



# 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 **March 2014**

The deadline for articles is **Friday, Feb. 14.**



Dear Friends,

Even as I write this note for February, I am thinking,

“Where did January go?” It feels almost like it was yesterday that we were working on Advent and enjoying Christmas. Just a little over a month from now we will be celebrating our third year together as Faith United. And, I will be remembering my tenth year as a Minister in Grace Presbytery.

Wasn't it only last week that our youngest granddaughter was born? No, that was ten years ago, too. And just a few months back our son and daughter-in-law were marrying one another. No, that was 18 years ago!!

Well, each one of us has things in our lives which we remember like it was yesterday, though it may have been a multitude of yesterdays ago. I guess it is best to just enjoy remembering (faulty as those memories may be) some things that happened and thank

God for helping us to survive some of the things that we would rather forget.

I hope that as we remember, we also look forward. Look forward with hope to the things of the future which God has in store for us. We cannot ever be certain of what the future will hold for us. But, we can trust the promise of God's love for us and presence with us, as we move forward in life.



Several of you shared your understanding of God's dream for FUPC in the mini-survey that we did toward the end of last year. I appreciate those of you who were willing to express your dreams for the future. We will be sharing those with you in some way going forward.

With this issue of Words of Faith, I would like to share with you some of my understandings of where God is calling us. For most of you, this is not really new information, as I have

shared these thoughts with you from the pulpit and in various other ways. They are mostly in two areas of the church's life.

1. FUPC to become a stronger and stronger source for hope in our neighborhood by working with those in our neighborhood to improve their lives, reflecting God's light into those lives

around us. I hope we will work to learn how (through Dallas Area Interfaith and other resources) to get to know our neighbors and invite them into our lives and us into theirs.

2. Continue to strengthen our ministries and friendships with Church of South India Dallas. I believe God to be calling both congregations to build a strong multi-cultural and multi-generational ministry at Marsh Lane and Ridgeoak.

Working in these two key areas will involve both work inside and outside our congregation. We need to open ourselves to learn new ways of approaching

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## Presbyterian Women

Patti Sloey

### Tuesday Morning Circle-

2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, February meeting, Tuesday, 2/11. Moderator, Linnie Hinkle or Vice Moderator, Joan Nelson.



### Thursday Morning Circle-

2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, February meeting, Thursday, 2/13. Co-Moderators, Sharon Meurer and Cleo Sherrard or Vice Moderator, Mary Silva.

**Thursday Evening Circle**-will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 20 at the home of Lois Norton. Contact the church office if you need Lois' address.

The Starboard Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, February 4, at 1:00 p.m. continuing their stuffed animal project for the clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries. Come to stitch or stuff and enjoy the fellowship.

The PW coordinating team will next meet on Thursday, February 20 at 11 a.m. The location of the meeting is yet to be determined

The Annual Women's Retreat is on Saturday, February 22. Reservations can be made on Sundays 2/2 and 2/9. The contact for this event is Marilyn Rose. More details are below.

## Retreat! Retreat! Retreat!

Marilyn Rose

That's what the women of our church are going to do! We're getting away! We're going to have fun! An interesting speaker will inspire us! Lunch will be catered! Prizes will be given away!



Here are the details:

- ◆ Date: Saturday, February 22
- ◆ Time: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
- ◆ Place: North Dallas Family Church, 1700 S. Josey Lane, Carrollton 75005 (next to Turner High School, parking in rear)
- ◆ Speaker: The Reverend Judy Fletcher (she has served in our pulpit several times) "God-Me-Others"
- ◆ Cost per person: \$12.50

All women of Faith United Presbyterian Church are invited. You don't have to be a member of a circle. Invite guest(s). The goal is to get away, learn, meet others, have fun and refresh ourselves. You don't need to bring anything. If you have a personal need or concern (medical equipment, transportation, etc.) please call Marilyn Rose, 972-492-2998. She can also answer any questions you may have.

Reservations will be taken on two Sundays, 2/2 and 2/9. Or, you may contact Marilyn Rose. Look for the reservation table in the hallway near the workroom.

Checks for \$12.50 should be made out to Faith United Presbyterian Church (FUPC), put PW Retreat in the memo section. You won't want to miss it. Come to the FUPC Retreat!

## FUPC blood drive!

Kay McLellan, R.N.

March 15 will be the date when the American Red Cross will come to our church for a blood drive. The blood supply is especially low in the spring and summer months as more people are outside enjoying God's world in risky ways. Sometimes they get injured. Some of them you don't know, but some are your own friends and family. This is your opportunity to donate your own very special gift that is often needed in an emergency.



ple who draw the blood are experienced. They are careful to interview you prior to collection to screen out those who should not donate. So if you have a condition that you have questions about, call the American Red Cross ahead of time and it will save a trip. You are welcome to come on the day and talk with them at that time, too. Age is not a condition that will exclude your donation.

