



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The way it looks from here

Pastor Terry McLellan

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am attending a conference for pastors of churches in transition. It has been a very interesting and informative experience. I have heard some good speakers, not the least of which are the attendees. There are pastors from several denominations (Presbyterian, United Methodist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, etc.) and from places all over the country.

From listening to my colleagues and the presenters one recurring theme keeps bubbling up – All churches are in transition. It is not simply the ones who have lost a pastor; faced a loss of membership; dealt with financial crises; or some other traumatic experience. All churches face change, it is a sign of life. Just as our bodies are constantly changing, so is the church – if it is alive. Those changes which we see in our churches

may be as a result of changes in our community; changes in who is part of our church family; or any number of the factors within which the church must exist and minister.



Faith United has experienced many changes in its short life. We have been together for almost 17 months. In those months since our “baby” was born, we have seen change. There have been some new faces appear in our midst and some familiar ones depart. Weekly we observe the blessing of crowded halls and classrooms when we all gather for worship. We are indeed blessed to have our partners, CSI Dallas and Little Treasures, to share our space. Both add much to our life together.

It is important for us to remember, as we grow together experiencing all that

God has for us, that our main mission is “to announce to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. This is the Good News,” as theologian, N. T. Wright put it. This good news carries with it a message of hope and love. “If the church is to impart to the world a message of hope and love, of faith, justice and peace, something of this should become visible, audible, and tangible in the church itself.” (David Bosch, *Transforming Mission*)

My prayer for us is that in the middle of the turmoil that comes with the myriad changes we face, we remember ultimately why we are here. That is to share Jesus with the world outside our doors. All else that we do as a church outside of that clarifying focus is secondary.

Grace, peace & love,
Pastor Terry

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The deadline for articles is Friday, August 17.



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Presbyterian Women

Faith United's Presbyterian Women are ready to begin a new year of fellowship, service activities, and Bible study. The **PWCT** will meet on Tuesday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. All women of Faith United are invited to a **Kickoff Breakfast** on Saturday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m.



tells us a story that we do not like hearing but will touch your hearts and help us to know that there is hope for each child who is a part of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

Hope is in Our Hands—After breakfast we will hear the latest news on our Prayer Partner Project with Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. We will watch a video from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). We will learn why some are in the home and not with their parents, how they feel about the home and what the home has done for them. It is a moving video that

Following the video each circle will have an opportunity to meet with their own group and get the year planned out. Those who attend circles will receive their 2012-2013 Horizons Bible Study workbooks. The cost of the workbooks this year is \$10.00 per book, including shipping costs. Paying for the books is on an honor-system basis; if you feel you cannot afford to buy one, take one anyway and there will be no record

Mary Marxer

of who has paid and who has not. Also, if you would like a large print or audio CD edition, call Mary Marxer at 972-242-0865 and we will order one for you. The whole meeting will not last more than 90 minutes at most.

The Circles will begin to meet as usual in September. There are at present three circles: the **Tuesday Morning Circle**, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30; the **Thursday Morning Circle**, which meets on the second Thursday at 9:30; and the **Thursday Evening Circle**, which meets on the third Thursday at 7:00. Further information will be available at the breakfast and in the September newsletter.

From the editor

We are right in the middle of another Texas summer. Here's hoping you are staying cool with the 100+ days of August. Another school year will begin and the 2012 Olympics will soon be a memory.

We want people to see what is going on at Faith United. Each month the newsletter is uploaded to our website. Those searching for a church home can read about us and see how we are active in the community as well as FUPC programs and activities. No matter how big or

Brenda Swindle

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

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

From your Faith Community Nurses

With all the information on health swirling around the world, it's very difficult to know what websites you can trust. Everyone who puts their information on the internet has an agenda, and it's buyer beware. Many are selling a product, many are touting their new discoveries that may be years away from being available to the average person, many are simply scams that want to come between you and your money without the benefit of a useful service or product. So, I was excited when I found a website that is available (from a trusted source) that addresses many of the issues of growing older gracefully.

