



# 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 May 2014

The deadline for  
articles is  
Friday, April 11.



Dear Friends,  
April already...!!  
It seems like we  
just had Advent  
and we are

about half way through Lent.

As you know, Lent is a time of reflection and renewal of our faith and our vocation as Christians. I hope that your Lenten experience this year is one of clearer awareness of how God is at work in your life and the lives of those around you. One of the more unique events during Lent has been "A Time for Listening." We have been meeting on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 until 7:00 for a time of fellowship, prayer and sharing with one another about the directions and places that we sense God at work. Much fruit has been produced and gathered as we have opened ourselves to one another. I am hopeful that as we share together those things which are of highest importance to us, a

sense of direction will emerge upon which we can focus for the future of Faith United Presbyterian Church.

As we begin this fourth year of our existence as a particular community of faith, I hold onto hope that God has work for us to do, and indeed is out in

front of us at work in the lives of our friends, family and neighbors. And I am sure that if we listen for that calling, we will be given the people and resources sufficient to do what we have been called to do.

We have two more Wednesday before Holy Week Observance. All of you are invited on the remaining Wednesday's, even though you may have missed the first few. A light meal will be provided.



During Holy Week, we will again remember Maundy Thursday with our friends from CSID and John Calvin Presbyterian at John Calvin beginning at 7 p.m. on

4/17 including the serving of Holy Communion. Then, on Good Friday 4/18 we will observe the day at Faith United/CSID beginning at 7 p.m. hosted

by our sisters and brothers of CSID.

As we remember the sacrificial life and death of Jesus during Holy Week, I hope that we will also celebrate with joy on Easter Day that even death cannot overcome God's love for us and that new life in the midst of death is ours to claim as God's children.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Terry

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**Austin Street Meal**—The April meal day will be Monday, April 7. Looking ahead, the May meal will be May 5. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

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### Presbyterian Women

**Tuesday Morning Circle**-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, April meeting, Tuesday, 4/8. Moderator, Linnie Hinkle or Vice Moderator, Joan Nelson.

**Thursday Morning Circle**-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, April meeting, Thursday, 4/10. Co-



Moderators, Sharon Meurer and Cleo Sherrard or Vice Moderator, Mary Silva.

**Thursday Evening Circle**-will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 24 at the home of Kay McLellan. Contact the church office if you need Kay's address.

### Patti Sloey, Moderator

The Starboard Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, April 1, 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 time and location of the next PW coordinating team meeting is yet to be determined.

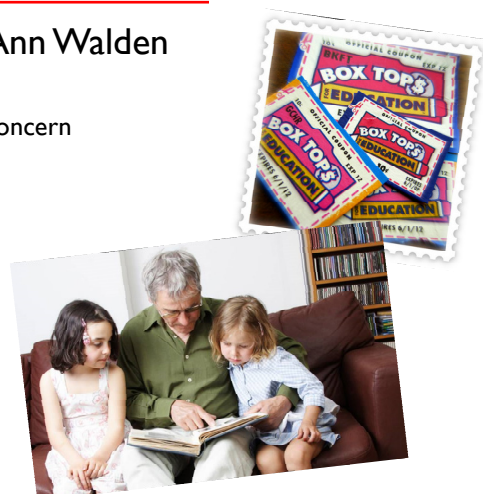
### Our neighbors...Cabell Elementary

The principal, JoAnne Hughes, very much wants us as volunteers. There was a complication as to who was in charge earlier in the school year. Now that is settled, we want to start off strong for fall 2014. If you are still interested in reading to a child let me know and we will get the paper work processed. If you want to work with the children now I can handle

that as well. Thank you for your concern for these neighbors.

The school is able to turn the Box Tops for education coupons into cash for their students so continue to save them for Cabell. There is a list on the table outside the HealthCare office if you don't know what products to look for.

### Ann Walden



### The Word on the Street

### Ann Walden



This weather has kept the Shelter hopping day and night. For example, the first Monday of March 500 people were served. The women are allowed to come inside at 11:00 due to the abuse they experience on the street. There are over 100 women and sick, older men they have to feed at noon.

