



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The way it looks from here...

Pastor Terry McLellan

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The next newsletter is February 2016

The deadline for articles is Friday, 1/15/16



Dear Friends,
By now most of you have received word of my

impending retirement. My last Sunday will be January 31, 2016. As I leave, I leave Faith United excited about the future for the church. The church is in a good place to begin 2016 with new areas for ministry and with the resources to tackle those new areas. The New Beginnings process we engaged in during 2015 has begun to open new doors for work in the neighborhood. The Community Pancake Breakfast; the after-school program at Cabell Elementary and the new membership in the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce will be a great beginning to learning more about the needs of the community and identify new ways of meeting those needs. But, the effort to engage the

community should not stop there – it should be the beginning of a process in which Faith United becomes more and more a major factor in the improvement of life in this community.

During the month of January, I hope to do important work at cleaning up a few lingering projects that will pay dividends for the church in the coming years. Grace Presbytery will work diligently with your Session to arrange for the best in Pastoral Leadership. Last Sunday the Session selected an Interim Pastor Search Committee. They are Alison Meier, Moderator; Wayne Saunders; Scarlett Silva and Gerry Shotswell. They will be working to interview candidates for the position and will have a good one selected in short order, I am

sure. Whoever that person is, will shepherd the church through the time of seeking an installed pastor. I encourage you to pray

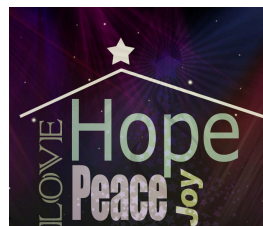
unceasingly for the committee and for your Session as they lead you forward.

Kay and I have

thoroughly enjoyed our time with you and look forward to hearing good things about Faith United in the months and years ahead. You are a wonderful, loving and compassionate part of the Body of Christ. And we feel that we have indeed been fortunate to have been called to serve alongside you.

Likewise, we are excited about our future endeavors as retired people, though we also shed some tears over leaving you and will miss you.

Grace and peace, Dear Ones,
Pastor Terry
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Presbyterian Women

The Faith United Presbyterian Women's circles are in full swing of their monthly circle meetings with Bible study and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a circle or need more information, feel free to contact Patti Sloey or the circle moderator. Study books are available for \$10 each.

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, January meeting, Tuesday, 1/12. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, January meeting, Thursday, 1/14. Circle moderator, Susie Wing.



Thursday Evening Circle-3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm in members homes. January meeting, Thursday, 1/21. Circle moderators, Nadine Moser and Dottie Cogar.

The Starboard Stitchers continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month. They meet next on January 5 at 1:00 pm at the church.

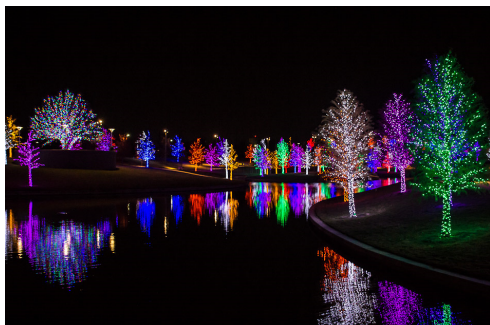
All are invited to come help them stuff fabric animals. These animals go to toddlers when they get their shots at the North Dallas Shared Ministries clinic.

From the editor

Brenda Swindle



Wow, as I write this it is December and the year is almost done. It is my most favorite time of the year. The time when I bring out the Christmas decorations and recall the memory affiliated with each ornament I hang it on the tree. I enjoy seeing the neighborhood lighting displays. I live near Vitruvian Park in Addison. Each year there is a wonderful lighting display on every tree in the park. It is the corner of Marsh Lane and Vitruvian Way. You should check it out during December.



Vitruvian Park in December

Please think about your upcoming events in the new year. Tell everyone about them by submitting an article for the next issue of **Words of Faith**. Remember, no matter how big or small the event, we are happy to include it in the next issue of **Words of Faith**. You may submit articles in writing to the church office or via email to

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

The next issue will be February 2016. The deadline for articles is Friday, 1/15/16. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Brenda Swindle

It is such a pleasure to come to the church during December. Following the FUPC Work Day on December 5 the building is wonderfully decorated inside and out. The Sanctuary has a new Christmas tree. I have taken some pictures and thought I would share them with you.

The trees in the Sanctuary and Narthex are decorated with chrismon ornaments. Do you know the meaning of the chrismon?

A **chrismon** is a Christian symbol representing Jesus Christ. The term *chrismon* comes from the Latin phrase "*Christi monogramma*", meaning "monogram of Christ."

Since early Christianity, the term *chrismon* has traditionally referred to any symbol or figure reminiscent of the name of Christ. In the 20th century the term also started to be used in a wider sense to refer to ornaments that are "symbols for Christ or some part of Christ's ministry"; these are often used during Advent and Christmas, to decorate

a Chrismon tree (or a Christmas tree), and include "the fish, Celtic cross, Jerusalem cross, shepherd's crook, chalice, shell, and others. At FUPC the chrismons are beautifully hand crafted ornaments of white and gold. Ask Lorna Acker about the FUPC Chrismon tree that sits in our Narthex each year.

Next time you are in the building take a moment to really look at the decorations and consider the hands that crafted them or put them up each year. We are very blessed to have so many that take pride in the building and the decorations of the season.



Session & Such

The Session has a Called Meeting once a month for the purpose of meeting and receiving prospective new members. This month's Called Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 10 at 10:15 a.m. They meet in the Pastor's Study in the office area. The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 10 after worship. Katie Miller will lead the devotional.



