



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

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Dear Friends of FUPC,

At the beginning of a New Year, it is customary for soothsayers, prognosticators, and politicians to make predictions for the upcoming year so I thought it would be kind of fun to let the preacher have his turn at it. You might want to save these predictions until the end of the year just to see how accurate he is as a fortune teller. So here goes:

1. First of all, I predict that on January 14, 2016, some of the best pancakes, sausage, fruit, and breakfast casserole in Texas will be served at our monthly Community Breakfast. This event will also prove to be a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and to invite them to worship and become a part of our church family

2. I predict that the scholarly information contained in the Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible study on "Who is Jesus" will continue to help the women in our church

expand their understanding of Jesus as seen through the eyes of both those who wrote Holy Scripture as well those who have a more modern interpretation and those who know Jesus from a non-Christian viewpoint.

3. I predict that our Christian Education Committee will once again host a Neighborhood Vacation Bible School that will reach out to children in the neighborhood as well as those who attend this church. They will have fun, enjoy healthy snacks, and learn about God's love for all of God's creation.

4. I predict our wonderful choir will continue to inspire and help our congregation praise God with their beautiful anthems and special music during Easter and Christmas and throughout the year.

5. I predict that this church will continue to help people in need through our volunteers who regularly give of their time and abilities to North Dallas Shared

Ministries and to Metrocrest Services. I also predict that we will expand our cooperation with Cabell Elementary School and provide new opportunities to mentor and support the children at Cabell.

6. I predict that our session and congregation will be inspired to take a new look at our aging facility and find ways to repair, replace, paint, and prune in a cost-effective way that will not take away from our local and global mission to serve God. Anybody know how to use a paint brush?

7. Finally, I predict that the people of God at Faith United will continue to worship and glorify God and, with God's help, make disciples, and serve those in need. We will begin our search for a pastor God has already chosen to lead this church into the future. With God's help, we will find that man or woman and continue to faithfully serve God.

Shalom, *Jim*

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Next newsletter is

February 2017.

Deadline for articles, Friday, 1/20/17.

Contact church office or Brenda

Swindle via email to submit articles.

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Presbyterian Women

FUPC Women are into the new year of Bible study with "Who Is Jesus?" Books are available for \$10 in the office or at your circle meeting or from your circle leader.

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 1/10. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.



Mary Marxer

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 1/12.

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 1/17, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, January 3 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.

Outreach & Evangelism



Monthly Pancake Community Breakfast will be Jan. 10 from 8-10am. Join us and meet your neighbors and friends.



Metrocrest Services is grateful for the FUPC donations to the Santa Store. Many thanks to those who participated! On December 12 we delivered over 130 toys and 2 bicycles.

North Dallas Shared Ministries is in need of volunteers in the new year.



NDSM wants us to know that they could not operate without the skill and dedication of several hundred volunteers. They are indeed blessed that so many share the faith in their mission.

However, as lives change, old friends have other priorities and new opportunities to serve arise. **They are currently hoping to find volunteers with the following abilities:**

Wayne Saunders

COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS - to work in Access and VBA to update existing programs and for special projects. Very flexible schedule.

HARDWARD INSTALLERS - to set up desk tops, connect to our network, define printers and do general trouble shooting. They anticipate needing 2-3 hours per week on a flexible schedule.

SOFTWARE INSTALLERS - to install vendor programs and in-house programs written in Access. 3-5 hours per month.

TAX PREPARERS - to work from mid-January through April 15th. Now is the time to get certified by the IRS through the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. Additional information is available at - www.irs.gov

They can also use volunteers who'd like to assist the clients in the food bank, clothes closet or with the interview process. Please visit the Web site for details - www.ndsm.org and click to "How You Can Help" tab.

Church Life

Brenda Burkham



The Church Life Committee will host a New Member Reception immediately after worship on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Please join us in welcoming recent new members. They are Jessie Reyes and her children, Adenn and Adelyn. Their directory information is on the adjacent page (p. 3).

Happy Birthday!

January 4

* 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



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer
(David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Sherrard Family
- ♥ Alan Swope

Hospital:

- ♥ David Blackney
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Mary Marxer

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Betty Laney
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Betty Van

Directory Updates

Please remember to notify the church office if your information changes.

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Notes & News from the Pews



Dear FUPC,

I am humbled by all the generous thoughts and prayers you have given to my brother-in-law, Ray, over the last three years. He has made great strides since his fall on January 16, 2013.

He has had two brain surgeries and two pelvic surgeries among other things. His faith and your belief in him have kept him strong. Someday I believe he will walk his way home. The support you have given me has helped to keep me strong for him and I thank you, one and all.

Sincerely, Ann Kirchmeyer

Dear FUPC,

I want to thank everyone for the many expressions of sympathy given to Dick and me at the death of his mother, Margaret. All of the words, hugs and cards were very much appreciated. You are truly a blessing and I am thankful to be a part of this loving church family.

Blessing to each of you, Nancy Smith

Dear FUPC,

Many thanks for the prayers and donations for my niece and her son in Gatlinburg, TN. They lost all their material possessions in the fire, but Anne and Jacob and their 2 cats are hanging in there and things are starting to look up.

Thanks, Lois Duell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 CSID Worship 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus	2 Church Offices Closed 7:30 GA-Room #2	3 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	4 7 pm FUPC Choir	5 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	6	7 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
8 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 & Following Jesus 12:30 FUPC Session	9 7:30 GA-Room #2	10 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	11 7 pm FUPC Choir	12 10:00 PW Circle #2 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	13	14 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
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Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com



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