Most of you are using the big yellow trash can (in the same hall as the Shelter refrigerator) to recycle your soda cans. This project has been going on for several years and has produced over \$300 to be used to purchase women's personal

items. I recently purchased \$344 in women's personal items to deliver to the shelter on the next FUPC meal day, April 7. The volunteer coordinator gave me a list of needs as well as their tax number to buy without paying tax.

For those of you who make donations to Austin Street Centre, we now have tax forms so you can write off your donations on your taxes. These forms are on the food donations board.

God Bless your faithfulness to those considered to be "the least of these".

## Spotlight on Ray Butler!

One of the benefits to belonging to a church is the opportunity to build satisfying and supportive relationships with others. People who have an active social life are healthier and live longer. Getting acquainted is sometimes hard to do with someone you have just met. There are a lot of competing activities going on Sunday morning. The Health Advisory Team wants to do something to help us all get better acquainted with each other by spotlighting a member each month in the newsletter. This month we have chosen Ray Butler, a long time active member whose life certainly demonstrates the love he has for other people. I interviewed him at church one afternoon, and here is what he told me about himself.

If you are feeling down and out, with no place to go, you could do no better than to meet up with Ray Butler, a long time member of Covenant Presbyterian, and now Faith United Presbyterian. One of the values he holds necessary for living his life is to be involved with other people. Having a lot of friends and being healthy is his definition of success.

He is a born and bred Dallasite who is still in-touch with some of his childhood friends. He grew up in a culturally diverse neighborhood. His family was the first to have a telephone. Because of that, calls would come to his house for neighbors, and Ray would be asked to run to the various neighbor's houses to fetch them to the phone. He made a lot of friends that way!

His dad died when he was 8 years old and he lived with his mother in a house that is still standing in East Dallas. His siblings were all considerably older than he, so he was essentially raised as an only child, but looked up to his brothers and sister. As a boy, he discovered his life-long passion for the Boy Scouts of America when he joined and found friends and mentors that became important in his life. He spent 60 years with



## Kay McLellan, R.N.

the Boy Scouts, both as a scout and as a leader. One can see why camping and outdoors sports are high on his list of pleasures. He loved to fish with his dad at White Rock Lake and continues to do the same with his kids and grandkids.

Ray spent part of his young adulthood in the U.S. Navy as an amphibious transport radar operator. He and his then-wife, Gerry, met while he was working for T and P Railways. They raised their children and made many friends in the social activities provided by the company. He retired from Wyeth Laboratories in 1990.

His association with Covenant Presbyterian Church is one for which he is most grateful. He values the time he and Gerry spent with the square dance club organized at Covenant, and the opportunity he had to help lead the Boy Scout troop that was there for many years. Of course, the friendships he made there are very special ones that have endured.

He is currently involved with the Stephen Ministry at Faith United. The helping friendship that he extends to those who are shut-in is a strong calling in his life. He wants to give back to God what he has received by sharing God's love with others during times of crisis in their lives. He feels that people who don't have the church in their life are missing out. He states "my calling is to be calling on other people in need". Ray gives caring concern to many people, both Faith United members and friends not associated with the church. He would like to see more members of Faith United reach out to the homebound with cards and calls and visits. He would like to see us reach out to young people, recognize the people who are engaged in mission through our church, invite our friends to come with us to church, and especially reach out to the members of John Calvin Presbyterian with whom we have shared so much in the past.



## 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, April 13 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, April 6 after worship with Katie Miller leading devotional.

## Notes & News from the Pews



### Thank you & Update!

I will be bringing Callie and my grandson Noah back to Dallas to care for her there. We received the news we've been praying for all week this morning at her appt. with the orthopedic doctor. She does not need surgery on her broken ankle and with the cast and crutches she should mend just fine in about 6 weeks (just in time for baby's arrival due date of May 26th)! We will go back to Nacogdoches as she needs for her doctor visits. James' ribs are healing quickly and he has gone back to work. We are so grateful for everyone's prayers and other expressions of concern. We are so blessed. ~ Carol West

