



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The Way it Looks From Here

Pastor Terry McLellan

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are getting toward the end of our time away from you. I trust that this season has borne fruit for you as it has for Kay and I. I hope you have enjoyed and been enriched by Harry's time of leadership and preaching among you. He is indeed a fine man and pastor. I am truly grateful that he was able and willing to serve among you for this time.

We have thoroughly rested this month – getting plenty of sleep; enjoying good food; time with family and friends; and receiving the stimulation new surroundings can offer. I hope you have enjoyed the few pictures we have provided of some of our activities showing on the picture frame in the narthex.

One very important thing this

time has afforded us is the time to reflect upon our lives and upon our calling to service among the people of Faith

United. As the days have progressed so has my thinking about life at Faith United. And I must say that I return looking forward to what we can do together as the people of Faith United.

We all come to Faith United from different places having different experiences and perspectives. Yet we share a calling to be part of Faith United

serving God by serving people. In 2012, I have no doubts that God will show us new opportunities to serve and welcome people in Jesus' name.

It is our responsibility to be faithful to the higher calling of serving others by sharing



God's love for the world. As we try new activities and ministries, we will no doubt fail some-

times. But, whether success or failure is the outcome of the things we do, we can thank God for going with us and providing us what we need to do His work. And as long as we remain faithful to the tasks we have been given, we will not go wrong. I do not believe that we can go very far off track, if we are continually praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us.

In all things be thankful for the grace you have received, as you share the peace that passes all human understanding with those in your world.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Terry

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The next newsletter is March 2012.

The deadline for articles is February 17.



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Why Stephen Ministry?

We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only one pastor for a congregation of our size, you can quickly see why it would be im-

possible for our pastor to meet every single need of every single person. Stephen Ministry expands the care that Faith United Presbyterian can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with the gifts, skills, and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who most need it.



Jane Ingebritson

In February, the six Stephen Minister trainees will study these modules: Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources; *Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief*; *Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role*; and *Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need*.

Presbyterian Women

The Starboard Stitchers will meet at the church on Tuesday, February 7, at 1:00 p.m. They will continue making stuffed animals for North Dallas Shared Ministries. All woman of the church are wel-



come to attend to help with sewing, stuffing and stitching. The 2nd Thursday Morning circle will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. on February 9. The 2nd Tuesday Morning Luncheon circle will meet on February 14

Jeanne Sawyer, Publicity

at 10:30 a.m. Hostesses will be Lorna Acker and Jeanne Sawyer. On February 16, the 3rd Thursday Evening circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lois Norton.

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

Calling All Women!

Be sure to circle Saturday, February 11 on your calendar and make plans to be in Faith United's Fellowship Hall on that day. That's the date of the Presbyterian Women's Retreat for **ALL** women of Faith United. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 with fellowship following.

A representative from **Presbyterian Children's Hope and Services** will explain to us the procedure for receiving, fostering and adopting orphans left in their care. The receiving blankets we have been making will go with each

child throughout the process even into adoption. Also included in the program, and a real treat, will be the "Blessing of the Hands" service with Wendy Fenn. Wendy has been director of Faith Hospice and is now employed by First Presbyterian Dallas as an Associate Pastor in charge of Congregational Life. I can personally say this is one of THE most inspiring experi-



Ann Walden

ences of worship I've ever had in my life. You owe it to yourself, as a woman of God, to participate in this blessing.

This retreat begins and ends with food, of course. After all, we **are** Presbyterians! Each person brings her own sandwich and all the rest of the picnic will be provided by one of the circles. Please plan to attend even if you do not currently participate in one of FUPC's circles. You will be glad you did!

Fruitful Days Ahead

Rev. Harry C. Meissner



I retired from 33 years service with one congregation on November 1, 2006. After serving as a regular temporary supply for six months, I did a thirty-four month Interim and re-retired. Six weeks later I went as “first responder” to a place and wound up serving an 18-month Interim. A retired minister in the presbytery said, “I don’t think you’re even half-trying at retirement.” So, coming to FUPC was my first temporary service since I re-re-retired. And it has been a great experience. The people of Faith United Presbyterian Church have been welcoming and gracious. A merged church is close to my heart because 22 of those 33 years were spent in a merged situation.

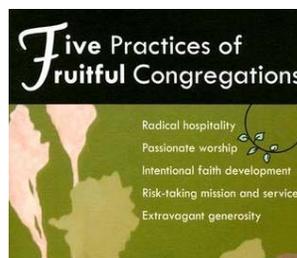
A church merger isn’t like the merger of

a corporation of combining two 7-Eleven stores. It is more like the merger of two families. I have often said that there are only two critical times in a church merger—the time before the merger vote and the time after it. Families have their own dynamics of becoming one. But that is what we’re called to do. And the time after the merger vote doesn’t mean that things get easier. They actually become more complicated! Now there are greater resources for mission, but redefining the mission and making sure all resources are utilized is no uncomplicated task. Mergers that make it are mergers, not for survival, but for increased programming and mission.

