



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

Volume II, Issue I

The Way it Looks From Here

Hello Friends,

I want to say before going too far into my letter, how much I appreciate the work done by David Pierce, Stephanie Anderson and our choir and narrators on the Christmas musical service on December 18 called *Tapestry of Light*. It was a superb achievement and I hope a sign of things to come, as we work to worship God more fully.

By the time you are reading this, Kay and I will probably be in Southern California for a few days of R & R. I again want to thank you for your kind indulgence in granting us this special time away. We will be looking forward to the renewal of our spirits, our minds and our bodies.

I am very grateful to the Rev.

Harry Meissner for his gracious willingness to stand in for me in the pulpit and in the needs of being a pastor to this wonderful congregation. I am certain that as Harry works among you, you will learn to respect and love him as I do.

Many have asked Kay and me what we were going to be doing on our time away. In order to answer that, we will provide some visual evidence of our activities and experiences.

There will be a digital picture frame on display near the coffee area in the narthex each Sunday. We will keep it supplied with pictures of our travels along the way.

As you grab coffee before

church on Sunday, take a look and we are likely to be smiling out at you from a slide show.

As 2011 winds down, I want to express my gratitude to all of you connected with Faith United. What a wonderful year of discovery and challenge! It has been an honor for me to serve with you as we explore new directions in Christ's service. It is my prayer that, as we enter 2012, we keep our eyes and hearts open for the new movement of the Holy Spirit within us and among us, for God is always doing a new thing and it is our hope to perceive it and participate in it.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Terry
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The next newsletter is February 2012.
The deadline for articles is January 20.

Session & Such



Session last met, December 11, 2011.

The Grand Recycling Event will be Saturday, January 7 on the Marsh Lane parking lot (see p. 5) and will "kick-off" the

Healthy Children-Healthy Planet series which will begin Saturday, January 12.

Next stated session meeting will be Sunday, January 8 after worship.

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The Roles of Stephen Ministers & Stephen Leaders

Jane Ingebritson

Stephen Leaders are clergy and lay Christians trained at a seven-day Leader's Training Course to implement Stephen Ministry on behalf of the congregation and to recruit, select, train, and supervise Stephen Ministers for the congregation. Faith United sent Lisa Laclede and Nancy Smith to this training in July in Dallas. They are now training a group to become Stephen Ministers. Jane Ingebritson assists.

Stephen Ministers are lay Christians who provide one-to-one distinctively Christian care to others on behalf of their enrolled congregation. Nancy Bond, Kathleen Ferguson, Lois Duell, Lois Norton, Cathy Marxer and Susie Wing are in the current class.



During January the class will study these

topics: Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly—Part 2; Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving; Crisis The-

ory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity; Confidentiality; and Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There.

The class meets Saturday mornings at the church from 10:00 to 12:30 noon.

Presbyterian Women

Jeanne Sawyer, Publicity

The Starboard Stitchers will meet at the church on Tuesday, January 3, at 1:00 p.m. Their current project is making stuffed animals for children who visit the clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries.

Another continuing project is the collection of can labels, box tops, etc. to benefit Good Shepherd.

Our circle study for the year is "Confessing the Beatitudes." All women of the church are invited to attend any of the meetings which fit their schedules.

The 2nd Tuesday Morning Luncheon circle (bring a sandwich) will meet on January 10 at 10:30 a.m. Hostesses will be Doris Rose and Fran Olinger. The 2nd Thursday Morning circle will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. on January 12. On January 19, the 3rd Thursday Evening circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nadine Moser.



All women of the church are encouraged to attend our annual Retreat on February 11. The day will include breakfast and lunch, an inspirational speaker and "Blessing of the Hands" with Wendy Fenn. We will also be delivering our baby blankets for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Metrocrest Santa Store 2011

Ann Walden & Nancy Smith



The collection for the Metrocrest Santa Store was a huge success. On December 12 we took 179 items to the distribution center. We had cars, trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, art supplies,

toys, books, clothes and many more things. The staff of the Metrocrest Social Services was very happy to receive all the gifts we had brought. The needs are very great and our contributions were a help to them. Thank you so very much for your generous contributions. Because of you many had a better Christmas and maybe a glimmer of hope for their future. We are happy to be a part of Faith United Presbyterian Church.

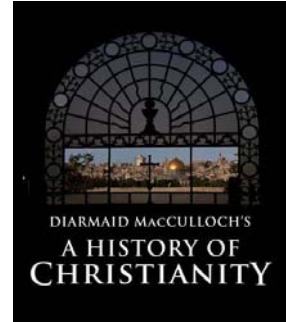


Adult Sunday School, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

The Adult Sunday School Class led by Rich Lewis will begin a new study on January 8. It will feature *A History of Christianity, the First Three Thousand Years* which first appeared as a BBC television series. Diarmaid MacCulloch, an Oxford history professor, explains how a small Jewish sect that preached humility became the largest religion in the world.

He covers six major topics:

1. The First Christianity
2. Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome
3. Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire
4. Reformation: The Individual Before God
5. Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion
6. God in the Dock.



