



Words from Woodforest

October 2021 Newsletter

A Word From the Pastor

It is fall. People are selling pumpkins and Indian Corn. It is the time of harvest for those who are still farming. In the Bible harvest was a big thing. God's people were so grateful to have a crop to bring in that they gave their very first fruits to God. These gifts of thanksgiving were on top of their tithe.

I don't know if we have gotten too far away from having to live off the land and depending on God for a good harvest or if we are just less thankful. God is still the giver of every good gift. How did being grateful, thankful children get away from us? Most people today think that they are giving a gift to God out of what is THEIRS. God doesn't need us to give a gift from our own "stuff" because none of it is ours. It all belongs to God. We are just giving back to God a portion of what already belongs to God.

Are you thankful for what you have or do you take it for granted? Did you think you earned it? Do you think you deserve it? If you deserve it, then what does God deserve who created the world you live in, and the food, water, and air that keeps you alive? None of us would even exist, let alone have jobs if it were not for our loving creator.

The past eighteen months have been hard on people. Many people have lost their jobs. Many people have lost wages because they were sick. It can be hard to be thankful when you are living through hard times. But God has still gone with us. God is still generously providing. In this time of harvest, how can we give our best to God; the best of our time, the best of our talents, the best of our gifts?

Love in Christ

Karen



Worship

Sunday October 3rd Ryan Cole will be filling the pulpit. Don't miss out.

We will be observing World Communion next Sunday, October 10th.

We are continuing to wear face masks in doors in an abundance of caution.

If you are unable to be in church on Sunday morning, check out the service on Face Book Live.

www.facebook.com/woodforestpc/live

If you are not receiving the Worship Order for Sundays please make sure that your email address is correct. You can email any corrections to SECRETARY@WOODFORESTPC.ORG or if you want to receive the newsletter by email.

Joseph Mendoza has been accepted in PYCC (Presbyterian Youth Connection Council)! This is the organization that puts on Conclaves and all other youth events in the Presbytery.

Mission

The Light of Peace. The Peace and Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides all of us into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. We will be receiving this special offering on October 10th.

25% of this offering stays with our congregation to use in our own community.

25% of this offering will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



STICK IT TO THE FLU

FREE Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, October 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Presbytery office, 4803 San Felipe, Houston. Bring your insurance information and Hurricane Ida Relief Donations when you come!



Before you come, please fill out and bring the Consent Form and COVID-19 Symptom Screening Form (the day of the clinic to ensure accuracy). Forms will be on the [Presbytery Website](#) soon.

Congregational Life

Garage sale on Saturday, October 23rd . Starting at 7 am.

We will be pricing and setting up Monday , October 18—Thursday, October 21 from 11-2.

We are planning a outdoors picnic to celebrate Cassandra Dahnke's ministry at WPC. The date has not quite been pinned down but it looks like early November.

Presbyterian Women's Study

We had a great first meeting in September, studying "What My Grandmothers taught me". It is an engaging study of the women in Jesus' family tree. If you missed it, you can still find it on our Facebook page! This lesson is based on Genesis 38. We even have a couple of study books left if you want to join us from home.

In October we will be meeting one week early on **Wednesday, October 13** because of Pastor Karen's study leave. Our lesson will be on Tamar. Your homework is to bring a picture from a wedding party. (It doesn't have to be your own). We will be meeting in person October 13th at **10:30 am**. It will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page for those who are more comfortable participating from home. If you are unable to make it on a Wednesday morning, you can watch the recording at your leisure any time after the recording is made. **Lunch will follow. This month we will be dining at China Ko.**



Kickoff meeting for our **Cub Scouts** We have about 7-8 kids interested - about half boys and half girls - and they were happy, excited, and getting along well.



Keep in Prayer

Healing and comfort for Sandra Horton, Darlennie Powell, Shar Baker, Krista Bartel, Billie Vickery Kathleen Watson, JoAnn Nichols and Alice Drennon.

Last Word

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:34