



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

Volume V, Issue 2

The way it looks from here...

Pastor Terry McLellan

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The next newsletter  
is March 2015

The deadline for  
articles is  
Friday, Feb. 13.



Dear Friends,

On Sunday  
January 18, we  
turned toward a  
new phase of  
our journey

together as Faith United Presbyterian Church. That Sunday, following worship, the congregation gathered in Fellowship Hall for the first meeting of New Beginnings. We shared a simple meal, a time of fellowship around the tables, prayer and reflection as we began to listen for what God has for us to do and to be in the future.

We read from the prophet Isaiah about God's promise to the people that a new thing would be done among them and through them. A promise that God would provide sustenance for the journey that we are on together and a promise that God would be with us.

New Beginnings is a program which is designed to aid a

congregation to  
develop a vision  
for the future

based on what the congregation has a passion for and what resources it has been given.

Over the month of February, we will be continuing to meet and pray; talk and dream about our future together. You do not have to have attended all the meetings to participate. If you feel called to participate in this process sharing the passion and gifts you have been given for God's work, please come to one of the meetings shown on the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. All of them are at the church at the times noted. Join with your sisters and brothers in Christ in writing the future history of Faith United Presbyterian Church.

I want to take this small space to publically thank those who have stepped forward from the



**NEW BEGINNINGS**

congregation  
to lead these  
small group

meetings. It is indeed a pleasure to work with these committed elders in the work of Jesus.

- **Rich Lewis**
- **Bob Hinkle**
- **Kay McLellan**
- **Nancy Smith**
- **Katie Miller**
- **Susie Wing**
- **Wayne Saunders**
- **Teresa Nelson**
- **Brenda Burkham**

God has great things for us at Faith United. As the old African-American spiritual calls out, "Get on board . . ."

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Terry

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

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## Presbyterian Women

Patti Sloey

### Tuesday Morning Circle-

2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, February meeting, Tuesday, 2/10. Moderator, Linnie Hinkle.

### Thursday Morning Circle-

2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, February meeting, Thursday, 2/12. Moderator, Sharon Meurer.



**Thursday Evening Circle**-will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 19 and takes place in member's homes. Contact the church office if you need more information.

The Starboard Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, February 3, 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 Monday, February 2.

The Annual Women's Retreat is on Saturday, February 21. Reservations can be made on Sundays 2/1 and 2/8. The contact for this event is Lois Norton. More details are below.

## Women's Retreat!

Lois Norton

Time for spiritual renewal and fun! Lunch will be catered! Prizes will be given away!

Here are the details:

- ◆ Date: Saturday, February 21
- ◆ Time: 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m.
- ◆ Place: Faith United Presbyterian Church
- ◆ Speaker: The Reverend Judy Fletcher (she inspired us at last year's retreat) This years topic **"Mission Possible"**
- ◆ Cost per person: \$12 checks made out to FUPC, or cash **exact amount only please** (no provisions for change)



All women of Faith United Presbyterian Church are invited. You don't have to be a member of a circle. Invite guest(s). The objective is to learn, meet others, have fun and recharge ourselves. If you

have any questions or personal needs, please call Lois Norton 972-492-4095.

Reservations will be taken on two Sundays, 2/1 and 2/8. Or, you may contact Lois Norton. Look for the pink flyer on those Sundays.

## Faith in God as Children

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14

Faith United has two children programs: **Good Shepherd** and **Following Jesus**. Both classes meet every Sunday at 11 a.m. The classes stem from the God's Play program and provide worship and Christian education for children ages 3 to 9. The **Good Shepherd** program is appropriate for children ages 3 to 5 years. The **Following Jesus** program is an extension of the Good Shepherd program and intends to extend and deepen children ages 6 to 9 years. Both programs storytelling methods are visual, oral and kinesthetic. Both programs introduce to children and help them get ready for Christian worship by gathering, listening, thanking and going, which mirrors the order of congregational worship. Children get to **experience** God through this program in biblical stories, parables, playing with story materials and reflective art. We find the children are excited to attend and we are continuously amazed at what they understand and comprehend.

Below is a brief overview of each program:

### ***The Good Shepherd program***

- ◆ Ages 3 to 5 years
- ◆ Introduction to Christian worship
- ◆ Focuses on both the Old and New Testament stories and parables
- ◆ Biblical narratives are told as stories in a worshiping environment that is specifically designed for young children
- ◆ Biblical stories and parables are translated into felt and wooden materials to be sensed, felt emotionally, visually seen and heard.
- ◆ Provides an atmosphere for children to know God, not just learn about God.