The class will cover each topic in two weeks. Each week will include 30 minutes of video and discussion of its content. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the large class room across from the fellowship hall. You may attend for any or all of the topics.

Worship & Music Committee



On behalf of the Worship and Music Committee, I would like to extend many thanks to David Pierce, Stephanie Anderson and the Community Choir for the splendid performance of

Courtland Lewis

"Tapestry of Light". Also, thanks to Kay McLellan for suggesting the idea for the community choir and publicizing it. It was truly a gift to all who attended.

From the editor

Wow! 2012 is here. We now put 2011 behind us and FUPC begins a new year.

Several dedicated volunteers constantly strive to have the most up to date information available in the newsletter and on the website. Please let us know if you notice an event

that needs to be updated or adjusted before the next newsletter is published or on the website.

With the new year comes new events, classes, meetings, etc. Please let me know the "news" of FUPC.

Brenda Swindle

You may submit articles in writing to the church office or via email to

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

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Friday, 1/20.
Contact church
office or Brenda
Swindle via email to
submit articles.**

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Notes & News from the Pews



Thank you notes for Christmas Packages sent to Service Members!

From the Moore family. We recently received news from Andrew. He will have to be deployed for longer than we expected. Thank you all for your prayers.

We celebrated Avaley's 3rd birthday December 9th. Andren has his first two teeth at 8 months. Andrew has been dreaming of pizza for his birthday December 14. Merry Christmas from Ashley, Avaley & Andren. God Bless, The Moore Family

(Current address for SSG Andrew Moore available upon request)

From the Spencer family.

Thank you, your thoughtfulness made a difference. My family and I would like to thank you for your very thoughtful gift. You all have no idea how much that meant to us. God Bless you, Cheryl, Cameron, & Xaeden Spencer



You're Invited!

Save the Date—On Saturday, January 21 there will be a retirement party for Revs. Bubba and Harry Dailey at St James Episcopal Church and all are invited. The church

is located at Audelia and McCree with the festivities starting at 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity to express your gratitude for all the Daileys accomplished at Austin Street Centre and to encourage them in their next opportunity to serve our Lord. Festivities will begin at 6:30 so we will gather in the parking lot of Faith United at 6:00 and share rides. See Ann Walden if you are interested in saying "God's Speed" to our dear friends.

A "Note" of Thanks from FUPC's Director of Music, David K. Pierce

We all owe a Texas-sized THANK YOU to the choir and instrumental musicians for their splendid performance of Joseph Martin's *Tapestry of Light* on December 18th. Stephanie and I enjoyed working with the group and the "community singers" that joined the Faith United Choir. They added a lot so we hope you will also thank Keith Bechly, Jean Creech, Betty Laney, Cathy Marxer, Nadine Mosher and Brenda Swindle for sharing their talents. Best wishes for the New Year from the Faith United Choir. Keep listening!



Members of FUPC invited!

THE NOR'KIRK PRESBYTERIAN'S BOOK CLUB invites you to join us on **Tuesday, January 24th** at 7:00 p.m. at The Nor'kirk to hear Janet Boyanton, speaking about her book, Alone and Alive: A Practical Guide for Dealing with The Death of Your Husband. Written from Janet's personal experience of being widowed, and drawing on her experience as an attorney practicing probate, estate planning and elder law in Texas, the book deals with issues we all could face, ranging from grief to finances, legal documents and living arrangements. Janet is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA, and has a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. RSVP to the church office (972-492-1578) if you would like to attend.

The Nor'kirk Presbyterian
3915 N. Josey Lane
Carrollton, TX 75007

Grand Recycling Festival @ Faith United

Scarlett Silva

Save that Styrofoam!! . . . and the old electronics that your new gifts replaced. Instead of throwing them in the trash, bring these items to the **Grand Recycling Festival**, Saturday, January 7, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. @ **Faith United Presbyterian Church**, 12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234, (972) 243-2866. Website: www.FaithUnited-pc.com.



Bring items that you cannot place in the city's recycling bins and are often more difficult to recycle, such as:

- ♥ Styrofoam
- ♥ Electric/electronic-waste
- ♥ Paper for shredding

Details and costs

Electronic products, or "e-recycling": Includes all that runs on electricity. Most e-recycling is free, but there will be fees for items containing cathode ray tubes (\$5 - \$10). Tube TV charges vary depending on size (\$20—\$30). "Standard" hard-drive wipe-free, D-level wipe-\$20.

Styrofoam: Please place in bags so it does not blow away before pick-up. Clean Styrofoam that has not contained food will be accepted. Please place "shipping peanuts" in separate bags. \$3 contribution for any amount of Styrofoam to cover the vendor's pick-up fees is appreciated.

Paper for shredding: A truck will shred your confidential papers and you can actually see it shredding through a video screen. Paper will be shredded at \$5 per box.

NOTE: Only items such as those listed above will be accepted. Furniture, hazardous waste, and heavy items will be turned away. Please visit the church website for more details and updates.