Between now and then, members of the Health Advisory Committee will be circulating among you with a list for you to sign up for an appointment at our church. The whole donation process requires only about one hour of your time. The peo-

If this date is not convenient for you, you can also contact American Red Cross (214-678-4800) and set up your own appointment and designate your donation to be credited to Faith United Presbyterian Church's blood drive.

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ministry and strengthening our spiritual lives, giving us new resources with which to fulfill our callings. Then when we find an area of passion, be willing to step outside of "We've never done this before," and try new things and meet new people.

It is my prayer for us as we move forward that we continue the conversation begun with the mini-survey to discover together where God has given us a passion and what spiritual gifts we have been given to fulfill what God has for us to do. And let's do it together.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Terry

[Terry@FaithUnited-pc.com](mailto:Terry@FaithUnited-pc.com)

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## Happy Birthday FUPC!

Dottie Cogar



Faith United will celebrate their third birthday in March this year. Hard to believe it has been three years already! We will have a birthday reception following worship on Sunday, March 2. Mark your calendar so you will not miss the celebration.

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## Notes & News from the Pews



### Thank you!

Thank you so much for the gift cards for our daughters! They helped a lot during the holidays! We really appreciate it. Happy New Year!

The Manis family

My God daughter Gabriel Batchler. I would like to thank all my Church friends for the food you sent to the memorial and all the cards for me and my family. She was put in her final resting place at the VA memorial on January 10.

Love, Margaret (Jones)

### Directory updates

Please remember to notify the church office if your contact information changes so it can be published in the next newsletter.



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## Cans for Shelter Cash

In the back hall where the Shelter refrigerators are, there is a large yellow trash can with a lid for recycling pop cans only. If you drink anything in a can, PLEASE bring it to the yellow trash can and we will recycle these for \$ to help women at the Shelter. Since there are many more men than women, sometimes women's needs go to the back burner. Let's see if we can even the score with the can money and provide things that are gender specific.



Austin Street Centre has a new director who I think is truly interested in the needs of the homeless. I met Jon Edmons 6 January and talked some time about our involvement over the years. He shared some of his ideas like better use of the space on the Shelter floor. Jon came on board in September but, to my knowledge, this is the first time we have been there at the same time. There were 410 people in need of shelter on the 6 due to the extended cold weather. God Bless Your Faithfulness.

## Ann Walden



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## 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, February 9 at 10:15 a.m.

They meet in the Library/Resource Room across from the coffee/fellowship area. The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9 after worship with Susie Wing leading devotional.

## Did you know?

## Outreach & Evangelism

North Dallas Shared Ministries grew out of a need and a vision. The need to help the less fortunate and the vision to tackle the problem through a multi-faith pooling of resources. In the early 80's the economy had taken a serious downturn and people were streaming into the area in search of work. Many families were sleeping in their cars and going from church to church seeking assistance.



So NDSM grew out of the frustrations of five clergy who met in our church building hoping to find a cooperative and inde-

pendent non-profit to handle this important aspect of their ministry. In 1983 NDSM opened their doors in one room set aside for them in Park Forest Baptist Church. Many of the volunteers were from our church, Jeanne Sawyer was the first secretary!

The needs were greater than anticipated and soon other congregations joined NDSM until today there are over 50 churches and more than 500 volunteers. In 2013 they served over 65,000 people. The really special thing is that 92% of the donations go directly to the people being served.

## Outreach & Evangelism Committee

Lois Duell

I would love to have some new members for my committee. I am a firm believer in committee members working together for a common cause in order to best use our strengths. I think we can accomplish more while getting to know one another better and enjoying it too. If you have ideas or would like to participate, please call me at 972-241-4669.

## From the editor

Brenda Swindle

It seems we just partied in the new year and now February 2014 is upon us. There is a hustle and bustle around FUPC with many activities in February.

Thank you for submitting articles to the newsletter. No matter how big or small the event, send the information so that it can be included 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](mailto:Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com)

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office or Brenda  
Swindle via email to  
submit articles.**



**Austin Street Meal**—The February meal day will be Monday, February 3. Looking ahead, the March meal will be March 3. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

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## Happy Birthday!

