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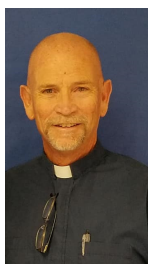
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*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*

From the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

We are a Matthew 25 church!



The Session of our church has accepted the Presbyterian Church (USA) invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31-46 by becoming active

disciples and making a difference in our community and the world. Our church, going back into the histories of Covenant and Ridgeview, has a long history of faithfulness. That story continues through our engagement with Metrocrest, North Dallas Shared Ministry, Project Transformation, monthly community breakfasts, VBS, vibrant music ministry, among other ministries. The story will also continue through this bold vision.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one of three areas of focus. At this time the Session feels called to embrace:

Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

The other two areas of focus are poverty and racism. As we engage with our community I am sure we will also address poverty and racism.

So, how do we build congregational vitality? Connecting to our neighbors is essential to building congregational vitality. As we look at our neighbors around the church the demographic numbers become very real. Our neighborhood is roughly 60% Hispanic, and, that figure is growing.

A few months ago, Grace Presbytery invited our church and Iglesia Emmanuel to begin discernment discussions about how the two churches can partner in multiracial ministry in our multiracial neighborhood. Iglesia Emmanuel is a Hispanic Presbyterian church in Dallas. Leaders from our church and leaders from Iglesia Emmanuel have met regularly since May. Our discussion has been Spirit blessed. At this point there are many more questions than answers. Central to the discussion is looking at Iglesia Emmanuel being housed in our facility.

I am excited about the prospects of partnership with Iglesia Emmanuel! I don't know how, when, where, or what. The continuing discussions will reveal the Spirit's guidance for us on these questions. However, why seems clear to me. As we pray and think about engaging our multiracial community with the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed it is important to fully explore the possibilities of this potential partnership.

Jesus calls for us to love God, love others, and make disciples. We affirm that our call is to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors. I look forward to discovering what God is up to in us, through us, and around us!

I also encourage you to be in prayer for VBS, Aug 5-9. It is not too late to volunteer to help! It is going to be a great week of ministry!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Ken
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Presbyterian Women

Mary Marxer

The Presbyterian Women Circles will take a break for the summer months.

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



Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Meet in member homes. NEW Circle moderator, Patti Sloey. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 17.

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

Debbie Rainier

North Dallas Shared Ministries – Now that August has arrived, our attention goes to NDSM. We accept donations for them all year, but August is “Spotlight On NDSM” month and 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 14, which is the second Saturday in September.

Notes from the Music Director

David Pierce

July 13th, seven members of the FUPC choir spent Saturday in Denton singing through hundreds of new anthems at Pender's Music Sacred Workshop. The FUPC “Intrepid Seven” along with 150 choir directors and singers, sight-read music from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM, with only a short break for lunch. The sessions were conducted by a team of well-known composers, writers of many of the anthems we sing! An excellent accompanist is always provided to help and support, and occasionally recorded tracks are used. It is an amazing experience to hear so many trained musicians sight-sing new music and arrangements of familiar standards. A bonus benefit of attending is chatting and sharing lunch with the composers. This year Joseph Martin, Heather Sorenson and Pepper Chopin were the featured composers. All names you have seen in our Sunday bulletins. The “Intrepid Seven” marked the pieces they really liked, a tally compiled and the highest-ranking selections will be purchased. As coaches are prone to say, “listen up” ‘cause we’ve got lots of new music to share!



FUPC “Intrepid Seven” (left to right) Jessica Stottlemeyer, Patti Sloey, Kyle Feather, Natasha Wroblewski, Caroline Busselberg, David Pierce & Mary Marxer

Happy Birthday!

August 2

- * Terry Stottlemeyer

August 3

- * Tom Duell

August 6

- * Terrie Russell

August 7

- * 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 29

- * Jeanne Haben

August 30

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



Rehab/At Home:

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

Prayers for:

- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Bob Hinkle
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Barbara Stein
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

Next newsletter is

**September. Deadline for
articles, Friday, Aug. 16.**

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

Greeters for Worship




Greeters are needed for the remainder of the year, August through December. If you cannot greet for the entire month, split it with a friend! The sign-up sheet is available on the Usher's table in the Narthex.

Adult Sunday School

The **Searchers** Adult Sunday school class meets in the Resource Room/Library at 9:30 each Sunday morning. The class is currently using Jill Duffield's commentary on the lectionary scriptures each Sunday. Alison Meier is leading the class.

Adult Sunday school class, **Weekly Bible Study**, is led by Rich Lewis. Beginning Sunday, July, 28 the class will begin a study of "Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple" based on Adam Hamilton's book of that name. The six-week study will include a short video each week followed with scripture readings and thoughts about Peter. Meets at 9:30 Sunday mornings in Double Classroom #4.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		30 7:00 Gam-Anon #2 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	31 9:30 LTCDS #1 1:30 GSKPC #4 6:00 CE #4 7:00 FUPC Choir	1 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	2 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	3 6:30 GSKPC #4 9:00 Decorate for VBS 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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