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Notes & News from the Pews



Thank you!

Dear FUPC Family—It is with love and gratitude I extend my deep appreciation to each of you for your heartfelt condolences during my father's illness and his passing. Your cards, calls, and other expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. I am most grateful for all the prayers over these past 5+ years for Dad; along with those who made personal visits and gave him Communion when he was no longer able to come to Church. To Pastor Terry—for **all** you do; for **who** you are--my gratitude is immeasurable. To David Pierce, as always, the gift of your beautiful music is forever appreciated. For those of you who attended Dad's Memorial Service, thank you for not only taking the time to be there, but for sharing your loving memories of Dad with me. Your words were a comfort and a source of strength for all of us, and your presence helped to lighten our sadness. What a special and loving feeling it was to be in the company of so many I've known for most of my entire life. My Dad truly loved each of you. What an honor to have made life-long friends. You were all a blessing to him; and you are a blessing to me. At times like these I realize even more so how important friends and church family are. I would also like to say a special "thank you" to the Women of the Church for the very nice reception afterwards. Your many kindnesses expressed throughout the years to so many have never been taken for granted.

In Christ's Love,

Carol West & all of The Don Speigel Family

To the women of the church—It is with love and gratitude I say “Thank You” for the very nice reception you provided following the memorial service for my father, Don Speigel. Your many kindnesses are never taken for granted as you’ve demonstrated in your caring ways through the years for so many in our church family, your love shines through in all you do!

Thank you again and God bless each of you,

Carol West on behalf of the Don Speigel Family



The **Weekly Bible Study** taught by Rich Lewis, is back in the swing with the study of the Minor Prophets.

The **Searchers** class, taught by Kay McLellan continues to meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Resource room.

Outreach & Evangelism

Lois Duell



Christmas Joy Offering

Presbyterians have long given generously at Christmas to help those who've devoted their lives to the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). On December 20 and December 24 churches throughout the denomination will again receive the Christmas Joy Offering, providing a way to express gratitude for, and walk with, those who serve the Church.

The receipts of this Special Offering are shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides crucial assistance to PC(USA) church workers and their families in need, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling.

Every congregation's gifts to the Offering are critical to the future of these ministries, especially now when the

need for funding is at its height. If you don't already do so, please make the Christmas Joy Offering part of your Advent and Christmas tradition.

FUPC Community Breakfast

will be January 9 from 8-10am. Have you attended yet? Join us and meet your neighbors and friends.

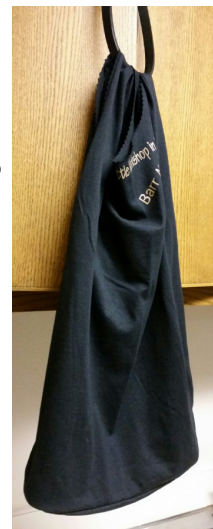


North Dallas Shared Ministries

Food and clothing are still needed, particularly canned fruit.

Starboard Stitchers and T-Shirts!

What to do with those old T-shirts? Bring them to FUPC for the Starboard Stitchers. They will transform them into a sturdy grocery bag (finished sample pictured) so bus riders and walkers will have a secure place to put their groceries from North Dallas Shared Ministries. So gather up your T-shirts and bring them to FUPC. They can be placed in the box next to the NDSM box.



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Happy Birthday!

December 1

✧ Steve Laclede

December 8

✧ Bob Hinkle

December 12

✧ Jerry Dunaway

December 13

✧ Miranda Rodriguez

✧ Marilyn Rose

✧ Bennie Tillack

December 16

✧ Dena Knight

✧ Gail Dunaway

December 17

✧ George Nabor

December 20

✧ Annette Shepard

December 21

✧ Ray Butler

December 22

✧ Joe Kastendieck

✧ Ruth Yost

December 26

✧ Bob Howell

December 31

✧ Dottie Cogar

January 4

✧ Joyce Kastendieck

✧ Jim Laclede

January 6

✧ David Kirchmeyer

January 7

✧ Janet Marxer Rodriguez

January 9

✧ Dick Nelson

January 10

✧ Ralph Miller

January 11

✧ Doris Rose



January 22

✧ Quinn Moser

January 25

✧ Henry Knight

January 27

✧ Tracy Tiemann

January 30

✧ Terry McLellan

Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Keith Daniels
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Nadine Moser
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Lynda Taylor
- ♥ Dr. Byrne Williamson
- ♥ Family of Jeff Rose



*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

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Jimmie Beach
- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Martha Watson

**Know of someone who is homebound & not on our list?
Let us know, contact the church office.**

December—January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		22 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	23	24 Church Offices Close at 12 pm 5 pm—FUPC Christmas Eve Worship 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	25 Church Offices Closed 10—2 pm CSID Sanctuary & #1	26 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
27 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd	28	29 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #4	30	31 Church Offices Closed 7—11 pm CSID Sanctuary & Fellowship #1 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Group-Rm 4	1 Offices Closed 	2 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.

ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN

OF FAITH UNITED: If you enjoy
children, Cabell Elementary School has



a great opportunity for you! They need you to help with their after-school program from 4-5 once a week on a day that's best for you. You will be reading to a child or have him read to you. Also you may want to help with his homework. We want to start in January, so we would like to go as a group to the school before that to meet with the after-school program directors for more details.

They need as many of us as possible so that we will be able to work with only one child. Let me know If you are interested in participating in this important service for our church. 972-394-9900 or wootsie34@verizon.net



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