



Words from Woodforest February 2019

Words from Cassandra:

At the start of each year the church Session meets for a day long retreat. We meet to review the past year, plan the new year, vision, reflect, budget, eat, laugh, and pray. It is a chore, a joy, and a living out of our faith commitment.

While it takes ALL of us to be the church, it is the Session that does much of the heavy lifting, if you will, of our shared ministry. There is a big responsibility, and I can assure you that none of them take it lightly.

When I first arrived at Woodforest, I heard that in years past the Session had twelve members. By the time I arrived, it had nine. Now it has six, along with the strong and Invaluable support of our Stated Clerk (Susan Maxwell) and our Treasurer (Ann Martin). Susan and Ann both have enormous responsibilities. On Session they have voice, but no vote. Our Session members this year are Shar Baker (Congregational Life), Ryan Cole (Worship), Renee Feltner (Education), Kaydonna Fox (Commitment/Nominating/Personnel), Johnny Gaskill (Property), and Linda Norris (Mission and Outreach).

As we were working this year, it came to our attention that in 2019 Woodforest will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary. Imagine that! Sixty years of shared ministry in this community! Some of you have been here ALMOST that long, while most of us are much more recent arrivals. But wherever you came within that time frame, you have benefited from years of faithful ministry that have gone before us.

We stand upon a strong foundation – and in this day and age it is no small achievement for a neighborhood church to not only endure but flourish for that long a time. The challenge before us to do everything we can to ensure that Woodforest Presbyterian will be here for another sixty years – growing in faith, service, witness and love. And then may the glory be God's and God's alone!

Shalom,
Cassandra

Friends,

Please be sure to turn off all lights and all heating/air conditioning systems when you leave the building. Not only do we need to save on our utility bills, but we need to practice good stewardship. Be mindful! Thanks so much!

Christian Education

What is going on?

Ann continues to work with the Jr. /Senior High class. Several of our youth and 2 adults will be attending Conclaves at Cho-Yeh February 22-24. Thanks to Ann and Johnny

Courtney and Ollie are doing an excellent job with Children's chapel using the Deep Blue One Room curriculum.

We all enjoyed the Children's Christmas program., "Christmas on the Internet".

Mary Ellen Baker has graciously offered to lead the adult class. We are using Feasting on the Word which follows the lectionary readings. Each lesson is separate so feel welcome to join in whenever you can.

Women's Circle meets on the third Wednesday of the month and are using the Horizon study, "God's Promise I am with you by Amy Poling Sutherland.

Adult book study meets on the first Wednesday of the month following Dine Out Dinner. We are using the book, Glory Happening– Finding the divine in everyday places by Kaitlin B. Curtice.

There are many opportunities to learn and share at WPC join in the fun,.



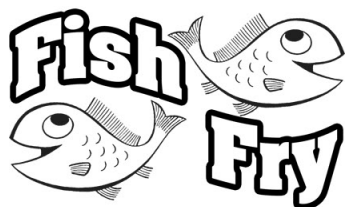
Vacation Bible School
June 24-27
6-8 pm

Congregational Life

On Wednesday, November 6th Dine Out Dinner at 6 pm \$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 participate in this study.

Dutch Treat Lunch will be on Sunday, February 10th following worship .

Women's Circle meets on February 20th, at 10:30 am Lunch Bunch Potluck at noon
Potluck Fellowship Luncheon will be on **February 24** following Sunday School.



Fish Fry & Silent Auction
Saturday, March 30th
11 am –3 pm
\$10

Sign up sheets are on the back bulletin board. There is no other way to say it ...we need everyone's help. There is always something for everyone to do. It works when we all pitch in to have a successful fundraiser. If you can help out see Shar

It was Woodforest's very own Christmas miracle! Thanks to an extraordinary outpouring of December donations, we ended the year STRONGLY in the black! Donations were across the board - both big and small. In addition to checks, Ben Franklin's portrait made more appearances than ever before in the cash offering plate. The wave of donations began early in the month, and it just kept coming! As treasurer, it was such a joy and a blessing to watch as the story unfolded.
Thank you all for your very generous hearts!

Outreach and Mission Committee

With the month of December coming to an end Outreach has so many to thank for helping with the Live Nativity event. There was a great participation from the community and it can be said that the program was a big success.