It is an extensive new website of the North Texas public broadcasting station, KERA. It is named Next Avenue and offers categories of information on Health and Wellbeing,

Kay McLellan, R.N.

Money and Security, Work and Purpose, Living and Learning. Among the many items on health are such topics as low cost health providers, nutrition labels, dangers of sleep apnea, glaucoma, cancer screening, pros and cons of caffeine. In addition, there is a treasure trove of information on managing money, wills, working after retirement, volunteering, and opportunities to attend classes for new directions in learning.



You can access this valuable information at www.kera.org/nextavenue. If you do not have a computer, you can use the one in the Resource Room at church or go to your local public library.

CROP Hunger Walk



Faith United is joining with a dozen congregations in the area for the Metro-crest CROP Hunger Walk.

Taking place at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church on Saturday, September

8th, this highly visible, highly publicized event will be a great opportunity to make the community aware of our presence and what we stand for. For 65 years, Church World Service has been working with the abiding vision of Enough for all!. Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 37 Chris-

Kurt Booth

tian denominations and communions working to eradicate hunger and poverty – providing sustainable development, disaster relief and refugee assistance around the world.

Kurt Booth is acting as the Team Captain for Faith United and you may contact him @ 214-695-9737 or k.booth1@verizon.net to learn how to support your congregation's efforts.



Session & Such

The session will have a one day retreat. It will be on Saturday, August 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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, August 12 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, August 12 after worship.

Notes & News from the Pews



Thank you!

I wish to thank all for the prayers, calls and notes that were received following the death of my son, John in June.

Elizabeth Hendricks

Directory updates

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Austin Street Meal—The August meal day will be Monday, August 6. Looking ahead, the September meal will be September 3. Please plan ahead for your food donation.

The additional refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Thank you for your faithfulness to the homeless.

Shelter Sings—The Austin Street Choir can really sing and has some great voices! Save the date, Sunday, August 12. The choir will be at FUPC during worship and will sing for us. This will be a special treat that you will not want to miss!

Banking on People—Residents at Austin Street Centre have been given an opportunity to rise above their homelessness. Keith Price, Shelter director, is the developer behind

Banking on People where residents who apply and are approved can see their dreams become a reality.

Working in conjunction with Benchmark Bank of Dallas and Plano, Banking on People will implement a micro-lending strategy, offering loans of various sizes to those who qualify through due diligence. Once applicants have completed this process and are approved for the loan, they can build a business from the ground up.

The first recipient will be Loreen, 57, who wants to start her own massage therapy business. She studied massage therapy and graduated November 2011 from ATI, a Dallas career training center. Loreen estimates her startup budget could be near \$1,100. For more information on this or other Shelter project check the website www.AustinStreet.org.

Donate Your Old Computer to ESL Students!

Members of FUPC have participated in an ESL program since 2007. The ESL program continues today and has expanded into a basic computer skills classes. As our society becomes more and more technology focused, the need for them to develop computer literacy skills is growing.

Only a few of the students have their own computers, but all could use them. As with anything, classroom learning isn't enough and needs to be reinforced with practice and homework. If you have a computer (desktop or laptop) that you don't use anymore, please consider donating it to this program. All donated machines will be scrubbed of any personal information before being placed with a new owner.

Looking for the following items:

- Mice
- Keyboards
- Monitors
- Flash drives (any size)
- Office 2003 license keys
- Desktop or laptop running XP/Vista/Windows 7

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tiffany Wylie at 972-529-8083 or tiffany.wylie@tylertech.com.



Rosa receives her "new" computer

North Dallas Shared Ministries

August is here and that is one of Faith United's months to spotlight NDSM. A lot is happening this month. The clothes closet will be closed the week of August 20th through 25th for the distribution of school uniforms. Two uniforms will be given to each eligible child. All areas will be closed Monday, August 27th when grade appropriate school supplies will be given out. This is a huge undertaking that assures children will have appropriate clothing and supplies for school. ESL classes are winding up their summer sessions and will begin their fall schedule in mid-September.

