



Words of Faith

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



Have you decided what you are going to do to observe a meaningful Lent this year? The season of Lent is forty days long and as always, we will observe the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. This year Ash Wednesday falls on March 1 and our worship service will be held at 7 PM in the sanctuary. The Church of South India will be participating with us. As part of this worship service, those in attendance will receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and the need for God's saving grace in Jesus Christ. As God raised Jesus from the dead we know that we too will be raised to eternal life.

What, you might ask, is the significance of forty days? In biblical terms forty is a round number symbolizing fullness—a span of time sufficient to accomplish what needs to be done. For instance, rain fell in Noah's time for forty days and nights until everything was under water. Nineveh was given forty days in which to repent. Probably the most relevant to Lent, is the

testing of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days. In the early church, it was believed that forty days was the time sufficient for converts to make their final intensive preparation for baptism. But today, Lent is meant for participation by the whole congregation for we are all in need of reassessment and renewal.

By the term "reassessment," I mean that Lent is the season of time when we look deep into our souls in order to uncover our inevitable shortcomings and to sense the need for repentance and God's forgiveness. Traditionally, it is a time of disciplined prayer, fasting, and meditation on Scripture. Some people believe it's necessary to give up something for Lent as a form of fasting and self-denial. And so they give up desserts, or sweets, or using the elevator. This certainly isn't a bad practice, but it probably doesn't express a full understanding of Lent. A more meaningful approach to Lent might be to consider how you are presently responding to God's grace. Is there something more you could be doing to demonstrate your appreciation

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

for all that God has done for you? Could you be helping out at North Dallas Shared Ministries, or volunteering at the local elementary school, or by checking up on the elderly by volunteering to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels? Maybe there are people you know who could benefit from a visit or by taking the time to send them a card or make a phone call? Here's an idea. Come join us on Wednesdays at 6 PM during the season of Lent for a Bible study in room #4 on the discipline of "Forgiveness." Using a book by Marjorie Thompson entitled "Forgiveness," we are going to examine our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness. What does the Bible say about forgiveness and how can we learn to extend forgiveness more freely?

However you decide to observe the season of Lent, use this time wisely. It only comes once a year and if used correctly, can help you grow in your faith and make you more grateful for God's love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have a great March, *Jim*
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Next newsletter is

April 2017.

**Deadline for
articles, Friday,
3/17/17.**

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

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Presbyterian Women

Grace Presbyterian Women will have the annual Spring Gathering on April 22 (in Granbury) and April 29 (at Preston Hollow Presbyterian). The Gathering is a training event with displays from various mission projects to book exchanges and a craft workshop. The cost of registration is \$8 which includes lunch and it concludes by about 2 p.m. Those interested in this year's Spring Gathering may contact Jane Ingebritson with any questions, 214-808-9198.



Mary Marxer

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 3/14. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 3/9.

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 3/21, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, March 7 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 March 11 from 8-10am. Join us and meet your neighbors and friends.

In an effort to support Cabell Elementary School (Pre-K to 5th grade), we have acquired a list of school supplies they are needing. If you would like to contribute, please bring something from the following list to the church. We will have a table set up for these supplies in the narthex. This is a way we can reach out to our community. Thanks!

Gail Crumpler

Markers (thin or thick)

Dry erase markers/expo markers (for white boards)

Folders (paper or plastic with brads)

Headphones

Boxes of tissues

Lysol wipes

Composition books

Baby wipes

Erasers

Scissors

Tights – variety of sizes in navy blue or white (for the girls to wear under their uniform skirts/jumpers)



Sunday School—Make the Connection

The **Searchers** class meets in the Resource Room/Library at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Terry Johns will teach this class during Lent, beginning March 5.

"The Garden of the Beloved"

by Robert Way is this year's Lenten study presented by the **Searchers** Sunday School class.

A young man, who longed to understand how to be a Christian, entered into the *Garden*



of the Beloved and asked the Beloved to teach him how to comprehend love, discipleship, joy, service and suffering. Through this meditative allegory study, participants will walk into the garden and delve into their own journey of discovering what is required to be a faithful follower of the Beloved. All are invited to walk this introspective journey of self-discovery.

The **Weekly Bible Study**, taught by Rich Lewis. They are continuing a study of the Gospel of John. They meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in Double Classroom #4.

Happy Birthday!

March 4

* Genevieve Bratton

March 5

* Kevin Miller

March 8

* Susan Saiter

March 9

* Chris West

March 12

* Erin West

March 13

* Brenda Swindle

March 17

* Jim Johns

March 22

* Lois Davenport

March 25

* Wayne Saunders

March 26

* Glenn Craig

March 30

* Scott Sloey



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

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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Journey through Lent with FUPC

Sunday School at 9:30—Worship at 11:00
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2

Notes & News from the Pews



Dear FUPC,

Thank you so much for thinking of us during the Christmas Season. Your kind gift of a Walmart gift card was greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Jim & Terry Johns

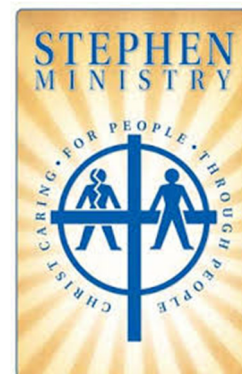
Dear FUPC,



Long-time member of the Ridgeview congregation Wanda Pospahala will celebrate her 91st birthday on March 19. Her Dallas friends are hoping that old friends will remember her with a card or other remembrances on or near her birthday. Wanda now lives at: The Tradition, Memory Care Unit, 5855 Milton Street, Room #426, Dallas 75206.

Rita Clark (former member & recent visitor to FUPC)

Stephen Ministry

You are invited to join us for a tour of the T. Boone Pickens Hospice & Palliative Care Center on Monday, April 10th at 10:30 am. If you would like to carpool, please let Nancy Smith or Lisa Laclede know and we can meet at the church. We may go out to lunch after the tour, or could be invited to eat there. We'll just have to see. If you do not want to extend the day with lunch, you may meet us there. The address is 12477 Merit Drive, Dallas, TX. 75251.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		28 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	1 7 pm FUPC Choir	2 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	3	4 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
	5 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 & Following Jesus 12:15 FUPC Reception	6 7:30 GA-Room #2	7 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	8 6pm Lenten Bible Study-Rm #4 7 pm FUPC Choir	9 10:00 PW Circle #2 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	10
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Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						



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