Outreach was happy to assist Missions in the very successful Seafarers Christmas Gift Boxes and the assembly and delivery of Christmas Dinner Baskets to seven families, and helping with the poinsettias was a beautiful experience.

December was a busy month but we were all blessed in being apart of this greatest of holidays.



“Souper” Bowl of Caring

is a nationwide, grassroots movement of caring utilizing Super Bowl weekend to mobilize youth to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.“

We will be receiving non perishable food and monies on **Sunday, February 3rd**. The monies will go to NCAM and the food to the San Jacinto College food bank

Dear Friends of the Seafarers Center,
Many thanks on behalf of the seafarers whose Christmas is touched by the goodness of people like yourselves. The Christmas Boxes you provide mean so much to so many people who are far away from home and families during this glorious season. Last year over 9,600 boxes were received and distributed! This year with your help we hope to match or exceed that number. We wish that each of you could share just one smile or thank you from those recipients first hand. We encourage you to visit and tour our center whenever you are in the area.
Again, our heartfelt thanks for your gift of Christmas boxes. God blessings to all throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Chaplains & Staff
Howard T. Tellepsen & Lou Lawler Seafarers Centers



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.

February 2018

Week 1

SUN.	Feb 3rd	10 am	Worship , Communion
WED.	Feb 6th	6 pm	Dine Out Dinner &
		7 pm	Adult Study

Week 2

SUN.	Feb 10th	10 am	Worship,
			Dutch Treat Lunch
SAT.	Feb. 12th	6 pm	Session Meeting

Week 3

SUN.	Feb. 17th	10 am	Worship
WED.	Feb. 20th	10:30 am	Women's Circle
		Noon	Lunch Bunch

Week 4

SUN.	Feb. 24th	10 am	Worship
			Potluck Fellowship Dinner



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| March 6 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 30 | Fish Fry & Silent Auction |
| April 18 | Maundy Thursday |
| April 19 | Good Friday |
| April 21 | Easter |
| June 24-27 | Vacation Bible School |
| August 10 | Fajita Dinner Fundraiser |
| October 26 | Garage Sale |
| November 24 | Church Celebration |
| December 14 | Live Nativity |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Service |
| December 25 | Christmas Worship and Brunch |

Field Trip to Sam Moon's

The field trip on Wednesday November 14 was a shopping trip to Sam Moon's. We spent about two hours going up and down the aisles of clothes, purses, jewelry, belts, wallets and Christmas items.

Some went to the other stores in the shopping strip. There was a lot of ideas for Christmas gifts. We left to go to lunch at Woodlands Mall. We ate at the Cheesecake Factory. The food was very good. The weather turned out great. The poor driver had to go a distance to park. It turned out to be a relaxing day of shopping and socializing.



Many Hands Lighten The Load...Where Could You Help?

2019 Committee Assignments

Christian Education	Renee
Commitment	Kaydonna
Congregational Life	Shar
Mission	Linda
Nominating	Kaydonna
Outreach	Linda
Personnel	Kaydonna
Property	Johnny
Worship	Ryan
Treasurer	Ann
Clerk of Session	Susan

Keep these people in your prayers. These are the people who will be asking for your help and support. It can be hard to ask someone for help so say yes with a big smile!

Prayer concerns.....

For our homebound members....and for those who suffer chronic pain.

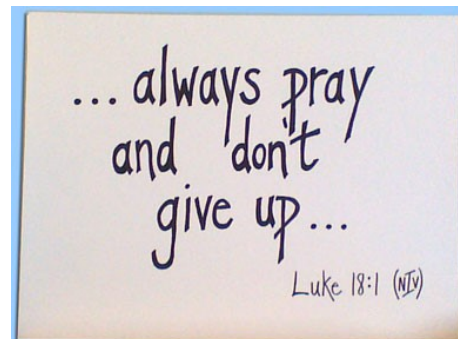
For Sandra Horton, who is recovering from a broken back.

For Timothy Black, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

For the family and friends of Ziggy Van Sick-le who passed away in December.

For the hungry, the homeless, and the lost.

For all of our government leaders, and for those who are caught in the midst of the government shutdown.



A last word...

Go now to love and serve the Lord, giving thanks and praise in all things through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.