 4
SUN. Nov. 24 **10 am** Worship
Church Celebration

**Church Celebration
November 24th**

Catered Luncheon following
Worship Service.

Now is the time for members and
former members who have not
brought in their cross to do so.



October 26 **Garage Sale**
November 24 **Church Celebration**
December 14 **Live Nativity**
December 24 **Christmas Eve Service**
December 25 **Christmas Worship
and Brunch**

Session Meeting November 3rd Noon

**Women's Circle Wed. Nov 20th @ 10:30
Lunch Bunch @ Noon**

We Invite You
To come be a part
Of
Woodforest Presbyterian Church's
60th
Anniversary Celebration
Sunday
November 24th , 2019

Worship begins at 10:00 am.
Fellowship directly after
Lunch will be served at Noon.

We are asking for any photos of the church, church family and memories to share, so we can create a presentation. Also, please bring an individual photo for the Church Timeline Banner. We hope that you come and celebrate for you, too, have played a part in this journey. If you need transportation or assistance with anything related to the event call Kaydonna Fox.



A last word...
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.