There is a book out—it is available in the Presbytery Resource Center—that chronicles *Five Practices of Fruitful Congre-*

gations, by Robert Schnase. These five practices seem to be held in common by “successful” congregations:

- radical hospitality
- passionate worship
- intentional faith development
- risk-taking mission and service
- extravagant generosity



Look at the descriptive words that accompany each area of church life. They mean that each area is pursued in an extraordinary way. If we pursue our commitment to our life together in such an ex-

traordinary way, then there are good and fruitful days ahead for FUPC.

I have had an experience of being a part of the relative “beginning” of the life of this new church. I will be watching with anticipation to see how it develops and what it becomes.

From the editor

The end of January approaches and we look ahead and plan for the season of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on 2/22. Looking further ahead Easter 2012 will be April 8. Where does the time go?

We are currently establishing groups of volunteers to help with various office tasks. Contact the church office if you have a day of the week that you could come to the church

office to assist with stuffing envelopes, preparing newsletters, answering phones, etc. We will be happy to add you and your talents to our list.

We depend on you to help us keep our calendar of events current and up-to-date. Let us know if you notice an event that needs to be updated or adjusted on the website or before the next newsletter is published.

Brenda Swindle

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

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

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Deadline for articles,
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Contact church office
or Brenda Swindle via
email to submit
articles.**

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Notes & News from the Pews



From & for the members of FUPC

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, food as we recovered from our Christmas trials. We missed our loving church family and appreciate being missed.

Peace & love, Jack & Ann Walden

Many thanks go to all of my Faith United friends. I appreciate so much all of the cards, calls, gifts and continued prayers. I hope to be back among you all soon. Kathie Heffler

Anonymous—What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?

Helen Bowling recently moved away from her friends at FUPC to be closer to her family. Her new address is:

Helen Bowling,

c/o Natalie Kohler

1660 Poes Lane

Charlottesville, VA 22911



Members of FUPC invited! Lenten Dinner and Bible Study Series

It is time for our Lenten dinner and Bible study series. Once again we will have a video study series. This series is called *The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon*, and is presented by Bart D. Ehrman, Ph.D. The class will meet on Wednesday evening's beginning with dinner (\$6.00) at 6:15 p.m. with video and discussion at 7:00 p.m. This Bible study begins on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 and continues through March 28, 2012. We will study Apocalypticism and the Apocalypse of John, the Copyists Who Gave Us Scripture, Authority in the Early Church, The Importance of Interpretation, and When Did the Canon Get Finalized? Please send an e-mail to Pauline Neff pneff5@gmail.com if you will be attending and would like her to make dinner reservations on your behalf. We always look forward to these times together to have fellowship, enjoy food and conversation and study. We hope that you can join us

John Calvin Presbyterian Church , 4151 Royal Lane (Northwest corner of Midway & Royal), Dallas, TX 75229, 214-357-9395

North Dallas Shared Ministries

Tax preparation has begun at NDSM. Last year 65 volunteers prepared 1,014 tax returns for low and moderate income families, saving them roughly \$100,000 in preparation and identifying \$1.9 million in

refunds and credits to which they were entitled. Hours are Monday through Friday 2pm to 8pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. Clients are seen on a walk-in basis. Anyone seeking assistance should bring Social Security cards for everyone in the household as well as W-2 and 1099 forms and documents relating to income and claimed deductions. also bring last year's



tax return and documentation of your bank account number.

The Friday Senior Food Basket is steadily increasing. On January 13, 406 bags of groceries were handed out to seniors and disabled participants. This program is available to seniors and disabled on fixed incomes beyond the 20 zip codes we cover.

The May fund raiser will soon be here and items for the Silent Auction are needed. If you have items to donate, contact Lois Duell at 972-241-4669.

Lois Duell

Help NDSM Get 2012 Off to Great Start!

Judy Rorrie



FIRST TIME EXPERIMENT

We have identified a need for shoes for school-age children. This will be our first attempt at a "shoe drive." Please publicize this effort. And please let us know how responsive your congregation is, as we are considering adding a wider variety of shoes to our Clothes Closet offerings.

We could also use additional warm clothing for children and adults and men's pants with 32 and 34 inch waists.

