



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 September 2014

The deadline for articles is Friday, August 15.



Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are experiencing somewhat of a respite from the heat. If I

daydream a little, I could convince myself that there is a hint of Fall in the air . . . well maybe not!!

But, it starts me thinking about a busy time of year, the Fall; getting back from vacation; and focusing on the “real” world. In so doing, I am remembering that we began the summer with the idea on the tips of our tongues: God speaking through Isaiah in Isaiah 56 said, “My house shall be a house of prayer for all people.” God was challenging the Jewish captives newly released from bondage in Babylon and returning home to change their thinking. The former captives and exiles were not freed so they could return to their former ways of self-indulgence and idolatry. They were freed so they could reclaim the promise made to their ancestor, Abraham, centuries before. The promise that they were chosen to be a nation of blessing to the whole world. In order to ful-

fill their covenant, they must welcome all who come in the name of the Lord.

Like the Israelites, we are not blessed because we deserve it but because God loves us and has work for us to do in sharing God’s grace with the whole world. Someone once said that the church is the only human institution that is created not for its members alone but for those who are not on the inside.

Therefore, our church is called to be a “House of prayer for all people.” Living into that calling will change us.



This will be a busy fall. We are in the midst of participating in a program called “New Beginnings.” As part of this program, some of you recently attended a time of conversation with Philip Lotspeich from General Assembly. Questions discussed during that conversation touched on topics of what was good and healthy about Faith United and

what may not be so healthy.

While Philip was here, he collected a great deal of other information about the church and the neighborhood. There will be a report forthcoming containing his findings. There will be some further conversations with you about those findings and what passion God’s Spirit has placed within you. From this process, Faith United will be invited to make a decision about our future ministries.

Furthermore, the Vision Team of FUPC/CSID has been interviewing architects for the purpose of examining our

facility needs going forward and developing a plan for fulfilling those needs. This effort may take the

shape of new construction and/or substantial renovation. This will be a very significant undertaking and some of you may be asked to serve together in developing those plans.

Also, our friends, Little Treasures, are growing and are seeking additional capacity to teach and care for children.

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Building & Grounds Report

Dear Members of Faith United,

We recently had our leaky Sanctuary roof repaired and in the course of that process we discovered some troubling facts about the construction of the roof. Here



are some of the details. When the old roof was removed the contractor discovered a hole in the roof and when investigating the opening he realized he could see into the sanctuary. The ceiling was the underside of the roof so there is not an air gap beneath roof and ceiling. The light fixtures are connected to junction boxes which protrude from the roof. The original contractor carved a channel in the roof deck so the electrical conduit would lay beneath the layer of insulation. Insulation was installed under the shingles incorrectly because shingles require a surface which they will adhere to. The shingles could not adhere to the insulation so anytime there was a strong wind, the shingles would lift and the rain would be driven under them. If you look at the roof now, you will see several vent covers that are not covering vents but are covering the electrical junction boxes that protrude from the roof.

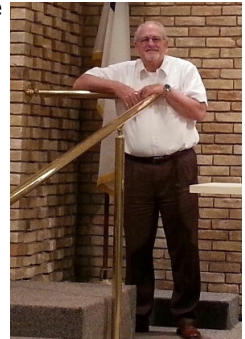
Some of you know that the roof was fitted with a steeple long after the construction of the sanctuary. The steeple was causing the southwest corner of the roof deck to lift from the

Joe Kastendieck

structure. The roof was not designed to support a steeple. Most roof structures have rafters every sixteen inches, our roof has a large beam every fifteen feet or so. The steeple was secured at only one point on the roof. I really don't know how this roof met the building code requirements, I doubt it would meet the requirements of today.

We had been approached by a cell tower company that wanted to lease space in a steeple that they were going to provide until it became clear that putting a steeple on the roof would be a safety concern among other things. We do not have plans to install a steeple now nor in the future.

A rail was recently installed to aid the choir members to negotiate the stairs. The rail is not meant to be a safety rail, it does not meet that criteria. Please do not assume it will support an adult's weight as it will not. Its purpose is to provide balance while ascending the stairs.



Finally, there will be a work day September 6, 2014. I intend to paint Fellowship Hall so please bring your enthusiasm and paint brush. Thank You All!

The way it looks from here...

As we go forward into the future which God has for us, the guiding vision of "Becoming a house of prayer for all people," will stretch us and challenge us to move away from some of the patterns of programs and activities that have been ours for decades, moving to new ministries and in new directions. We will be called to learn about the prayer practices of others and the ways others use for expressing their faith. We must remember that the boundaries of God's Kingdom do not coincide with the boundaries of the PCUSA. And, while we are solidly members of the PCUSA and shall remain that, our calling is to recognize that God's work goes on both within and out of those boundaries.