### Directory updates

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

**Cathy Marxer**  
Preferred contact #  
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**Mary Sewell**  
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Dallas, TX 75246  
469-334-0289



## Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services

My Mary Kay rep has volunteered to make a skin care presentation to the girls on the Waxahachie and Itasca campuses. Each girl will get a gift as well as important information regarding her skin. The meeting will be in Waxahachie and a great opportunity for you to meet your Prayer Partner as well as see where she lives. If you don't have a Prayer Partner but would like



### Ann Walden

to go anyway that would be great. When I have a date locked in I will share that information and hope you will be able to go with me. Since we missed Spring Break it will happen on a Saturday (hopefully in April). The Waxahachie campus is one hour south of Dallas on I35.

More information as it develops.

## From the editor



Hard to believe it is April. Spring has been slow to come this year but has finally arrived. With the arrival of spring FUPC is branching out. We are

now on Facebook. If you are too, you should "Like" and

"Follow" Faith United Presbyterian Church. We will update the page often with notices and announcements. If you are not on Facebook and would like to check it out go to:

[www.facebook.com/FaithUnitedFarmersBranch](http://www.facebook.com/FaithUnitedFarmersBranch).

As I write we now have 71 "Likes" of our page.

This venue is a great way to continually reach out to those who spend so much time on the computer.



You can "check-in" on your smart phone as you arrive for worship or an event at FUPC. Your Facebook friends can see that you are at church and "Who knows?" they may choose to join you soon.

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 deadline for articles is Friday, 4/11. Do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

### Brenda Swindle

**Next newsletter is**

**May 2014.**

**Deadline for**

**articles, Friday,**

**April 11.**

**Contact church**

**office or Brenda**

**Swindle via email**

**to submit articles.**



## Outreach News

### One Great Hour of Sharing— Easter Sunday Special Offering

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing you are assisting in the empowerment of others as they move past emotional, physical, and spiritual misfortune. Your help gives hope through:

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** – At home and abroad, it helps strengthen the faith community and enables those affected by natural or human-caused disasters to be part of the rebuilding and recovery efforts in their community.

**Presbyterian Hunger Program** – Through life-changing grassroots programs like Huerto de la Familia (the Family Garden), it strives to cultivate community integration and economic self-sufficiency through training in organic farming and development of food-based small businesses.

**Self-Development of People** provides grants to organizations like A Community Voice in New Orleans, a neighborhood group which assists low-to-moderate income families in applying for jobs, housing, and food assistance.

### Faith United's benevolences for 2014

#### North Dallas Shared Ministries - \$674



Formed in our Fellowship Hall about 30 years ago, it strives to provide appropriate emergency assistance and help access entitlement, health and community programs designed to help the working poor achieve long-term stability. Covers 20 zip codes of Dallas and is run by over 500 volunteers and 2 ½

## Lois Duell, Moderator

salaried employees. FUPC has food drives during 3 months of the year: April, August and November. This year we also gave donations from Souper Bowl of Caring to NDSM

#### Austin Street Shelter - \$400



Provides shelter to an average of 400 men, women and children each night at no cost to individual.

Beyond this benevolence donation, we provide the evening meal each 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month through individual donations of food, supplemented by separate account in budget.

#### Metrocrest Services - \$400



Provides vital aid for individuals, families, and senior adults in Farmers Branch, Carrollton, Addison, Coppell and Dallas zip code 75287. FUPC also supports the Santa Gift Store in late November and December.

#### Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services - \$400



PCHAS provides Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. FUPC also supports this agency through our Prayer Partner Program with Waxahachie residents.

#### Two \$500 Scholarships

Scholarships to Brookhaven Community College for graduates of W.T. White who attended Cabell Elementary and Marsh Middle School. This is an exciting opportunity reaching out to our neighborhood.

## More from Outreach on PDA...

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

PDA works with other church partners internationally and nationally. The focus is on long term recovery of disaster impacted communities. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing you are assisting in the empowerment of others as they move past physical and spiritual misfortunes. You give them hope! The One Great Hour of Sharing occurs on Easter Sunday each year. Look for special OGHS envelopes and information in the Narthex/coffee area.

