



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 June 2014

The deadline for
articles is
Friday, May 16.



Dear Friends,

We have just completed the cycle of the Church year known as Lent,

with the exciting celebration of the Risen Lord in Easter. We continue in what is known as Eastertide until the day of Pentecost (June 7 this year) when we remember the birth of the church.

During the six weeks of Lent, 18 to 20 of us had a wonderful time of prayer, fellowship, and collaboration on Wednesday nights. During a *Time for Listening* we got to know one another better and we worked together on finding out what is most important to us.

One of the themes which came up over and over was the idea from Isaiah 56:7, 8 that "... my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel..." This passage prompted us to ask the question, "What would it be like if Faith United Presbyterian Church saw itself as that prophetic and inclusive vision for God's House?"

Certainly we, the people of Faith United pray now regularly. We gather for prayer on Sundays. We

gather to pray in our women's circles. We pray for those we know who have need. You have received the email notices when special prayers are requested in particular need. And we do not collectively see the times when we, individually, bow to pray. But, what about offering our space and our presence to be a house of prayer for the community around us? After all, Isaiah says "... all people..." If we seriously took this on, it might call us to include some people we might not include otherwise.

There were some thoughts and ideas put forth to be further fleshed out about how we might welcome the community to be a part of the prayer life at FUPC. Not necessarily for the benefit or growth of the church, but as a way to make the church a more open and inclusive place for those not already here to find a place to pray in whatever form they might choose.

We are already learning some things about the different ways people pray by being with our brothers and sisters of Church of South India—Dallas. That is a great start. Someone thought of

an idea about how we might offer people a place to request intercessory prayers, through the church's Facebook page. And another person envisioned a prayer request board in the building for those who wish to leave notes requesting special prayer, etc, etc. There are probably many more ways for this idea to take shape.



Ways that have not been thought of before.

Prayer is the medium through which all mis-

sion is conceived and implemented. It is through prayer that the Holy Spirit empowers us to go out into the community showing God's love and goads us into action. It is through prayer that the Holy Spirit teaches us how to follow Jesus.

This *Time for Listening* was a very special spiritual time for me personally. I want to thank the group for their willingness to walk the journey of Lent together. We just got a start at developing some ideas. More work must be done to set a new direction. Listen for more opportunities to talk and dream together.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Terry
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Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women have a long tradition of caring and helping. Ever since Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the PC(US) to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift", the funds have been used to help mission projects that improve the lives of women and children in need.

This year, we will answer the call to show Jesus' love to the world, offering



our prayers and financial support to Blue Corn Mothers' Alliance in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This organization offers a range of services for Native American women who have experienced domestic violence. Through a Birthday Offering grant, Blue Corn Mothers' advocacy

center will operate 5 days a week (rather than just one), providing crisis intervention; health, counseling and education services; and referrals for legal and shelter services.

Please join our Presbyterian Women at Faith United on Saturday, May 17 at

11:00 am for a short worship service and lunch as we celebrate the 2014 Birthday Offering.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd

Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, May meeting, Thursday, 5/8. Co-Moderators, Sharon Meurer and Cleo Sherrard or Vice Moderator, Mary Silva.



Patti Sloey, Moderator

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd

Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, May meeting, Tuesday, 5/13. Moderator, Linnie Hinkle or Vice Moderator, Joan Nelson.

Thursday Evening Circle-will

meet at 7:00 p.m. on May 15 at the home of Dottie Cogar. Contact the church office if you need Dottie's address.

The Starboard Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, May 6, 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.

Calling all Bakers!

I am calling all bakers to ask for help with the bread and pastry that we have every Sunday with coffee in the narthex. After going through most of my bread recipes, I have grown a bit weary of coming up with a snack every week. I know there are many other people in the church who are very

skilled at baking and some of you might like to help furnish this treat to the congregation every so often. So, if you are one of those people, please give Kay McLellan a call or email. I am not planning to quit, as I love to bake, but I would enjoy a break once in a while. 972-395-3806 or nanakmc@verizon.net

Kay McLellan



The Word on the Street



We were VERY short of food for March in eggs and pimento sandwiches. I know it seems as if the first Monday of the month happens every other week - but it takes all of us to help take care of the "least of these". If you are unable to provide the food needed, you can write a check to FUPC

Ann Walden

and put "Shelter" in the lower left. The church office is all set to receive your donations.

Luggage is a one of the many needs of the homeless. Their "suit case" is an extra large black plastic bag. If you have luggage in your home you have not used lately, and don't expect to, we will take it to the Shelter 5 May. There is much need of your extras.

Spotlight on Lorna Acker!

In keeping with our desire to enrich the relationships at our church, we have chosen Lorna Acker, a long time member to spotlight for the month of May.

A fortunate thing about my conversation with Lorna was that I got to meet with her in her beautiful home in north Dallas. She and her husband, Charlie, moved there 44 years ago, when it was just being built in that area. She told me the company that was constructing the house went bankrupt and left it undone. So she and Charles counted it a very good deal and rolled up their sleeves to finish the job. They enlisted the help of the neighborhood children to help clear the yard. It took them about a year to complete the house and yard with Charlie doing a lot of the construction. Lorna told me she had found a man who could “fix things”!

