



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 October 2015

The deadline for
articles is
Friday, Friday 9/18



Dear Friends,
I wanted to bring you up-to-date regarding our relationship with Church of South India-Dallas. As I mentioned in one of my posts in a weekly Newsbrief a few weeks ago, I was informed by Pastors Ninan and Sherwin that CSID had decided to terminate our partner relationship. This means that CSID will be looking for another place to hold services and that the proposed construction project we were contemplating together will not go forward.

So far, I have not received notice of any particular date that they will be leaving. I do know that they have begun working with a realtor to assist them in finding a place and developing a plan of relocation.

Since the master architectural plan that was being developed included both churches' future needs, that plan is no longer

meaningful and will be scrapped. It may be, as Faith United goes forward, that new plans will need to be developed for improvements in our facility, but they will not be for the numbers of people that both churches represent. There will be more about this in the future.

I admit to being saddened by their decision to leave, because we had hoped together that we could be partners in having a vital church presence at the intersection of Marsh Lane and Ridgeoak. Their decision did not have anything to do with our relationship. It had more to do with denominational relations between Church of South India and Presbyterian Church—USA in the light of the changes made to the *Book of Order* at the last General Assembly regarding marriage.

As you already know, the PCUSA *Book of Order*, as now

amended, provides for the possibility that a pastor or a congregation might be asked to perform a marriage between persons of the same gender. Teaching elders (pastors) and churches are

given the authority to decide based on their own interpretation of scripture and their own conscience whether or not they will perform a marriage between two

persons of the same gender. The denomination did not change the definition of marriage in terms of the issues of fidelity and commitment to one another or the parties' commitment to Jesus Christ. It simply acknowledged that those qualities might be found between any two people, whether of different genders or the same gender. The prerogative remains with the pastor and the session to determine which marriages it will perform.



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Presbyterian Women

Patti Sloey, moderator



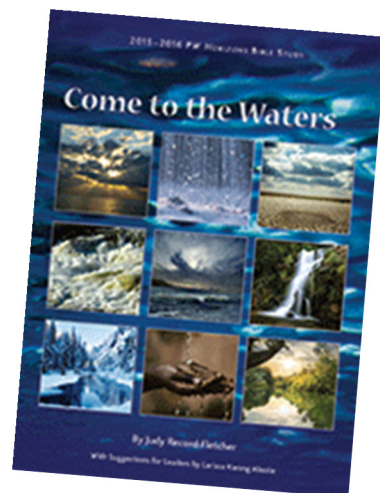
The Faith United Presbyterian Women's circles look forward to a great year of Bible study and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a circle or need more information, feel free to contact Patti Sloey. Study books are available for \$10 each.

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, September meeting, Tuesday, 9/8.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, September meeting, Thursday, 9/10.

Thursday Evening Circle-3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm in members homes. September meeting, Thursday, 9/17.

The Starboard Stitchers will start up again Tuesday, September 1 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.



The way it looks from here ...

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Now that the US Supreme Court has struck down, as unconstitutional, any state laws which specifically excludes same gender couples from the rights and privileges of marriage, same gender marriages are legal in all states of the USA, including Texas. As I have written elsewhere, we will be working together to determine the position of Faith United in this regard.

I, indeed, have valued the relationship between CSID and FUPC and I wish them only the best in their further endeavors for Christ's Kingdom.

As we learn more about their specific plans, we will continue to update you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Terry

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North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage

Lois Duell

Please continue to consider the North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage. It is not about worshipping on Sunday mornings. It is about living the Christian life everyday, no matter where you are. It is not just about a weekend – it is intended to last a lifetime. After attending a Pilgrimage weekend, participants are encouraged to join small groups to renew enthusiasm, affirm one another's faith journey, share experiences and encourage one another in the Christian life. Reformation and renewal in Christ are indispensable to our participation in the unfolding and expansion of God's Kingdom. Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a vital and exciting resource for renewal, and Christian men and women are encouraged to participate no matter where they are in their faith journey.



Consider the next Pilgrimage weekend: November 5-8 at Lake Lavon Baptist Camp. It begins at 5pm Thursday and ends around 5pm Sunday. It is a wonderful experience. Check it out and sign up for it at <ntpp.org>.

From the editor

Brenda Swindle



My Uncle Dave turned 80 on 8/23. He was more a father to me than an uncle since I lost my father at the age of 5 to cancer.

