



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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## Normalcy in the Midst of Change

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you through this time of transition.

These days are certainly a season of walking, and waiting, and preparing,

not just for the people of FUPC, but for all of God's people. The Lenten journey calls us to

prepare our hearts and minds, spending time in contemplation of what is to come. It invites us to think deeply and honestly about what Christ's sacrifice means for

us, and to prepare for the reality of the Resurrection.

The reality of the Resurrection is that Christ didn't stay in the grave. Of this we have complete confidence. But I wonder if we ever think about this part of the story... his followers did not stay at the empty tomb either.

They got up. They kept moving. And they told the story of what they had seen. It was challenging, and filled with uncertainty. But they did it, because that's what God's people do. They bear witness to the Christian story.

That's the challenge for us too.

The month of March offers us opportunities to continue that season of walking and waiting and preparing, both as the people of FUPC, and as the people of God. Lent will soon be followed by Palm Sunday and

all the events of Holy Week, culminating with a glorious Easter morning celebration of the Resurrection.

The month of March also offers

us the opportunity to keep moving forward, to keep being God's people in this place and in this community, and to do all of this in the midst of a transition, always bearing witness to the Christian story. After all, that's what God's people do. It's completely normal.

In the coming days, please look for every opportunity to join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we take this journey together.

Grace and Peace,  
Jennifer Tiemann



### Inside this issue

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- ...and more!

The next newsletter is April 2016

The deadline for articles is Friday, 3/18/16

I'm writing today in partnership with Brenda Swindle, your super awesome, utterly amazing Business Manager. As you know, Brenda has been doing a great job of "holding down the fort" as FUPC transitions to new pastoral leadership while seeking to maintain regular operations and keep things feeling relatively normal. It helps all of us to have a sense of normalcy in the midst of change, right?

This desire for something that feels normal during a transitional time may also be the reason I was asked to write to you today: Now, as in the past, hearing from me is "normal" when the pastor is away. I've had the opportunity to worship with you when your former pastor was on vacation/sabbatical, and I will be with you during Holy Week this year as you await the arrival of your interim pastor, and eventually, your new called pastor. It is an exciting time to be at FUPC, and a privilege for me to walk with

## 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.

**Tuesday Morning Circle**-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, March meeting, Tuesday, 3/8. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.

**Thursday Morning Circle**-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, March meeting, Thursday, 3/10. Circle moderator, Susie Wing.



**Thursday Evening Circle**-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. March meeting, Tuesday, March 15. Circle moderators, Nadine Moser and Dottie Cogar.

The Starboard Stitchers continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month. They meet next on March 1 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.

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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, March 13 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, March 13 after worship. Steve Nelson will lead the devotional.




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## From the editor

## Brenda Swindle



We escaped the heavy ice, sleet and snow. I am sure things will begin to bud and grow soon. And with winter behind us, Lent has begun, the season of Repentance, Grace & Renewal. Easter is just around the corner.

With March comes

Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to Spring Forward on Saturday night, March 12.



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](mailto:Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com)

The next issue will be April 2016. The deadline for articles is Friday, 3/18/16. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

## Easy Ways to help Metrocrest Services

Wayne Saunders

Take advantage of these programs!  
They are great partners in supporting local families in need.

### **Kroger Community Rewards -**

Simply swipe your Plus Card when you shop at Kroger. Enroll your card at [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com) to have a percentage of your purchases donated to Metrocrest Services.

**Amazon Smiles** - Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) when you make Amazon purchases and a portion comes back to Metrocrest Services.



**Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program** - Link your Reward Card to Metrocrest Services on your [Tom Thumb application](#) using **Charity # 828 for Metrocrest Services**. Each year Tom Thumb donates a percentage of your purchases to support our programs.

**City of Carrollton Municipal Court** - Jurors may choose to donate their Jury Pay directly to Metrocrest Services.

**Dunn Bros. Coffee in Addison** - Get a Rewards Card and a percentage of every purchase at the Belt Line location is donated to us.

## Presbyterian Pan American School Choir Trip

Angie Mabry-Nauta

While the school itself is located in Kingsville, I work remotely in Plano. My title is Development Officer, and I am blessed to be the liaison to PPAS for Grace Presbytery and greater DFW.

Briefly, here are the details about the PPAS choir trip.

**When:** Sunday, April 17, 2016, 10:30 am

**Where:** Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church, 6000 Bentwood Trail, Dallas, TX 75272 (972) 248-3600

**What:** Presbyterian Pan American School's Morris Chapel Choir will present a special Youth Sunday in which they will lead all aspects of the worship service — music, liturgy, ushering, Minute for Mission, greeting, etc. Rev. Dr. Robert Dalglish, PPAS President, will preach. The choir consists of 36 students who represent 4 countries, ranging in ages 14-18, all of them international, all of them singing and speaking in English, which is not their mother tongue. A pizza lunch with the kids will be served immediately following the worship service.

**Who is invited to attend:** All DFW area Grace Presbytery churches, and their friends.

**RSVP:** To me ([revmabrynauta@gmail.com](mailto:revmabrynauta@gmail.com)) no later than April 1, 2016.



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## Notes & News from the Pews



### Thank you!

Many, many thanks for the visits, phone calls, cards, and especially the prayers while I was having treatments. God has been good to me.