One of the other things that her husband, Charlie, a Braniff pilot, did for Lorna was to snatch her away from her home in the Northwest U.S. and bring her to Dallas. She considers this a fortunate move for her, and the rest of us consider this a fortunate thing for Dallas. Actually, this gregarious guy noticed her while she was on a vacation with some of her girlfriends with whom she shared an apartment in San Francisco. Having access to very good transportation, Charlie managed to be where she was as often as he could. She was living there and working as a secretary for a company that owned commercial cafeterias (like Luby's) up and down the west coast. The foods and nutrition degree she earned at Oregon State University served her well in that position and continues to serve her well in the areas where she volunteers at this time in her life.

Life for Lorna began in The Dalles, Oregon on the edge of the Columbia River. Her family owned a large wheat ranch, but, like many other families, they lost it during the Great Depression. Following the loss of their ranch, the family moved to Portland. They spent summers up in the mountains at a cabin and eventually moved there for her father's work as a forest ranger. She was the only daughter, and also the youngest child, of three siblings. During the years she lived in



Kay McLellan, R.N.

the mountains, she learned to ski, to climb mountains and fish. She lived with her parents and two older brothers, and many cousins, aunts and uncles who joined them from time to time at the cabin in the mountains. As a young girl, she stayed busy with her dog and enjoyed the activities of Campfire Girls. During this time, her older brother went to fight in WWII and was killed in battle. The grief her family felt was shared by so many other families during those years and she remembers her mother's activities with Gold Star Mothers group.

After marrying Charlie and moving to Dallas, they had 3 children, all boys, who are now grown and married. Two of her sons live in Carrollton, and the other lives in South Carolina and is father of her grandchildren. The boys all grew up attending Ridgeview Presbyterian Church with Lorna and Charlie.

Lorna met and made friends with many women who made up the Braniff auxiliary that provided a rich social life and the opportunity for her to become involved in the community. The auxiliary raised money for scholarships for college senior women who were going on for master's degrees in speech and hearing. She still finds an outlet for her charitable work now at North Dallas Shared Ministries where she has volunteered for the last 15 years. She and a group of other members also continue the activities of the “Starboard Stitchers” which began as a ministry of Ridgeview Presbyterian. This group made quilts for the Ronald McDonald House in the past and now makes stuffed animals for the babies and toddlers who come to NDSM for medical care. She also takes part in water aerobics at a local YMCA. She thinks that taking good care of her health, and having hobbies, like her sewing, has given her the skills for living well. She values the various groups she has contact with as they offer her a variety of ideas and activities as well as the friendships.

She also enjoys the attention and generosity of her sons and their families who are her greatest joy. She says loving them and being available without interfering in their lives is wisdom she has gained and employs to maintain these relationships.

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Notes & News from the Pews



Thank you Wayne Saunders!

Thanks to Wayne Saunders, the students at Blair Elementary have an opportunity to get free vitamins for a year. Wayne sold his Pharmacy and the new owner found a source for these vitamins. All the parents have to do is take the flyer in their child's weekly school folder to Brookhaven Pharmacy. They will be given a white card stamped for that month. Then the parents return each month for a stamp and free vitamins for that month. What a deal, Wayne! Thank you for making this available to needy children. ~ Ann Walden

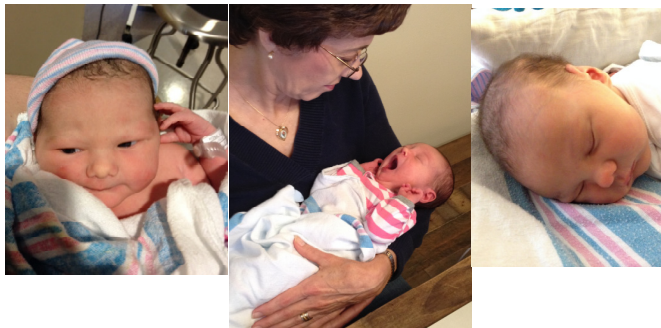
Thank you from the Garoutte & Sloey families

We can't begin to tell you the closeness we feel with you all and the gratitude we have to always be welcomed back "Home" into the loving arms of our Faith United family. Harvey and Marion Garoutte left tall shoes to fill and we will do our best to carry on the love of God, Church, and Family (and Music) so that our children will be a reflection of what you all invested in them and us over the years. Thank you so much for the receptions you have hosted and food you lovingly prepared. God bless you all.

~ Love, Steve, Jenny, & the entire Garoutte family and Sloey family

Meet Genevieve Ruth Kosa

Genevieve Ruth Kosa was born March 31 at 3:20pm (eastern time). She weighed in at 7 lb. 3 oz. Proud grandparents are Dick & Nancy Smith. Nancy had a wonderful visit in early April.



