



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The way it looks from here...

Pastor Terry McLellan



Dear Friends,

By now many of you have heard through the media about the recent suit filed in the courts of the State of Texas by Highland Park Presbyterian Church against Grace Presbytery. The gist of the issue was that HPPC requested a Temporary Restraining Order be placed on Grace Presbytery preventing it from exercising its rights as described in the Book of Order over property held by HPPC.

The Book of Order states that the local church holds title to its property as long as the church is a member of the Presbyterian Church. If a local church ever ceases to exist or leaves the PCUSA, the constitution holds that its property will become the property of Grace Presbytery. In those cases Grace Presbytery has a process to protect the Presbytery's interests, but to consider the interests of the leaving congregation as well.

Members of the top leadership of

Grace Presbytery have related to me that at no time did members of HPPC or its pastoral leadership ever seek to discuss its concerns with Grace Presbytery, nor has there been any move on the part of Grace Presbytery to attempt to take HPPC's property. HPPC has been at odds with PCUSA for a number of years. But, to my knowledge, has never indicated an intention to leave the denomination. So, their action has come out the "blue."



Grace Presbytery has responded to the legal action while continuing to request an opportunity for dialog directly with HPPC about its concerns. It remains to be seen how this will end up as it makes its way through the courts. But, to me, a larger question is at stake here, "Whatever happened to the idea that the church was a community of faith, guided by Jesus Christ and grateful to God?" In numerous places in scripture, God's people are

called to live compassion and gratitude, sharing God's gifts with one another and remembering the poor and marginalized. That is found in the Old Testament Prophets. That is the witness of Jesus. You can read it in the Letters of the New Testament. I can find nothing in the scripture, where the call to community includes the employment of the civil courts to establish one's rights.

I believe that the leaders of Grace Presbytery are doing their best to resolve these issues equitably and consistent with our faith. I encourage you to keep the leaders in prayer that God's purposes will be worked out through this conflict in a way that will encourage Christian Unity and rebuild community. Pray for all parties to listen for the word of the Spirit in our life together

Grace and peace,
 Pastor Terry
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The next newsletter is November 2013.

The deadline for articles is Friday, Oct. 18.

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G.P.S. : God's Positioning System



Samantha, Paige, and I were able to attend SYNOD youth workshop in July. It is a week-long senior high workshop where we were able to see old friends and make new ones. It is a week where youth as well as the adult sponsors are able to reenergize their faith. We also have an opportunity to reach out to the community with service projects.

We were also able to attend the Labor Day weekend One Mo Trip for Junior High and Senior High students. This is a

Brenda Burkham

weekend with multiple worship sessions that are lead by various youth groups in attendance. We are able to enjoy the beautiful surrounding that MO has to offer as well. I believe it's a great way to set the school year in motion. This is the last year Samantha and Paige were able to attend these two conferences since they have begun their first year in college.

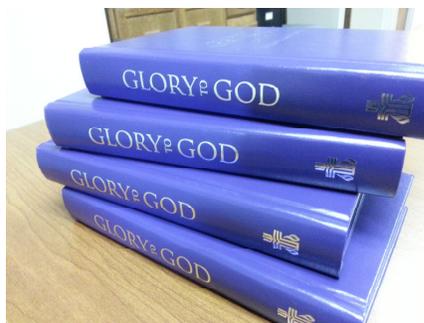
We want to thank Faith United for supporting the youth attending these conferences and for supporting me as their sponsor. We have been blessed in joining other Presbyterian youth in our continued spiritual growth.

Grace, Peace and Love, Brenda

NEW Hymnals have arrived!

The NEW hymnals, *Glory to God*, arrived right on schedule. Over the next several weeks we will be preparing and placing bookplates in them before they are placed in the Sanctuary. Please contact the church office if you are available during the day on Friday, October 18 to help place bookplates.

We will dedicate the hymnals during worship on Sunday, October 27. There will be a joint worship and celebration with CSID on this joyous occasion. The details of the celebration will be announced during worship in the coming weeks. You will not want to miss the celebration!



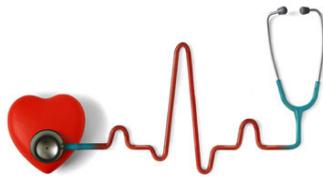
Stop the presses!

With great joy we share this announcement from CSID! Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. (James 1:17) We welcome with love, our tiny new blessing, a gift from above...innocent, perfect and sweet as can be...Sent straight from heaven above, a bundle of joy for us to love! Our little angel Eunice Ruah Doss was born on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at Baylor Medical Center, Josey and Hebron Pkwy, Carrollton weighing 6lbs.4oz with the height of 19 inches. Both mother and baby are doing great. ~ Proud parents, Pastor Sherwin & Anitha.



Successful Blood Drive!