What do you give someone who is 80? They have lived life and acquired all of the “things” you could possibly want. I decided to do a “Declaration of Honor” for him. I received 78 affirmations about him from family members. It was overwhelming to see the common thread woven into what family members had to say about Dave. You can see by the photo that it was quite a lengthy document. He was so moved by this outpouring of love. It got me to thinking. Each day, rather than focusing on the negative that is happening all around us, I choose to focus on the



positive. A simple positive affirmation each day. “Today I will . . .” Try it, it can change your entire mood! And it may even be contagious!

We need articles for the next issue of **Words of Faith**. Remember, no matter how big or small the event, we are happy to included it 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

The next issue will be October 2015. The deadline for articles is Friday, 9/18/15. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

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Notes & News from the Pews



Worship & Music Committee Meeting

The Worship & Music Committee will meet after worship on Sundays, September 6 & November 1. The meetings should only last 30 minutes. I hope everyone on the committee can be there. See you on Sundays except for those who are traveling. God bless. ~ Irene Simpson, committee chair

Directory updates

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



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The **Weekly Bible Study** taught by Rich Lewis, is on break until Sunday, October 11. The class will continue its study of the Minor Prophets then. During August and September, Rich and Courtland have several trips planned including a family wedding in Colorado, a visit with grandchildren in British Columbia and a tour including Budapest, Prague and Berlin.

The Searchers class, taught by Kay McLellan continues to meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Resource room.



Austin Street Meal

The September meal day will be Monday, September 7. Looking ahead, the October meal will be Monday, 10/5.

Please note adjusted departure times.

Teams will load meal items at 4:30 and depart by 4:45. Please plan ahead! Additional refrigerators are down the hall from the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Outreach & Evangelism

Lois Duell

Community Pancake Breakfast will be September 13. All of FUPC is invited. Have you been yet? Why not try it this month and bring a neighbor or friend. Good food and fellowship.



CROP Walk The 2015 Carrollton area CROP Walk which benefits Metrocrest Services will be Saturday, September 19.

CROP Hunger Walks are community wide events that bring people together in a common mission: Helping hungry people at home & around the world...and you can be part of it! Please join me on this journey, ending hunger one step at a time!

When: Saturday, September 19th

Registration: 8 a.m.

Walk Starts at 8:30 a.m.

Where: Mill Valley Fellowship

13545 Webb Chapel Rd.

Farmers Branch, TX 75234

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, September 13 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, September 13 after worship. Bob Hinkle will lead the devotional.



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Happy Birthday!

September 2

✧ Dave Youngstrum

September 3

✧ Cliff Giles

✧ Jessica Stottlemeyer

September 5

✧ Patsy Craig

September 7

✧ Billie Jones

✧ Shirley Kretchmar

September 8

✧ Phil Kretchmar

September 9

✧ Evelyn Giles

September 10

✧ Nadine Moser

September 13

✧ Stephanie Booth

September 15

✧ Marge Krause

September 17

✧ Ila Post

✧ Ed Toliver, Jr.

September 23

✧ J.R. Jones, Jr.

September 26

✧ Sugie Maxfield

✧ Katie Miller

✧ Debbie Rainier

September 28

✧ Jeanne Sawyer

September 29

✧ Cody Sherrard



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Keith Daniels
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Nadine Moser
- ♥ Dr. Joel Roffman
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Lynda Taylor
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Dr. Byrne Williamson
- ♥ Susie Wing



*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:

- ♥ Jimmie Beach
- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Emroy Quevreaux
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Martha Watson

**Know of someone who is homebound & not on our list?
Let us know, contact the church office.**

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 Starboard Stitchers 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	2 7 pm FUPC Choir	3 3:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	4	5 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Double Rm #2 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
6 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 12:00 Worship Committee	7 Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day 4:45 Shelter	8 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	9 6:30 p.m. CDID-#4 7 pm FUPC Choir	10 3:30 LTCDS #1 9:30 PW Circle #2 6:00 LTCDS Open House 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	11	12 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.

Building & Grounds

Joe Kastendieck

The fall FUPC Work Day will be Saturday, 9/26. We have plans to create a flower bed to frame the FUPC sign in our front yard which will be the project for our workday on Saturday, September 26. Please plan on attending. Put it on your calendar, 9/26, 9a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Life committee will provide a light breakfast before we begin our work. Thank you and God bless all of you.

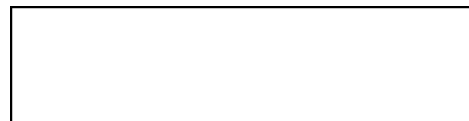


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