Nancy Bond



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## Happy Birthday!

### April 1

\* Phil Beaubien

### April 7

\* Phoebe Higginbotham

### April 9

\* Earl Blackney

\* Dixie Howell

\* Phyllis Gaudet

### April 10

\* Doug Sparks

### April 11

\* Brenda Burkham

### April 13

\* Scarlett Silva

### April 14

\* Samuel Karp

### April 19

\* Richard Davenport

\* David Bell

### April 22

\* Roberta Welther

\* Floyd Coleman

### April 24

\* Jerry Swope



### April 26

\* Riley Toliver

## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Greg Haben
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Mary Silva
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Roberta Welther
- ♥ 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:

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

## Building & Grounds

The Building & Grounds committee is doing some Spring Cleaning in the first part of the month in preparation for the Farmers Branch city wide Clean Up Day on April 12. If you are storing any items like paint, machinery, furniture, etc. in the FUPC garages please talk to David Bell or Joe Kastendieck about



continued storage of these items. On Saturday, April 12 the city will be accepting many items for proper disposal and/or repurposing. If you are interested in the items that will be accepted you may pick up a flyer next to the Lilies Order forms in the Narthex/Coffee area.

David Bell

Metrocrest Social Services has completed its merger with Senior Adult Services. The new entity that was created is now METROCREST SERVICES. The combined location is in Valwood Business park, 13801 Hutton Dr # 150, Farmers Branch .

Metrocrest Services recently held their annual Keyholder Breakfast. Over 400 people attended the event and it raised approximately \$120,000. Faith United was a contributing sponsor to this event, reflecting our long support of Metrocrest

Services. Many thanks to all the members of Faith United for their support for this breakfast and for all the various agency programs that they support through donations of time and money.

Senior Service will continue to be a big part of Metrocrest Services. In the first quarter of this fiscal year four times as much direct financial aid has been distributed, home delivered meals is serving 50% more clients and transportation has grown by 30% more riders.

## Managing Your Medicines and more...

Your bathroom medicine cabinet can be a mine field. This is especially true if you keep your medicines long after you no longer have the need for them. The potency changes as medicines approach the expiration date, and can be harmful. It is also a risky thing to share medications with family members and friends. It takes a doctor to make the determination of correct medicines, correct dosages, with the knowledge of the risks that come with modern medicines.

It is also well known that when guests come to your house and use your bathroom, they often learn a lot about you by peeking in your medicine cabinet! This is especially true for children and teenagers who are very curious and sometimes motivated by their interest in trying tranquilizers and pain medicines for the "high" feeling they produce.



We have been cautioned by our city officials not to dispose of these medicines in the municipal water systems, because they are a health hazard. Yet, it is often difficult to know what to do with these outdated medicines. It is also complicated by the conflicting information that some medicines can be flushed down the toilet and others cannot. What are we to do?

You can help protect our environment and prevent medications from falling into the wrong hands by bringing them to church. It is a simple activity, just put your unwanted medications in a bag and toss it in the receptacle that is located outside the Health Resource Room in the narthex. The medications are taken to Carrollton Police Department where the DEA collects and disposes of them in an environmentally safe manner. So, don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution.

## Kay Mc Lellan, R.N.



If you are a member of the Carrollton Senior Center, these healthy classes are **free** to you!

### How To Meditate

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 2pm

Learn how to quiet your mind and increase your ability to concentrate and decrease your anxiety level. Call 972-466-4850 to register and learn more.

### Peripheral Artery Disease Screening

Tuesday, April 15 at 9am

Common symptoms of PAD are painful muscle cramping in the hips, thighs or calves when walking, climbing stairs or exercising. Dallas Medical Center will be at the Carrollton Senior Center performing free screenings for this disease.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Calendar Legend</b> GA=Gamblers Anonymous ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA=Overeaters Anonymous LTCDS = Little Treasures School CSID=Church of South India Dallas		<b>1</b> 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>2</b> 5:30 <i>Time for Listening</i> 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>3</b> 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 CSID-Fellowship #1 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #9 3:30 CSID-#9 & Sanctuary
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