### February 1

- \* Keith Bechly

### February 3

- \* Angela Penfold

### February 5

- \* Lorna Acker
- \* Meagan Bower

### February 7

- \* Marianne Petersen

### February 8

- \* Jack Walden

### February 12

- \* Whit Whitaker

### February 14

- \* Bob Whitnell

### February 15

- \* Chuck Acker
- \* Dick Smith

### February 16

- \* Kurt Booth

### February 17

- \* Rebecca Bell

### February 18

- \* Joann Schiebout

### February 18

- \* Cosette Greer

### February 19

- \* Jeremy Ketzal

### February 22

- \* Mary Joiner

### February 25

- \* Betty Van

### February 27

- \* Ann Walden

### February 28

- \* Hubert Laney
- \* John Marxer
- \* Jacob West



## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Jim Laclede (Steve's father)
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Carol Roberts
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Mary Silva
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Roberta Welther
- ♥ Debbie Winters

### In the hospital:

- ♥ Martha Watson



*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:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Earl & Mary Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Harvey Garoutte
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Earle Krause
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Ken & Emroy Quevreaux
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Martha Worrell

### Service Personnel:

- ♥ Logan Burkham
- ♥ SPC Albert Campos
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ Maj. Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SPC Jason Jackson
- ♥ SPC Ryan Liggett
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ CPT Joshua Montero
- ♥ Andrew Moore
- ♥ COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC George Pittman
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ USAF CPT Andre Silva
- ♥ SPC David Wheat

**Know of someone who is homebound & not on our list?**

**Let us know, contact the church office.**



## You are invited!

Lisa Laclede

**Saturday, 2/8/14, 10am—12pm**

All are invited to attend the next Stephen Ministry event. Special speaker, Cathy Monkman, will talk about divorce. Read all about our special speaker below. Share the invitation with anyone who would benefit from attending the presentation and discussion. Please RSVP to Lisa Laclede at [slaclede@netzero.net](mailto:slaclede@netzero.net) or (cell) 214-686-1519 so we know how many to expect.



**Cathy Monkman**—Once a member of Ridgeview Presbyterian Church from about 1978 through 1990, Cathy moved to Argyle, TX, and was an active member at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound. When she found herself empty-nested, she followed her passion and God's calling into the educational ministry of the church, in which she had already served over 25 years as a volunteer. Her first paid call was to North Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas as the Director of Children's Ministry. Following that, she answered the call to serve as Interim Director of Christian Education for all ages at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler. Her husband Jim, then talked her into a long Sabbatical which turned into retirement, although she continues to serve in a variety of ways both at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas and at Spirit of the Mountain Lutheran Church in the summer in Colora-

do. Her retirement also included more seminary training for nearly four years which earned her another certification in Town and Country Ministry through Wartburg Seminary in Iowa. She serves monthly as a facilitator at Faith and Grief luncheons for the bereaved and she enjoys both teaching and training as well as her newest granddaughter, who is 9 months old. She comes to us with her experience as the coordinator for Divorce Care for Kids in which she has served four years at Preston Hollow. Her personal experience with divorce and her training in ministry with both children and adults will bring insight to lay leaders and ministers who may be dealing with the sensitive issues of those encountering divorce. Divorce is an adult problem and decision. The children, often times, are confused and scared, and they need as much help as the parents, if not more.

## Angels at Work

I am late thanking all of you who provided Christmas for the PCHAS kids in Waxahachie. I am also extremely grateful for all you did. Those children had a Christmas to remember thanks to your amazing generosity. I believe we helped put the spirit of Santa in their eyes. The trunk of my car is huge.... and was packed! There was even over-flow in the back seat. Nancy Bond and Ray Butler drove down with me and space was at a premium. We left the church parking lot about 11:30 on Monday, 16 December, as their party was scheduled for the 19 at 5:30.

We delivered our goodies to a warehouse-type building where they will cele-

brate with the Itasca campus as well. All gifts were placed according to house number to make it easy to locate a specific kid's stocking. In addition to all the gifts, we also handed the organizers a check for \$435.00. Faith United is definitely on PCHAS radar as the adults in charge were very grateful for your contributions. After unloading, we drove around the perimeter of the campus, got a bite to eat and were back in the FUPC parking lot before the rush hour started.

I have to share one fun story: Ray Butler's prayer partner asked for a guitar



(never expecting to get one I'm sure). As it turns out, Ray has coffee with a man who looks for damaged guitars, restores them, and sells or gives them away. Yep, Ray gave one of these guitars to his pp. We wanted a photo when he saw it but so far Ray hasn't heard from him and no picture either.

I would love to plan a field trip to Waxahachie (one hour drive) on a weekend if there is enough interest. Let me know if you would like to see the campus and meet some of the kids. You can use email or word of mouth.

God Bless your thoughtfulness for those less fortunate.

Ann Walden

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Good Shepherd 11:00 Communion Worship	<b>3</b> 6:00 Shelter	<b>4</b> 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>5</b> 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>6</b> 9:30 PW Circle 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 Stephen Minister #2 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary 6:00 CSID Prayer & dinner Sanctuary & Fellowship #1
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