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We are indeed fortunate to have as congenial partners, the folk of CSID. As a result of their work with us, we are getting to know ways unfamiliar to us. And we are finding that though appearances may be different, the heart of faith in God is the same. As Paul observed, "... one faith, one Lord, one baptism, one God and Father of us all." We are not alone in this Christian life nor are we to be divided off from our brothers and sisters in Christ. On the contrary, we are called to share this journey, supporting one another in Christian love and Christian welcome.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Terry Terry@FaithUnited-pc.com

Spotlight on Bob Hinkle!

"There was knowledge before there was anything"

If I was hiking outdoors and had no idea where I was, I would want to have Bob Hinkle alongside me on the trail. I have learned that he knows how to determine latitude with a ruler and string and the North Star. He can also calculate longitude with a wrist watch! But this shouldn't surprise anyone who knows how curious and inventive he is. This retired electrical engineer decided while he was a teenager that he loved math and wanted to use that in his career... a good choice for a young man who scored in the top 2% in the country in math.

Bob was born in Temple, TX, the 3rd son born into his family. He shared a birthday with his father, and they loved to celebrate together. His 6th birthday got skipped, however, because the attack on Pearl Harbor happened the day before. The special cake his mother wanted to bake was left undone while they, like other families in the US, struggled with the news. Fortunately, the very sensitive and caring woman he married bought him a Red Rider bee-bee gun for one of his birthdays to try and make up for his loss of a birthday celebration when he was a child. Her name is "Linnie" and she's still sensitive and caring and full of spirit and humor.

"The most important thing I did in my life was marry the girl who lived down the street from me" said Bob. They dated in high school and were married during his 3rd year in college at the University of Texas. They both worked until he completed college.

His first job out of college was as an assistant engineer at Texas Instruments in Dallas. He was assigned to airborne radar, where he enjoyed being a flight test engineer with a crew that chased storms to test their products. This loyal employee remained with TI until he retired from his position of Manager of RF Systems Division. After leaving TI, he worked with other corporations.

He and Linnie settled in Farmers Branch to be near TI and began raising their family. While Bob grew up as a member of



Kay McLellan, R.N.

Disciples of Christ, Linnie grew up Presbyterian and after searching around for a church that suited both, they settled on Covenant Presbyterian Church in Carrollton, TX. They were both very active in the church and brought their considerable knowledge and energy to Faith United Presbyterian. They have three grown children, Jennifer, Jeff, and Joe, who have given them five grandchildren, Rebecca, John, Justin, Chase, and Tyler. He is proud that they are all so different from each other and bring these differences to the family that they have created.

He says that he wants his loved ones to never forget each other and their families. He advocates for openness and allowing people in a family to be unique and follow a different path, if that's their choice. He values honesty in others and appreciates the freedom of being able to admit mistakes and still be valued. He encourages his children to prepare themselves to make a decent living financially and have the flexibility to do things outside of work to make one's self a whole person. He is most grateful for his wife and family and living in America, "where I can be what I want to be".

Bob "practices what he preaches" by engaging in diverse interests. He truly is a curious scientist by nature who will begin a project to learn about it and when he learns what he wanted, he moves on to another to investigate a different path. One of his interesting studies focused on astronomy. He has his own telescope at home which he has taken out into the country away from city lights to see the heavens! No wonder he can determine latitude and longitude with simple tools.

This interesting and intelligent man who also has a good sense of humor is now sharing his gifts with this church in various ways. He has a joke for almost every occasion. He serves as the clerk of the session which carries considerable responsibility for the smooth running of the church. His remarks offered at the various church gatherings are remarkable expressions of his deep thoughtfulness and humility. His wisdom can serve as a guide for us in many ways besides helping us find our way home from a hiking trip!

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Notes & News from the Pews



Thank you!

Thanks everyone for always making Jesse feel so welcome at Faith United. He likes the church. Here he is with Mimi at Rainforest Cafe. He really liked the tigers! ~Irene Simpson



Directory updates

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



Members of FUPC choir attended choral workshop!

The FUPC choir traditionally stops singing after Father's Day and resumes the first Sunday in August. Did you miss the choir on Sunday mornings? We had some wonderful musicians share their talents with us during June & July, and we are thankful for their shared gifts.

On Saturday, July 12, Patti Sloey, Jesse Reyes, David Pierce and Mary Marxer, attended a sacred choral workshop in Lewisville, hosted by Pender's Music Company. The session began at 9:00 AM and then we had a break for lunch. After eating the provided box lunch, the afternoon session was scheduled from 1:00 - 4:00. This workshop, always in July, is where many choir directors buy their music for the entire year. We all agree that buying Christmas music and singing about a "bleak mid-winter" is hard to do when the thermometer is close to triple digits.

