



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



There's no denying it, we live in a very diverse part of the country and that is a good thing. We should never be embarrassed by the richness that comes from people from different walks of life hailing from different parts of the globe who have settled in this area. Yet, at times I feel as though we don't take advantage of this richness. For instance, if we look at the "New Beginnings" initiative that was undertaken a few years ago by this church, we learn that the Hispanic population of the target area of this demographic study was 45%. The Anglo population was 2% less and yet the composition of the church is 95% Anglo. This led the author of this study to conclude that "from a strictly diversity perspective, Faith United does not look like its target area. (New Beginning Assessment, p. 12).

But how can we reach out to the Hispanic community to make them feel welcomed in our church and show Christian hospitality, especially given the fact that most of us don't speak Spanish and so many of our Hispanic brothers and sisters don't speak English? Could it be

that we could use this language obstacle as a way of connecting to the Hispanic community? What if our church sponsored and taught English as a Second Language (ESL)? On July 27, a small group of our members met with Marcia Niemann, a volunteer with North Dallas Shared Ministries, who has extensive experience teaching ESL and teaching teachers how to teach ESL. She gave us some valuable information on how to begin a program and how we can partner with North Dallas Shared Ministries to become one of their partnering locations that offers this resource to the Hispanic community. Following her talk, our group voted to move forward with plans to begin ESL classes for adults beginning in January.

The reason we decided to delay the classes until January is because we have a great deal of planning and work to do prior to the start of these classes. With Marcia's help and the help of Judy Rorrie, Executive Director of North Dallas Shared Ministries, we are holding an information/recruitment meeting on Sunday, October 15, following worship, to hopefully interest volunteers in learning to

teach ESL. In addition, there is a class scheduled at North Dallas Shared Ministries on Saturday, September 9 from 9am until noon to teach beginners how to teach ESL. I plan to attend. You don't need to speak Spanish to teach English. In fact, many professionals suggest total immersion into the English language is the quickest and most effective way of teaching English.

Is this the way to help grow the church or to fulfill our Church's mission to grow disciples? How do you know if you don't try? The author of the "New Beginnings" Assessment writes this: "A decision to do nothing is still a decision. Many Churches see this option as much easier than going through the pain of change. Usually, staying the same means slowing losses, while the ultimate conclusion is closure." (New Beginning Assessment, p. 40) I can't believe anyone in this congregation seeks that as a conclusion. Let's think positive. With so many faithful believers, I tend to believe that "for God, all things are possible." With God's help, let's make it happen!

Joy in Christ, *Pastor Jim*
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Next newsletter is

October 2017.

Deadline for articles, Friday, 9/15/17.

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

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Presbyterian Women

FUPC Presbyterian Women Bible studies/Circles will resume in September. Feel free to contact Mary Marxer if you need more information or contact a circle leader. The 2017-2018 Bible study will be *Cloud of Witness*, books are available for purchase at \$11 each. The **Fall Kick-off Gathering** will be Saturday, September 2, 10:30 a.m. Join us for morning refreshments and fellowship as we begin this year's Bible study.

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 9/12. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.



Mary Marxer

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 9/14. Co-Moderators, Patsy Craig and Sharon Meurer.

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 9/19, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, September 5 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.

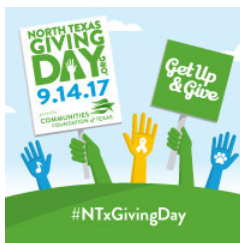
Outreach & Evangelism

Peace & Global Witness Offering

From 9/3 to World Communion Sunday, 10/1 we will be receiving your special offerings for Peace and Global Witness. Your gifts to the offering can help to provide relief, shelter, and hope to families who've fled their homes in search of safety. Each year, FUPC directs where 25% of the offering will go. This year we will donate 25% to the Presbyterian Mission Giving Catalog towards the purchase of two goats. **Please prayerfully consider your donation.**

Pancake Breakfast

Our next Community Breakfast is Saturday, September 9, 8 to 10 a.m. Join us as we share food and fellowship with our neighbors and each other.



North Dallas Shared Ministries

North Texas Giving Day is 9/14/17. If you make a donation to NDSM through North Texas Giving Day on Sept. 14 generous donors double your contribution, up to \$65,000! An exciting opportunity for you to double the impact of your support!

2017 CROP Walk

When: Saturday, September 16
Registration: 8 a.m.
Walk Starts at 8:30 a.m.
Where: Mill Valley Fellowship
13545 Webb Chapel Rd.
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

For more info or to register go to

www.crophungerwalk.org/carrolltontx/faithunitedpc



FUPC Work Day, 9/23

The fall Work Day is on Saturday, 9/23, 9 a.m. to Noon. The projects include replacing ceiling tiles inside of our building and doing some outside work with regard to the Memorial Garden. If you would like more information on how you can help contact Wayne Saunders, chair of Building & Grounds.

Happy Birthday!

September 2

- * Dave Youngstrum

September 3

- * Jessica Stottlemeyer

September 5

- * Patsy Craig

September 7

- * Billie Jones

September 8

- * Phil Kretchmar

September 10

- * Nadine Moser

September 13

- * Stephanie Booth

September 17

- * Ila Post

September 23

- * J.R. Jones, Jr.

September 26

- * Katie Miller

- * Debbie Rainier

September 27

- * Sugie Maxfield

September 28

- * Jeanne Sawyer



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Michael Crumpler
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer
(David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Sherrard Family
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Henry Knight family

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Betty Laney
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Betty Van

Coming Soon—2017 Church Directory!

We are preparing the 2017 Church Directory. Please notify the church office immediately if your information (email address, phone, address, etc.) has changed.

Terry & Jessica Stottlemeyer

An error was made last month in the email address for Terry Stottlemeyer. Please make note of the correct address. Terry.Stottlemeyer@necam.com



Christian Education



Children's classes, **Good Shepherd**, ages 3-5 years and **Following Jesus**, ages 6-8 years;

both meet during the 11 a.m. worship hour. They are led by Katie Miller and Brenda Burkham. Both classes resume Sunday, September 10.

Adult Sunday School classes, **Searchers** and **Weekly Bible Study** meet at 9:30 a.m. In September, the **Searchers** class will be led by Katie Miller in the Library/Resource Room.

On Sunday, September 10 the **Weekly Bible Study** class will resume and begin a study of Moses, based on Adam




Jessie Reyes & Scarlett Silva

Hamilton's book, *Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. The study will last six weeks. It will include a weekly video featuring Adam Hamilton as he visits biblical sites in Egypt and Israel. The videos will be about 10 minutes each week. The rest of the time we will be discussing each of the six chapters of the book.

The sessions will be:

September 10: The Birth of Moses
September 17: Two Moments That Defined the Man
September 24: The Exodus
October 1: The Ten Commandments
October 8: Lessons from the Wilderness
October 15: Don't Forget...Pass It On

You don't have to read the book to benefit from the classes. Of course, reading it would add extra insights. Led by Rich Lewis, the class meets in double classroom #4.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		29 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	30 6:00 PNC #4 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	31 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	1 9:00 LTCDS #1	2 10:30 PW Gathering-FH #1 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Double Rm #2
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Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						



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