What else is going on?

Give to your community: Nonperishable food items and gently used clothing will be collected for donation to Metrocrest Social Services.

Healthy Children—Healthy Planet: This event kicks-off a book discussion course whose objectives include to understand how the pervasive effects of advertising, media, and our consumer culture can influence a child's view of the world; to discover ways to create meaningful family times and healthful environments for children; to explore ways to develop a child's connection to nature, and to foster creativity. The course starts January 12, and will run Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for seven weeks, at Faith United. Space is limited! If interested, call the church office soon or visit the website.



Healthy Children - Healthy Planet

Healthy Children - Healthy Planet is a seven-session book discussion course that addresses how the pervasive effects of advertising, media, and our consumer culture can influence a child's view of the world. The goals of the course are:

To understand how the pervasive effects of advertising, media, and our consumer culture can influence a child's view of the world. To discover ways to create meaningful family times and healthful environments for children. To explore ways to develop a child's connection to nature, and to foster creativity.

Topics include:

1. **Cultural Pressures:** A powerful fusion of pop culture and peer influence creates a social smog that has a strong influence on today's children, says author and doctor Ron Taffel. How should adults respond to these pressures?
2. **Family Rituals and Celebrations:** Meaningful family time can provide an antidote to cultural pressures of consumption. Explore how ritual can enrich a child's family experience and examine alternatives to elaborate celebrations and gifts.
3. **Advertising:** The average child sees an estimated 20,000 commercials every year. What are the effects on our children, and what steps can adults take to lessen the impact?
4. **Food and Health:** Many schools serve high-fat lunches, soda, and candy is readily available on school grounds. What is the link between diet and learning? How can adults encourage children to include healthy foods in their meals?
5. **Time and Creativity:** Today's children may have schedules that rival the busiest adults. How can adults help children find balance between activities and unstructured time, which is often the source of creativity?
6. **Technology and the Media:** Opinions differ on whether computers hinder or help the natural process of child development. Watching TV can displace more valuable experiences. What steps can adults take to create a healthy media environment at home?
7. **Exploring Nature:** Children have an affinity for the natural world and as Rachel Carson says, "an inborn sense of wonder." As children spend more time indoors, they connect less to the wild places in their neighborhood. How can we give children the opportunity to connect with the natural world?

Schedule: Thursday evenings, starting January 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., with optional brown-bag supper at 6:30 pm. The course runs for seven weeks, with a celebration on the 8th week.

Location: Faith United Presbyterian Church, 12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

Resource: Session discussions are based on weekly readings from the book *Healthy Children-Healthy Planet*, published by the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI). The cost of the book is \$21.

Your move: Space is limited. If interested, contact Faith United Presbyterian Church, (972) 243-2866 to register and purchase your book.

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Happy Birthday!

January 4

- * Jim Laclede

January 7

- * Janet Marxer Rodriguez

January 9

- * Dick Nelson

January 10

- * Ralph Miller

January 11

- * Doris Rose

January 12

- * Amanda Gunderson
- * Megan Stovall

January 16

- * James Lewis
- * Betty McAlpin
- * Rebecca Nichols

January 19

- * Frank Luff
- * Becky Tiemann

January 25

- * Henry Knight
- * Isiah Taylor

January 27

- * Hannah Booth
- * Tracy Tiemann

January 29

- * Emily Wing

January 30

- * Terry McLellan

January 31

- * Jaime Gonzalez



Prayer Concerns



Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

Psalm 86:6-7

Prayers for:

- ♥ Eberhard & Kähte Kashuge
- ♥ Pam & John Moynagh
- ♥ Thomas Sullivan
- ♥ Charles Sooby
- ♥ Ann Walden
- ♥ The congregation of FUPC as they experience the wonder of their first Advent season.

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Glenn Craig
- ♥ Grethel Creech
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Betty Donoho
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- ♥ Don Spiegel
- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Martha Watson

Service Personnel:

- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ CPT Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ 1st LT Joshua Montero
- ♥ LT COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ Ronnie Rogers
- ♥ USAF 1st LT Andre Silva
- ♥ LCPL James C. Spencer
- ♥ SPC David Wheat
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ Robert Hall
- ♥ Andrew Moore
- ♥ WO2 Chris West

Austin Street Meal—February 6

The February meal day will be Monday, February 6. Please plan ahead for your food donation. The additional refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Thank you for your faithfulness to the homeless.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 CSID Worship 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd	2 9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter Church Office Closed	3 1:00 Starboard Stitchers 4:00 G-21 music 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 7:00 PWCT	4 7:00 FUPC Choir	5 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4	6	7 9:00 FUPC Recycle Event 10:00 Stephen Min.-Lounge 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Rm 4 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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Please contact the church office if you have meetings, classes or events to put on the calendar to help prevent conflicts.

All Interested Gardeners!

Building & Grounds, David Bell

On Saturday, January 21 at 9 a.m. Hal Yost of Little Treasurers and David Bell will be preparing raised beds for vegetable gardens in the spring. Meet by the garage.



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