



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends of Faith United,

July is one of my favorite months of the year. It's a time of picnics and celebrations along with fireworks and vacations. For those of us who are warm weather fans, it's just the right time of year to go swimming or take a leisurely stroll through the park while enjoying an ice cream cone. At the church, we've settled into a more relaxed atmosphere to rest and get recharged in preparation for the busier fall programs. Children's Sunday school has been suspended during the summer months along with meetings of the Presbyterian Women. Even the choir has taken a few well deserved weeks off so that members can spend additional time with families, attend music conferences, and go on vacation. Don't worry; David has arranged to have special music to enhance our worship service while the choir is on hiatus.

As for the interim minister, I want to use this time to get to know you. I want to know how long you and your family have been attending this church and

what led you to attend Faith United. I want to know what you like and don't like about the worship service or what you like or dislike about the educational and outreach programs in which this church is actively involved. Most of all, I want to know what your hopes and dreams and visions for this church are as we go forth from this point into the future. Research has shown that the time between ministers is a time when a congregation is most likely to accept new concepts and ideas that can lead the church in becoming a healthier congregation.

Which brings me to why I am here. What should you expect of me as an interim pastor? First of all, you should expect from me many of the same things you would expect of an installed minister. You should expect me to preach, teach, conduct pastoral care to our members, and empower people with leadership skills and knowledge. You should expect me to administer the sacraments, train elders, and lead new member and confirmation classes. But in addition to these tasks, you should also expect me to work with the congregation in the

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

performance of certain developmental tasks that are conducive to this interim time.

We will talk more about these "developmental tasks" in future communications. But, suffice it to say that these developmental tasks will be completed by both the congregation and a session appointed "Transitional Steering Committee" (TSC). This is not the search committee but a vital group of individuals responsible for gathering and assimilating information that will be useful when the Pastor Nominating Committee begins its search for your new installed minister.

The King James Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people parish." (Proverbs 29:18) With God's help, working through this congregation, I am confident Faith United will have a renewed vision of who it is and where it believes God is leading the church. Rest up well during the summer because we have a lot of work to do in the fall. Until then, please feel free to stop by my office for a chat. I welcome talking to each of you. Have a great July!

Shalom, *Jim*

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The next newsletter is August 2016

The deadline for articles is Friday, July 15.

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Friday, 7/15/16.

Contact church office or Brenda

Swindle via email to submit articles.

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Notes from the Director

David Pierce

As the choir takes a much deserved break in July there is still a lot going on behind the scenes and in worship. On Saturday, July 9 several choir members will attend the annual Pender's Sacred Music Workshop. Those scheduled to attend are: Mary Marxer, Patti Sloey, Jessie Reyes, Jessica Stottlemeyer, David Pierce, and Stephanie Anderson.

We have scheduled several musicians to worship with us in July. They will share their talents with us.

-  Sunday, July 3—Leigh Ann Stadt, voice
-  Sunday, July 10—Christian Gonzalez, instrumental
-  Sunday, July 17—Brenda Swindle, Handbells
-  Sunday, July 24—Heather Suchodolski, French Horn
-  Sunday, July 31—TBD

You will not want to miss a Sunday in July as these musicians share their talents and worship with us.

Presbyterian Women

Patti Sloey

Presbyterian Women Bible Study will be taking the summer off, but our Women of Faith are still active and a visible presence at all times. In June they provided food and drink for not one, but two receptions! And I know that everyone appreciated the generous giving of time & talents.



you didn't have a chance to complete a form, one is included below. Please drop it by the church office, or put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Remember, many hands make light work!

There will be other opportunities to serve, and to those who have already volunteered to help with receptions (funeral, celebratory, etc.), thank you. If

Also, although Bible study circles have been going strong, the PW Coordinating Team is all but defunct. Without a Vice-Moderator, we were unable to have a retreat. The circle leaders planned and executed the Birthday Brunch, and I basically served this past year as a contact only between PW and the

church. Mary Marxer has agreed to take this over for the coming year, but there are still a couple of areas that will need assistance. Kay McClellan had agreed to coordinate the kitchen area, but with Terry's retirement.....well, you can figure that one out! If we could get two ladies to volunteer to take that over, it would be great. If you'd like to know what the job entails, Lorna Acker or Margaret Jones are the ones to ask!

We'd like to make Presbyterian Women a viable force in our congregation. Please look into your heart and see if there's a place for you in the leadership of PW of Faith United Presbyterian Church!

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, August 2 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.

Emergency Reception Sign-up

Name: _____

Best Phone # _____ Home Cell

- I am willing to help with:
- Assist with organizing reception (make phone calls)
 - Set up and Serve (put out food, prepare punch, etc.)
 - Serve and Clean up
 - Provide food (cookies, veggies, fruit, finger foods, etc.)
 - Assist with providing ingredients for punch

Happy Birthday!

July 1

- * Carey Newton
- * Amanda Norman
- * Cameron Rodriguez

July 2

- * Jane Bower

July 5

- * Gerry Shotswell

July 6

- * Alison Meier

July 7

- * Andrew West

July 10

- * George Walker

July 15

- * Mark Saiter

July 17

- * Samantha Burkham
- * Dale Durcholtz
- * Irene Simpson

July 25

- * Nancy Bond
- * Doris Newton

July 28

- * Robin Laclede

July 31

- * Ted Hill



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer
(David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Sherrard Family
- ♥ Dortha Sooby
- ♥ Alan Swope

Rehab/At Home:

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

Outreach & Evangelism



The Outreach Committee will hold the next Community Breakfast on July 9 from 8 to 10am. All are invited to stop by and share some pancakes and sausage plus great fellowship with not only your fellow members, but new friends from our community.

Many at FUPC volunteer at North Dallas Shared Ministries on a regular basis. NDSM provides such a service to the north Dallas area. Last year, 2015, NDSM provided food assistance to 37,860 clients. The value of the food and hygiene items was \$1.64 million. A small gift of time, talent and money goes such a long way.

Notes & News from the Pews



Thank you!

I would like to thank all who sent cards or called during the past few months of my recuperation. An added thank you to the friend who was with me at the time of my fall at the department store. Special thanks also to the person who throws my paper on my doorstep. I am blessed to have these friends at FUPC. *Dalia Menendez*

Dear Faith United Friends,

As you may have heard, Kay and I are moving to Fort Smith, AR to be near family. We will be moving into my mother's house, since we have recently moved her to assisted living. Her apartment is about 5 minutes from the house. Our son and his family live in Fayetteville, AR, about 50 miles away from Ft. Smith. We will leave Dallas around the last week of July.

Our new address will be 2404 Crosshill Road, Ft. Smith, AR 72908. We don't have a local phone there yet. But, will maintain our Dallas cell numbers for some time to come. Kay's is 469-265-5729 and mine is 214-789-9188. We will look forward to hearing from you once in awhile.

It has been a wonderful pleasure of our lives to serve alongside you these years. I hope that you will always keep asking yourselves what God's mission is for FUPC in the years to come. Please keep us in your prayers as we journey to other geography, as we will keep you in ours as you travel. Many blessings, *Terry and Kay*

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 9:00 CSID Worship 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 FUPC Fellowship 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship | 4  Church Offices closed 7:30 GA-Rm #2 | 5 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1 | 6 | 7 6:30 ABA-Rm #4 7:00 GA-Room #2 | 8 11:00 LTCDS #1 | 9 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 12:30 Lisa Wilson-Sanctuary 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary |
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| Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com | | | | | | |



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