ESL CLASSES CAN USE MORE TEACHERS

Our Spring ESL classes have begun and we could use more volunteers to keep this successful program growing. Volunteers need only teach one day a week - 1 1/2 to 2 hours in class plus preparation and drive time - and need not know any language other than English. All materials are provided. Day classes meet Monday through Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and evening classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

To volunteer, please contact Joe De La Cruz at hjdtennis@aol.com for evening classes and Trish Houck at trishhouck@aol.com for day classes.

To download an update poster/flyer that you may post, please click here <http://ndsm.org/images/stories/PDF/esl-flyer-2012.pdf>. But please get the word out as many ways as possible - and let us know what works best for your congregation.

TAX PREPARATION IS ACTIVE THROUGH APRIL

We're offering free tax preparation and electronic filing six days a week for low and moderate income families through Tuesday, April 17.

Please let your congregation know that we can always use volunteers. Even if they don't know anything about tax prep, we can train them to help clients get organized for their session with the preparer. Those interested in volunteering may contact John Shank at ejshan@sbcglobal.net

And, please let those who might need this service know that it's available. You can find details about hours and what to bring on our Website - www.ndsm.org

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Judy Rorrie, Executive Director

Become a member of FUPC!

On Sunday, 2/12 at 10:15 a.m. there will be a called meeting of the Session. We will gather in the Resource/Parlor room off the Narthex. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive new members. If there are any among the congregation who wish to become members of Faith United, you are cordially invited to meet with the Session at that time. We receive members by transfer of membership from other Presbyterian congregations; if



you are a member of another denomination but have been baptized, we can receive you by re-affirmation of your faith; or, if you are a new

Christian and have not yet made a public profession of your faith, we can receive you for baptism and afterwards full membership in this church community.

Rev. Terry McLellan



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**
February 22
Worship Service
@ 6 pm

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Happy Birthday!

February 1

- * Keith Bechly

February 2

- * Harrison Rainier

February 3

- * Sergio Hernandez

February 5

- * Lorna Acker
- * Meagan Bower

February 6

- * Aubree D'alfonso

February 7

- * Marianne Petersen

February 8

- * Karen Turnbow
- * Jack Walden

February 12

- * Whit Whitaker

February 14

- * Bob Whitnell

February 15

- * Chuck Acker
- * Dick Smith

February 16

- * Kurt Booth
- * Kitty Lane

February 17

- * Rebecca Bell
- * Joann Schiebout

February 18

- * Cosette Greer

February 19

- * Jeremy Ketzell

February 21

- * Leslie Mendez

February 22

- * Mary Joiner

February 24

- * Mindy Lewis

February 25

- * Betty Van

February 27

- * Ann Walden

February 28

- * Hubert Laney
- * John Marxer



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
- ♥ Kitty Lane
- ♥ Mike McGinnis
- ♥ Pam & John Moynagh
- ♥ Thomas Sullivan
- ♥ Charles Sooby
- ♥ The congregation of FUPC as they discover what God has planned for them in 2012.

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—March 5

The March meal day will be Monday, March 5. 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.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Calendar Legend <i>G-21=Community Youth Group</i> <i>GA=Gamblers Anonymous</i> <i>ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous</i> <i>OA=Overeaters Anonymous</i> <i>PWCT=Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team</i> <i>CSID=Church of South India Dallas</i></p>			<p>1 7:00 FUPC Choir</p>	<p>2 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:00 Healthy Planet Double Classroom 7:00 Personnel Cmte 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00 Stephen Min.-Lounge 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Rm 4 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary</p>
<p>5 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 12:00 CSID Lunch</p>	<p>6 9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter</p>	<p>7 1:00 Starboard Stitches 4:00 G-21 music 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 7:00 PWCT</p>	<p>8 7:00 FUPC Choir</p>	<p>9 9:30 PW Circle 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:00 Healthy Planet Double Classroom 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:30 Women's Retreat 10:00 Stephen Min.-Lounge 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary</p>
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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.

Spring Tonic?

Lois Duell

Need a spiritual boost? How about a Presbyterian Pilgrimage weekend?

The next NTPP weekend will be March 1- 4 at Lake Lavon Christian Center. The cost is \$200, but I think you will find it well worth the price.

Scholarships are available if needed. It begins at 5pm Thursday and ends about 5pm Sunday.

Couples can attend the same weekend, but you will not share a discussion table and you



will not have your mate as a room mate (men and women have separate accommodations). There are motel

type rooms with 2 double beds and bath, very nice compared to the

dorm with 5 beds and a bath when I went

through Via de Cristo. You can get more

information and register online at ntpp.org or

pick up a brochure on the bulletin board close to the narthex.



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