Directory updates

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



Jewel McClellan

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Dallas, TX 75234
214-578-2894

Quinn Moser

New member 2/9/14
756 Sparrow
Coppell, TX 75019
Cell 214-991-1876

Betty Runkel

3362 Forest Lane, #213
The Bentley
Dallas, TX 75234
972-247-4946

Jessica & Terry Stottlemeyer

Daughter, Claire (baptized 3/9/14)
New members 3/9/14
4366 Newton Street
The Colony, TX 75056
Jessica cell—214-534-8232



Session & Such

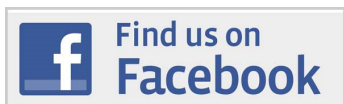
The Session has a Called Meeting once a month for the purpose of meeting and receiving prospective new members. This month's Called Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 11 at 10:15 a.m. They

meet in the Library/Resource Room across from the coffee/fellowship area. The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 after worship with Irene Simpson leading devotional.

From the editor



It is May and the winter is finally behind us! I am excited to be moving in May to a location only 2 miles from the church. This will cut my commute by about 30 minutes. If only I could twitch my nose and be all settled into the new place. But alas, I must begin packing.



If you are on Facebook, you have probably seen our new page. Remember, 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 we may generate some new interest in Faith United.

Brenda Swindle

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. Don't

forget to take and send

pictures of church events so we can include them too. You may submit articles in writing to the church office or via email to

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

The deadline for articles is Friday, 5/16. Do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.



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**Deadline for
articles, Friday,
May 16.**

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

Spotlight on Lorna Acker!

She is most grateful for meeting and marrying her husband, Charlie. “He changed my life in many ways” she says. Because of him she had “adventure after adventure, met so many people and went to exotic places”. They were married for 39 years before he died in 1996. During her 18 years of widowhood, she has filled it with cherished friendships and generous volunteering in the community and at church.

So, look for this lovely and gracious woman in the narthex of the church on most Sunday mornings. She may be talking to some of the other women who go to lunch together after the service, or she may be arranging to take some flowers to a member who is shut-in at home, or discussing the next reception upcoming at the church. Her memories and knowledge of the history of the church are impressive.

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Lorna with Starboard Stitchers

Photo credit: Caitlin Harrison, Dallas Morning News

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Happy Birthday!

May 1

- * Nathan Miller
- * Cleo Sherrard

May 2

- * Anne Kirchmeyer
- * Mary Marxer

May 3

- * Charlie Cole

May 4

- * Gerry Blackmon
- * George Mills

May 6

- * Jan Cole
- * Laura Dawn Lettieri

May 8

- * Peggy Wesch

May 9

- * Bobbie Jones

May 11

- * Fiona Coughenour

May 12

- * Susan Sedberry
- * Martha Worrell

May 15

- * Joan Nelson

May 16

- * Linnie Hinkle

May 17

- * Cathy Marxer

May 28

- * Jo Ann McKnight

May 30

- * Steve Nelson
- * Bill Trombley



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Greg Haben
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Liz Hendricks
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ 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 Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Earle Krause
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Ken & 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
- ♥ 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

You're invited to the NDSM Annual Benefit!



2014 Annual Benefit is Friday, May 16th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event takes place at St. Monica Catholic Church, Walnut Hill at Midway in Dallas. Gala tickets are \$50 each. Dinner, dancing and performance by Black Dirt Tango for your \$50 donation, plus wine and beer cash bar and several raffle items.

Raffle tickets for \$1000, \$500, and \$250 in Northpark Gold are available from Lois Duell for \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. You need not be present to win these raffle items.



Lois Duell

News from Grace Presbytery about recent tornadoes



Responding to recent Tornadoes

Severe thunderstorms moved across the Central and Southern United States April 25 through April 28, 2014. Strong winds, large hail and at least 30 tornadoes were reported.

Mayflower and Vilonia, two towns located just northwest of Little Rock, Arkansas, sustained the most damage from the storm. At least 16 fatalities have been reported in Arkansas. Fatalities were also reported in Oklahoma, Iowa and Kansas.

PDA has been in contact with mid councils in the affected areas, and One Great Hour of Sharing funds and funds designated for disaster response in the United States are available for immediate disbursement. National Response Team (NRT) members are enroute to Arkansas

at the request of the Arkansas Presbytery to offer support in assessing the damage and developing a response to these storms.

PDA has no report of Presbyterian Churches affected and will support the ecumenical, interfaith, and community disaster response efforts as well as the response by mid-councils through Presbyterian Churches in neighboring communities.

What You Can Do

You can stand in the **GAP** for disaster survivors and help the church with this response.

Give. Share your financial blessings by designating gifts to


DR000015-2014 tornadoes.

Individuals may give through your local Presbyterian congregation, online, or by mailing a check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Act. Like us on facebook (PDAcare) and share updates with your congregation and others.

Pray. Please pray for the success of those involved in rescue and early response efforts; and that through the response of the faith community, the people and communities impacted by the tornadoes and those offering assistance will be reminded of the faithful hope that is found in Christ.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 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	5 6:00 Shelter	6 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	7 7:00 FUPC Choir	8 9:30 PW Circle 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	9	10 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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18 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 12:30 FUPC Session	19 6:15 LTCDS Staff	20 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	21 7:00 FUPC Choir	22 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	23	24 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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