*Shirley Kretchmar*



Dear People of FUPC,

A small note card does not lend itself to saying all I wish to say, so "Thanks" will have to do. Thanks for allowing Kay and I to live and serve among you these 12 years. The time has flown but we have experienced a lot together. Thanks for being such willing co-workers with us. Thanks for the monetary gift; the commemorative plaque; and the wonderful farewell party. It was all very special. As our paths separate, know that you have our hearts and our prayers go with you.

Love in Christ,  
*Terry & Kay*

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## Interim Pastor Search Committee

Alison Meier

I would like to give you an update on the work of our committee. We have met several times with the Rev. Tom Tickner, our presbytery liaison. He has guided us through the steps of the process of calling an interim pastor. We have completed and submitted to presbytery the required forms providing information about FUPC. We have been assured more than once that presbytery is trying diligently to provide us with names of candidates to be considered. As of this writing, we have yet to receive any names from presbytery.

We are also following up on other suggestions and reaching out to potential candidates. The committee covets your prayers for God's guidance as we seek to find an interim pastor for our congregation. In faith, hope and love, Alison

## Outreach & Evangelism

Wayne Saunders

**FUPC Community Breakfast** will be March 12 from 8-10am. It is a great time to feed the body and the soul. Good food and fellowship. Join us and meet your neighbors and friends.



### North Dallas Shared Ministries

Food and clothing are always needed. Particular food needs are listed below

Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Pineapple, Canned Mixed Fruit, Canned Applesauce, Peanut Butter (Please, no glass containers), Macaroni and Cheese, Cereal, Saltine Crackers, Canned Soup, Ramen Noodles, Toilet Tissue.

## Spring Work Day

Steve Nelson

There will be a FUPC Work Day on Saturday, March 19. We will clean up and freshen up the church grounds, including planting spring flowers around the FUPC sign and cleaning up the Memorial Garden. Church Life will provide a light breakfast at 8 a.m. Please help beautify the church grounds in time for Easter.



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 Irene Simpson continues to meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Resource room. They are beginning a new study called, "The Christian Family Tree." It consist of the study of other Christian religious such as Catholic, Baptist, and others, in hopes of enriching our own. We will view a video followed by discussion of each religion studied.



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### Happy Birthday!

#### March 4

- ✧ Genevieve Bratton

#### March 5

- ✧ Kevin Miller

#### March 8

- ✧ Susan Saiter

#### March 9

- ✧ Chris West

#### March 12

- ✧ Erin West

#### March 13

- ✧ Joshua Newton

- ✧ Brenda Swindle

#### March 22

- ✧ Lois Davenport

#### March 25

- ✧ Wayne Saunders

#### March 26

- ✧ Glenn Craig

#### March 30

- ✧ Scott Sloey



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### Prayer Concerns

#### Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Keith Daniels
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Dortehea Sooby
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Dr. Byrne Williamson



***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
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

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

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28 3rd Lent</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 12:00 FUPC Reception	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b> 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1 7:00 Outreach #4	<b>2</b> 7:00 FUPC Choir #9	<b>3</b> 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>4</b> 11:00 LTCDS #1	<b>5</b> 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID #9 & Sanctuary
<b>6 4th Lent</b> 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	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>9</b> 6:30 CSID #4 7:00 FUPC Choir #9	<b>10</b> 9:30 PW Circle #2 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 6:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>11</b> 11:00 LTCDS #1	<b>12</b> 8:00 FUPC Breakfast #1 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID #9 & Sanctuary
<b>13 5th Lent</b> 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:15 FUPC Session 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd 3:00 RYLA group #4 12:30 FUPC Session	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1 7:00 PW Circle	<b>16</b> 7:00 FUPC Choir #9	<b>17</b> 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 6:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>18</b> 11:00 LTCDS #1	<b>19</b> 9:00 FUPC Work Day 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID #9 & Sanctuary
<b>20 Palm Sunday</b> 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	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>23</b> 7:00 FUPC Choir #9	<b>24</b> 10:00 LTCDS #1 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 6:30 ABA-Rm #4 <b>Maundy Thursday Worship 6 pm</b>	<b>25</b> 11:00 LTCDS #1 <b>Good Friday Worship 6 pm</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID #9 & Sanctuary
<b>27 Easter</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 FUPC Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>30</b> 7:00 FUPC Choir #9	<b>31</b> 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 6:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>Calendar Legend</b> GA=Gamblers Anonymous ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA=Overeaters Anonymous LTCDS = Little Treasures School PW=Presbyterian Women CSID=Church of South India Dallas RYLA=Rotary Youth Leadership	

Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.



## Journey Through Lent with FUPC

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

2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13

### **Holy Week 2016**

**Palm Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. 3/20 at Faith United**

**Maundy Thursday Worship at 6 p.m. 3/24**  
at Faith United Presbyterian Church

**Good Friday Worship at 6 p.m. 3/25 at Faith United**



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