## Katie Miller



### ***Following Jesus program***

- ◆ Ages 6 to 9 years
- ◆ The program is an extension of the Good Shepherd program. It extends and deepens children's understanding of Jesus and prepares them for Christian discipleship.
- ◆ Focuses on the New Testament stories and parables for children.
- ◆ Biblical stories and parables are translated into felt and wooden materials to be sensed, felt emotionally, visually seen and heard.
- ◆ God is revealed through Jesus' stories.
- ◆ The program provides a way for children to follow Jesus through biblical stories, which show:
  - ◇ Who Jesus is,
  - ◇ What he is teaching about the kingdom of God,
  - ◇ Why Jesus is calling people to follow him and
  - ◇ What he is sending them into the world to say and do.

Children love these stories. When the biblical stories and parables come to life in these two programs, children are full of wonder, awe and amazement! This is the way people around Jesus responded when he told a story or performed a miracle. These two programs seek to create an environment where children can have their own faith in God as children and relay the stories in their own way back to their parents.

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## Notes & News from the Pews



### Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to Nancy Smith. She volunteered many hours of her time in January to assemble over 50 **New Beginnings** booklets. We could not have made our deadline of January 18 without her help. Next time you see her you can thank her personally for assembling your booklet.

~ Brenda Swindle

### 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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Dallas, TX 75230  
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(change of unit number only)



### 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 8 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, February 8 after worship with Nancy Smith leading devotional.

## FUPC & New Beginnings

*All meeting dates (sessions 2—6) listed below*

*Your church . . .*

*Your future*

*. . . Your decision*



- 1) Mondays, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23; 10—11:30 a.m.
- 2) Mondays, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23; 6—7:30 p.m.
- 3) Wednesdays, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25; 5:30—7 p.m.
- 4) Thursdays, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26; 2—3:30 p.m.
- 5) Saturdays, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28; 10—11:30 a.m.



## Outreach & Evangelism

Lois Duel



The Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up again on February 1. We will again have pots for the teams, New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks. Make your contribution for the team of your choice. Money donated will be given to an agency that fights hunger which our committee will choose later this month.

The monthly Community Breakfast will be Saturday, February 14. It is free and open to all. We hope members will come, enjoy the food and meet some of our neighbors.

Our committee would love to have more members. You may request a copy of the annual report from the church office to see if this is an area you would like to help.



## From the editor

Brenda Swindle



It seems we just partied in the new year and now February 2015 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)

The next issue will be March 2015. The deadline for articles is Friday, 2/13. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

**Next newsletter is**

**March 2015**

**Deadline for articles,**

**Friday, 2/13/15**

**Contact church**

**office or Brenda**

**Swindle via email to**

**submit articles.**



**Austin Street Meal**—The February meal day will be Monday, February 2. Looking ahead, the March meal will be March 2. 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 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 19

- \* Jeremy Ketzel

### February 25

- \* Betty Van

### February 27

- \* Ann Walden

### February 28

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



## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Greg Haben
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Lynda Taylor
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Roberta Welther
- ♥ Dr. Byrne Williamson
- ♥ Family of Debbie Winters



**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:



- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ J.R. & Bobbie Jones
- ♥ Henry & Dena Knight
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Emroy Quevreaux
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Jerry Swope
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Martha Worrell

### Service Personnel:

- ♥ Logan Burkham
- ♥ SPC Albert Campos
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ Maj. Brian Gaddis
- ♥ CPT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ SSGT 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

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

# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd	<b>2</b> <div>10—11:30 <i>New Beginnings</i></div> <div>6—7:30 <i>New Beginnings</i></div> <div>PWCT 6:00 Shelter</div>	<b>3</b> 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>4</b> <div>5:30—7 <i>New Beginnings</i></div> 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>5</b> <div>2—3:30 <i>New Beginnings</i></div> 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <div>10—11:30 <i>New Beginnings</i></div> 11:00 GA-Double Rm #2 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events to put on the calendar to prevent conflicts.

## Calendar Legend

GA = Gamblers Anonymous

ABA = Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous

OA = Overeaters Anonymous

LTCDs = Little Treasures School

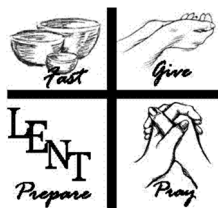
PWCT = Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

CSID = Church of South India Dallas

**Lenten  
Journey  
begins**



2/18/15, 7 p.m. Worship



**Journey  
through  
Lent with  
FUPC**

**Sunday Worship in Lent at 11 a.m.**

2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

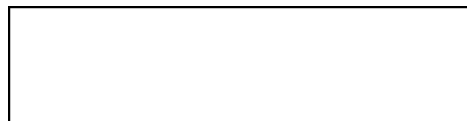


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