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Words from Woodforest **November 2018**



Words from Cassandra:

November is a month of Thanksgiving, and it is our practice here at Woodforest to emphasize that throughout the month. There is always so much to be thankful for! This church family continues to be strong in commitment if not in wealth or numbers, and we are not discouraged, for God is with us still and the Spirit is kind.

Once again our youth programs are blossoming. While you are ALL amazing, and each gifted differently (thanks be to God!) a special thanks to Ollie Garrett and Courtney Shockey for their commitment to our Children's Chapel! Also to Ann Martin who is once again working with our youth during the Sunday School hour, and always to Renee for her leadership in the Adult Class.

We just finished another successful garage sale. It took many donations and many hands to prepare, operate, and clean up afterwards. Thanks to all of you for doing your part!

We will be celebrating at least one baptism in November and one in December, and we look forward to the day will come when we welcome more new members. Yes, it has been awhile, but we trust the God who is with us still, and we will never quit inviting, welcoming, and including everyone we can!

Our annual Church Celebration will be on Sunday, November 25 – celebrated on Christ the King Sunday and just after this congregation's founding anniversary, which is Nov. 22nd. We will worship and then have a catered lunch, followed by a very special intergenerational project prepared for us by our resident artist, Allysa Holtz. The theme for this year's celebration is "Praise and Glory!", and it all goes to God. Please come, for we are blessed when each of you is with us.

Shalom,
Cassandra

WOODFOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN THE FOLLOWING

FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Schedule of Events

- ▲ November 7—Dine out Dinner & Adult Study
- ▲ November 11—Dutch Treat Lunch
- ▲ November 17—Church Work Day
- ▲ November 25—Church Celebration
- ▲ November 28—Women's Circle & Lunch Bunch & Hanging of the Greens



Live Nativity
Saturday, December 15th
6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Live Animals...Shepherds...Angels
Mary and Joseph...Baby Jesus

This sounds like the party of the year. We need everyone's help as we present the story of Jesus' birth to the community. There are sign up sheets on the back bulletin board. This is a meaningful experience that you will not want to miss.

Congregational Life

On Wednesday, November 7 Dine Out Dinner at 6 pm

Soup Supper \$5 Kids eat free! Following dinner the adult study meets to continue using Glory Happening– Finding the divine in everyday places by Kaitlin B. Curtice. It is not too late to take part in this study.

Dutch Treat Lunch will be on Sunday, November 11th following worship

Women's Circle will meet on November 28th, one week later due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Then after lunch bunch, potluck lunch at noon it is time to prepare the church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season with the Hanging of the Greens. Come and join in the fun!



Seafarers' Christmas Boxes

Ministry to the Port of Houston Help the Chaplains of the Seafarers' Center gift seafarers during the upcoming holiday season These boxes are a highlight for those coming into the Port of Houston in November and December.

This is a list of items to be included in a wrapped shut shoe box:

- Shaving Cream & Disposable Razors**
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss**
- Deodorant, Soap & Shampoo**
- Band-Aids (Fabric)**
- Combs**
- Nail Clippers**
- Kleenex & Q-Tips**
- Lotion & Lip Balm**
- Needle and Thread (Sewing Kits)**
- Socks and T-Shirts and Baseball Caps**
- Address Books**
- 2019 Calendars (Small)**
- Gum, Hard Candy, Popcorn and Hot Cocoa**
- Key Chains**
- Flashlight w/batteries**
- Pocket-size Notebooks, Pencils & Pens**
- Paper, Envelopes & Postcards**
- Cards, Puzzles & Games (Sudoku/ Word Search)**
- Texas Souvenirs**

Please bring your wrapped boxes to the Church by Dec. 16th.

A last word...

“Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.”
Isaiah 58:10



Thanks to everyone who helped out on the Church garage sale. It was a great deal of work but also fun working with some awesome people! We were able to raise over 1700 dollars for the church. A big **THANKS** to all who helped out.



**Saturday,
November
17th,
9 AM**

Field Trip

There was a field trip to “Water Works” on Wednesday, September 21st. The field trip to “Water works was very interesting. It is an Educational Center one mile from Lake Houston at the city of Houston Northeast Purification Plant a one of a kind regional water detention. The project consists of two design-build phases to expand the plant’s capacity from 80 million gallons per day (MGD) to 400 MGD by 2024. The expansion project will help the City and water authorities meet water demands, and fulfill requirements by the Harris-Galveston and Fort Bend Subsidence Districts that restrict groundwater usage.

We listened to a speaker and watched a movie, then we played some games and had an opportunity to ask questions. Then they passed out some give a ways. We went to lunch at Southern Comfort which was very good. It was a great day!

Notice Anything Different?

After a discussion at a recent Session meeting, the decision was made to switch from plastic communion cups to glass ones. Fortunately, there was no need to buy new glass cups as we had wisely saved those the church had used years before.

Why the change? In a word (or several words) – stewardship of the earth and its resources. It is our desire to do our part in cutting back on the use of plastics that pollute our oceans and our world. Yes, it is a little more trouble because the glasses have to be washed after each use. But not only does it cut down on pollution, it saves us on cost as well. Plastic cups are a one-use item and then more have to be purchased. Not so with glass. We will also be practicing communion more frequently by intinction – which is when we are all invited forward to take a bit of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake.

We hope these changes will both inspire you and guide you. (Oh! And if you have not yet made the switch away from plastic grocery bags to re-usable ones, you might consider that as well.) God gave us the creation to care for. Let’s do it together!



We will once again collecting food for Thanksgiving Baskets for 2-3 families in need. There is a list on the back table to see what items are still needed..

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 2018

Week 1

SUN. Nov. 4th 10 am Worship , Communion
WED. Nov. 7th 6 pm Dine Out Dinner & Adult Study

Week 2

SUN. Nov. 11th 10 am Worship,
Dutch Treat Lunch
SAT. Nov. 17th 9 am Church Work Day

Week 3

SUN. Nov. 18th 10 am Worship
THUR. Nov. 22nd **Thanksgiving Day**

Week 4

SUN. Nov. 25th 10 am Worship
Church Celebration
WED. Nov 28th 10:30 am Women’s Circle
Noon Lunch Bunch
Hanging of the Greens



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**SAVE
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November 25 Church Celebration
December 9 Christmas Caroling
December 15 Live Nativity
December 16 Children’s Christmas Program
December 24 Christmas Eve Service
December 25 Christmas Worship and Brunch

Correspondence

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. By participating in Special Offerings your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world- through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, Christian formation, education and wellness.

Thank you for the following support of special offerings: Pentecostal Offering (254.40) and One Great Hour of Sharing (406) Your congregations gifts when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

Thank you again for giving to enable all people to know God’s life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ. You are a valued partner in mission. Please let me know how we can support your efforts

With gratitude to God for our shared mission,
Bryce Wiebe Director, Special Offerings.

*Giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20*