



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



It is with some degree of sadness that I sit at my computer this morning to compose my last monthly letter to the congregation. I knew when I arrived in Texas a little over two years ago that my tenure at Faith United Presbyterian Church was only temporary. On June 24, the congregation unanimously elected the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Ritchie to be the next installed Minister of Word and Sacrament at Faith United Presbyterian Church. Consequently, my last opportunity to preach will be Sunday, August 19. In the not too distant future, Terry and I will be heading back home to Virginia where our two daughters and three of our grandchildren live. While we are excited about being closer to family, you can't work with a group of people for two years and not feel a sense of grief over leaving those whom you have come to love.

Nor can you leave a church like Faith United without feeling a

great sense of thankfulness to God and the membership of this church who have shown such hospitality and grace to both Terry and I. The number of individuals who deserve thanks are too numerous to mention but I would like to thank a couple of groups of people who helped to make my stay both productive and pleasant. Of course I want to thank the session of the church for calling me and working with me to conduct the usual and customary duties of ministry i.e. teaching, preaching, pastoral care, and the empowerment of others. Without their leadership and the encouragement of members in their various committees, this church would accomplish nothing.

I also want to thank a couple of other groups. When I arrived here two years ago, I appointed a Vision Committee to assist me in evaluating the church and preparing a mission study to assess the identity of the church and where the church felt the Lord was leading them. Without even knowing exactly what this committee was responsible for,

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

they agreed to help the interim pastor collect data, set goals, and make recommendations. They did an amazing job. Equally amazing was the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee who worked tirelessly meeting every week and sometimes more than once a week to read resumes, conduct interviews, and to prayerfully discuss the positive and negative attributes of each applicant.

My heartfelt thanks also to the Presbyterian Women, Stephen Ministry, and the staff of this church whose work has contributed to the welfare of Faith United. My prayer for each of you at this time is simple. Please extend to Dr. Ritchie and his family the love, hospitality, and dedication to Jesus Christ you have given Terry and I, and may you continue to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

May God be with you
till we meet again,

Pastor Jim

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Presbyterian Women

The 2018-2019 Circle meetings will begin in September. There are two Circles for you to join, Tuesday Morning Circle or Tuesday Evening Circle. Times and dates are below. The *Horizons* Bible Study this year is "God's Promise: I Am with You."



Mark Your Calendar: This year's Fall Kick-Off will be Saturday, 8/18 at 10 a.m. Study books should be available for purchase in the church office by early to mid-August, at the Fall Kick-Off or at Circle gatherings in September.

Mary Marxer

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle. Next meeting Tuesday, September 11.

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Meet in member homes. Circle moderator, Irene Simpson. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 18.

Stuffed Animals Project, materials remain available in classroom #4. Contact Lorna Acker or Lois Duell if you have any questions about this project.

Outreach & Evangelism

Gail Crumpler

Chapel Hill Preparatory School – As you know, July was the month to donate school supplies. The students and teachers at the school thank you and appreciate your generosity. Many of the students cannot afford to purchase these items that are needed for the school year.

North Dallas Shared Ministries – Now that August has arrived, our attention extends to NDSM. We accept donations for them all year, but August is the month that we encourage everyone in the congregation to contribute. We will start collecting your donations of canned goods (especially canned meats), as well as rice and beans the first week of August and end the last Sunday in August. Please add a little extra to your grocery shopping list to help feed the hungry.



Monthly Pancake Community Breakfast – There will be no breakfast in August. The committee is taking a break. We will resume the event on September 8, which is the second Saturday in September. We are hoping our new pastor and his wife will attend, so we want to encourage the congregation to be there to welcome them.

Project Transformation – On the first week of July, six members of our congregation read with the children at their summer camp at Chapel Hill Methodist Church in Farmers Branch. Those participating were Courtland Lewis, Linnie Hinkle, Terrie Russell, Lois Duell, Scarlett Silva and I. I think I can speak for all of us that it was a very rewarding experience. On July 22, Nick Saunders, an intern with Project Transformation assigned to our church, spoke to the Sunday school class that meets in the resource room.



Happy Birthday!

August 2

- * Terry Stottlemeyer

August 3

- * Tom Duell

August 6

- * Terrie Russell

August 7

- * Ben Hinely
- * Jessie Reyes
- * Judy Saunders

August 10

- * Tom Meurer
- * Chris Walker

August 11

- * Renee Wensley

August 12

- * Alan Swope

August 15

- * Helen Bowling

August 18

- * Kathryn Heffler

August 19

- * Betty Russ

August 21

- * Jennifer Tiemann

August 27

- * Gail Crumpler

August 28

- * Pat Whitaker

August 29

- * Jeanne Haben

August 30

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



Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Bobbie Jones
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Prayers for:

- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer
(David's brother)
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Glen Sparks
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer
- ♥ Margaret Plunkett

**Next newsletter is
September 2018.
Deadline for articles,
Friday, August 17.
Contact church
office or Brenda
Swindle via email to
submit articles.**



After years of visiting Florida for vacations and extended stays, the Swopes have moved there. Their new mailing address is below.

Alan & Holly Swope
P.O. Box 1039
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004



Texas Sized Reception @ FUPC—August 12



Immediately after worship at 12:15 p.m.
12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234

**Seems like just yesterday that we welcomed
Rev. Dr. Jim Johns and his wife, Terry to Texas to begin
his leadership at FUPC as Interim Pastor.**

The time has come to say goodbye (for now) to Pastor Jim and his wife, Terry. There will be a reception immediately following 11 a.m. worship on August 12. This reception is in preparation for their last Sunday to be with us, Sunday, August 19. Join us as we give them a BIG Texas send off!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	1 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 GSKPC Rm #4 7:00 Choir #9	2 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1 7:00 GSKPC-Rm #4	3 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	4 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						
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