The next step is for those attending to meet, sing through the pieces we all liked and then weed out any pieces we don't select. A few FUPC choir members and Stephanie will do that in August and then we will purchase new music for the year. We have already chosen a beautiful new Christmas piece, *Canticles in Candlelight*, by Joseph Martin. We believe the congregation will be moved by this work, and it includes songs for the choir & congregation. Now is the time to consider joining the choir for just the holiday season. ~David Pierce



The August meal day will be Monday, August 4. Looking ahead, the September meal will be September 1. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

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, August 10 at 10:15 a.m. They meet in the Pastor's Study in the office area. The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 10 after worship with David Bell leading devotional.



Outreach & Evangelism/North Dallas Shared Ministries

Lois Duell



August is a FUPC month for North Dallas Shared Ministries. Plan to bring some food or send a check to help out. This month we will be giving out grade-related school supplies and two school uniforms to about 3000 DISD students, plus immunizations as needed as well as our regular food, rental and utility assistance, job counseling, clothing, and medical and dental clinics. Please see the below information from NDSM of how your money and food items are used.

How we use FOOD—There are some things we cannot obtain at a discount. Your donations of these items help us to stretch our budget and to provide more variety to our clients.



How we use MONEY—For \$1.00 we can buy what would cost \$11.62 at a grocery or warehouse store. Our buying power and special relationships allow us to stretch every dollar. In short, we really leverage your contributions.

NDSM puts BOTH to good use. The food assistance programs are unique. They don't provide a standard "grocery bag" of staples. Instead, they allow clients to choose the healthy, nutritious foods they want—up to \$250 worth for a family of five.

NDSM could currently use the following items

- ♥ Canned Peaches
- ♥ Canned Mixed Fruit
- ♥ Macaroni & Cheese
- ♥ Canned Soup
- ♥ Canned Pears
- ♥ Canned Applesauce
- ♥ Cereal
- ♥ Ramen Noodles
- ♥ Canned Pineapple
- ♥ Peanut Butter (please, no glass containers)
- ♥ Saltine Crackers
- ♥ Toilet Tissue



However you choose to give NDSM APPRECIATES IT!
And thanks you for your kindness and generosity!

Outreach & Evangelism/Cabell Elementary

Lois Duell

The Outreach Committee would like for our church family to show our support for the teachers at Cabell School by donating supplies they might need for setting up their classrooms. These supplies usually come from their own pockets, so any we can help provide will be appreciated. Their teacher preparation days begin August 18 and we would like to have most of the supplies we collect there by then. In speaking with present and retired teachers, some of the suggestions are: pencils, crayons, markers, chart paper (like flip chart tablets), post-it notes, tape for putting things on the wall, kleenex, magazines.

If you think of other things that might be helpful, I'm sure they would be used. Talk to friends who were teachers and ask them what they needed in setting up their classrooms. Teachers are not highly paid, but should be deeply appreciated for the selfless work they do. Let's show them we do support them and help them in this small way.



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Happy Birthday!

August 2

- * Terry Stottlemeyer

August 3

- * Tom Duell

August 6

- * 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

Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Greg Haben
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Liz Hendricks
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Cathy Marxer
- ♥ Til Rathbun
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Lynda Taylor
- ♥ 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:

- ♥ Becky Beattie
- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Earle Krause
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ 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
- ♥ CPT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ SSGT 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

Presbyterian Women

Patti Sloey, Moderator



The Presbyterian Women of Faith United are getting ready for the new year of Bible study and fellowship. This year's Horizons study books, *Reconciling Paul* have been received and will be available for purchase at \$10 each. They will be available at the August kick-off on Saturday, August 23 at 10am. All women of FUPC will be welcome to join a FUPC circle of their choosing at the kick-off. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



Church Life

Dottie Cogar

The Church Life committee has planned several events for the remainder of the year. Exact times and places will be in future editions of **Words of Faith**.

August—Wednesday, August 27 starting at 5 pm. We will have Movie Night with refreshments of chips, dips and ice cream.

September—Saturday, September 6 will be the Quarterly Work Day. Church Life will provide a light breakfast.

October—Saturday, October 11 we will have a fun afternoon of Bingo.

December—Saturday, December 6 we will decorate FUPC for the Advent/Christmas season after a light breakfast. The annual Christmas Holiday Pot Luck luncheon will be Sunday, December 14 after Sunday morning worship.

Save these dates on your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

From the editor

Brenda Swindle



Hard to believe it is August already. What bizarre weather we have had this year. My thermometer recorded 69° in July! I hope you are enjoying your summer and enjoy reading about others in the Notes & News section. Remember to send news and pics from your family so that we can feature them as space permits.

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

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Friday, August 15.

Contact church office

or Brenda Swindle via

email to submit

articles.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 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	4 6:00 Shelter	5 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	6 7 pm FUPC Choir	7 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	8	9 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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CSID Vacation Bible School 6—9 p.m.
Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4

CSID—VBS
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Rooms 1,2,3,4

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