The Hamon Charitable Foundation recently awarded NDSM \$100,000 for dental clinic improvements. This is being used to create a third multi-use dental room, replace antiquated equipment and dental chairs and allow for the expansion of services. The goal is to have the clinic open more days and offer cleaning and restorative care, not just extractions. We need volunteers to give at least 1 day a month and you can help here by speaking to your dentist and hygienist. Support staff will also be needed.



Lois Duell

Tax help numbers soared this year. Volunteers processed 1,483 returns. Refunds exceeded \$2,186,000. Four years ago when this program was started, only 115 returns were processed.

TXU Energy again provided us with \$5,000 for the purchase of 20" box fans to distribute to low-income TXU customers. This is a great help for the clients and helps lower their utility bill.

Where do you fit in? FUPC is a covenant member of NDSM. This means we support through monetary donations (both individual and church), supplies (groceries and clothing), and volunteer hours. Volunteers are always needed. FUPC currently has only 8 volunteers giving hours. Volunteers are asked to give two shifts (3-4 hours) a month in the Emergency Aid area, and one shift a month in the clinic.

Grocery items particularly needed at this time are: canned pinto beans, Ranch style beans, canned pears, canned pineapple, and saltine crackers. Clothing items needed are shoes (gently worn) and men's and children's clothing. A large wooden box is in the hallway across from the Fellowship Hall to collect items.



Choir Notes



While the choir has been enjoying some time away from rehearsals and sitting in the choir loft, the music program has been moving forward.

We trust you enjoyed the many talented performers that shared their musical offerings with Faith United during late June and July. The choir we will back for the first Sunday in August.

In mid-July Stephanie Anderson, Patti Sloey, Mary Marxer and David Pierce attended an all-day choral music reading session in Lewisville, sponsored by Pender's Music Company. This event will help them select music to purchase for the coming year. During the event they sang through well over a hundred anthems, directed by several major composers of sacred mu-

David Pierce

sic. It was exciting and gratifying, since the 200+ attendees consisted of choir directors, accompanists and good choral musicians. Even though everyone was sight reading, the hotel guests passing by were dazzled by the sound.

You might notice that the grand piano in the sanctuary has been changed. The walnut Yamaha grand brought from the Josey Lane property was originally placed in the sanctuary, while the black grand originally in the sanctuary at Marsh Lane was moved to the choir room. Almost a year later and after examination by several piano technicians it was decided to move the black Kawai back into the sanctuary. It has a mellow, pleasing tone, the action is newer and it sounds better than the Yamaha. The Church of South India, quite a few members and Stephanie are all delighted. We hope you will be too.

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Happy Birthday!

August 1

- * Austin Stovall

August 3

- * Tom Duell

August 6

- * Megan Lopez
- * Terrie Russell

August 7

- * Judy Saunders

August 10

- * Tom Meurer
- * Chris Walker

August 11

- * Hugh McWhorter
- * Renee Wensley

August 12

- * Alan Swope

August 15

- * Helen Bowling

August 18

- * Kathryn Heffler

August 19

- * Betty Russ

August 21

- * Jennifer Tiemann

August 26

- * Kathy Newton

August 27

- * Gail Crumpler

August 28

- * Jewel McClellan
- * Pat Whitaker

August 29

- * Jeanne Haben



August 30

- * Grethel Creech
- * Elizabeth Hendricks
- * Nancy Smith

August 31

- * Dana Morton



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

Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Jan Duell Gaby
- ♥ Mary Ann Jones
- ♥ Jeanne Moynagh
- ♥ Thomas Sullivan
- ♥ The congregation of FUPC as we discover what God has planned for us.

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Earle & Marge Krause
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ Bennie Tillack
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Bob Williams

Service Personnel:

- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ CPT Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ CPT Joshua Montero
- ♥ LT COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ Ronnie Rogers
- ♥ USAF 1st LT Andre Silva
- ♥ LCPL James C. Spencer
- ♥ SPC David Wheat
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ Robert Hall
- ♥ Andrew Moore
- ♥ WO2 Chris West
- ♥ Logan Burkhram

Support the local Firehouse Community Theatre in Farmers Branch

They are excited about the production of "Some Enchanted Evening!" You may even see some familiar faces in the cast.

The show is a staged concert version of all your Rodgers & Hammerstein favorites! Performances are Aug. 16-19 at the Plaza Theatre, Old Downtown Carrollton. Call the box office at 972-620-3747 to purchase tickets to this celebration of the most successful team in Broadway history!

For more information about this exciting new community theater call 972-620-3747 or visit their website at www.firehousetheatre.wix.com/thefirehousetheatre#!

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Calendar Legend G-21=Community Youth Group GA=Gamblers Anonymous ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA=Overeaters Anonymous LTCDS = Little Treasures School PWCT=Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team CSID=Church of South India Dallas</p>			1 7:00 FUPC Choir	2 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm 4	3	4 FUPC Session Retreat 10 a.m.—2 p.m. 8:00 CSID Youth Car Wash Parking lot & Fellowship 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Choir Room 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
5 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 O & E Committee 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship	6 9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter	7 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 OA-Across Choir 7:00 PWCT-Admin off.	8 7:00 FUPC Choir	9 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA-Across Choir	10	11 11:00 GA-Across from Choir 11:00 OA-Choir Room 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary CSID & FUPC VBS 8 a.m.—12 p.m.
CSID & FUPC Vacation Bible School 6—9 p.m.						
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26 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	27 9:00 Ed's Helpers	28 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 OA Fellowship Rm	29 7:00 FUPC Choir	30 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm 4	31	1 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.

Back to School Needs!



You can help students start school with the tools they need by making Back-to-School Kits. Select a list, gather all the items into one bag and staple the appropriate school list to the outside of the bag. Create one Kit or several! Drop off at Metrocrest Social Services by **Wednesday, August 15.**

Metrocrest Social Services thanks you!

High School Supplies List

- 3 Binders (1", 3 rings)
- 1 pkg. Notebook paper (College-ruled)
- 3 pkgs. Notebook dividers
- 2 of each black, red pens
- 6 No. 2 pencils
- 1 Pkg colored pencils
- 1 Pencil bag
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Ruler
- 1 pkg. graph paper
- 3 Spiral notebooks (various colors)
- 1 Yellow Hiliter
- 1 Dry erase marker
- 1 Compass
- 1 Protractor

Middle School Supplies List

- 3 Binders (1", 3 rings)
- 1 pkg. Notebook paper (College-ruled)
- 3 pkgs. Notebook dividers
- 2 of each black, red pens
- 6 No. 2 pencils
- 1 Pkg colored pencils
- 1 Pencil bag
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Dry erase markers
- 3 Spiral notebooks (various colors)
- 4 Pocket folders with brads (various colors)
- 1 Yellow hiliter
- 1 Compass
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Pair of scissors

Elementary School Supplies List

- 1 pkg. Assorted Construction Paper (12x18)
- 1 pkg. White Construction paper (12x18)
- 1 pkg. Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 1 pkg of each washable colored markers (thick & thin)
- 6 No. 2 pencils
- 1 Pkg. colored pencils
- 2 of each black, blue, and red ink pens
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Dry erase marker
- 1 Yellow hiliter
- Pocket Folders with brads: yellow, blue, green and red
- 1 Pencil box or bag
- 24 count crayons
- Spiral notebooks (wide ruled): yellow, blue, green & red
- 1 Blunt 5" scissors
- 2 Glue sticks



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