We had a great turnout for the blood drive held at Faith United on August 31st. Twenty one people took time out of their busy Labor Day celebration to give a pint to save someone's life. The Red Cross is very pleased with the donations and have sent their thanks. I would like to add my appreciation to theirs for your support for this important mission of our church.



The Health Advisory Committee would like to make this a regular event for our church. Regular donors watch for the announcements. If you have not donated before and would like to find out more about it, ask Kay McLellan R.N. or Dottie Cogar, R.N.

Presbyterian Women

On September 25th, 9 women from Faith United enjoyed a birthday lunch with September- birthday residents at Grace Presbyterian Village. Everyone was treated like royalty at the lunch with wine and birthday cake included. Each birthday resident and guest received a fabric wallet, handmade by Lorna Acker, Doris Rose and friend. Betty Van provided her beautiful water color birthday cards which she painted herself. It was a very enjoyable day with a great group of people.

This year's Fall Gathering will be Saturday, October 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 6550 Samuell Blvd. , Dallas 75228. Plan to join other Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery as they celebrate their 25th anniversary as Presbyterian Women. Joy Durant, Moderator of PW Synod of the Sun will be the keynote speaker and Rev. Sherry Holloman, pastor of Eastminster, will lead worship and communion. Lunch is \$8. Please call the church office at 214-381-4693 for your reservation.



Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, September meeting, Tuesday, 10/8. Moderator, Linnie Hinkle or Vice Moderator, Joan Nelson.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, October meeting, Thursday, 10/10. Co-Moderators, Sharon Meurer and Cleo Sherrard or Vice Moderator, Mary Silva.

Thursday Evening Circle-3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm in members homes. October meeting, Thursday, 10/17. They will meet at the home of Patti Sloey. Moderator, Nadine Moser or Vice Moderator, Renee Wensley.

The Starboard Stitchers meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the church (Oct. 1 & Nov. 5). All are invited to come help them stuff fabric animals.

The PW Coordinating Team will next meet on Thursday, October 24, 10 a.m. in the FUPC Resource room.

Session & Such



The session last met on Sunday, September 8. The regular scheduled Called Meeting once a month for the purpose of meeting and receiving prospective new members is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 at 10:15 a.m. They meet in the Library/Resource Room across from the coffee/fellowship area. The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 after worship, with Wayne Saunders offering devotional.

Notes & News from the Pews



News from the pews!

To all of Faith United who lovingly prayed for my daughter-in-law and sister-in-law respectfully, in her recent prolonged emergency surgery. Thank you so very much as she has recovered. To God, gratefulness.

Love, Mary & Scarlett Silva

Directory updates

Please remember to notify the church office if your contact information changes so it can be published in the next newsletter. This is even more important as we prepare for our new pictorial directory.



From the editor

Brenda Swindle



As I write, the weather outside is gorgeous. It appears that fall has arrived. With fall comes the ending of daylight savings time. Don't forget to

set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 2. The Pictorial Directory is on the horizon with photos on Oct. 3, 4, 5.

No matter how big or small your 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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Contact church office or Brenda Swindle via email to submit articles.

Spiritual Weekend Retreats

Lois Duell

Looking to get away for a 3 day uplifting weekend? Here are some suggestions for both adults and teenagers. These are lay-led, upbeat, and very special!

North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage (formerly Cursillo) - open to adults of all ages. Applications are available on line at ntpp.org. Cost is \$250 for food and lodging for the 3 days.

NTPP#35 - November 14-17 at Lake Lavon Christian Camp

North Texas Presbyterian Celebration – open to teenag-

Experience spiritual renewal by attending a Presbyterian Pilgrimage or Via de Cristo



ers in grades 9 – 12. This is the teen version of Pilgrimage/Cursillo. It is run by teenagers with a few adults serving as moms and dads in the cabins. Location is Camp Gilmont. The next weekend will be in January. Cost is \$150. If interested or know someone who might be, check out the North Texas Presbyterian Celebration website.

North Texas Via de Cristo: similar to Pilgrimage, but sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. A wonderful weekend but with Lutheran based worship. If interested, contact Lois Duell at 972-241-4669 to get application and sponsor.

North Dallas Shared Ministries

Lois Duell



Clothes Closet Needs Gently Worn Garments

As we head into cooler weather, the Clothes Closet could use clothing you've grown tired of and those garments your children or grandchildren have outgrown. We especially need little girls clothing and children's shoes. And soon we'll see demand rise for warmer gear - sweaters, coats, scarves, gloves and hats. Individual donations may be dropped off at any time during normal business hours or placed in NDSM box beside the church office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Back-to-School Biggest Ever!

We saved deserving parents over \$200,000 by providing school supplies and



uniforms for the current school year. We distributed school supplies with a retail value over \$82,000 to 2,981 children, and furnished two complete sets of uniforms valued at over \$122,000 to 2,859 children. This was our most successful back-to-school ever.



Our success is due to the contributions of many groups and individuals. First, high school and college students processed applications over the summer. On distribution days we had extra help from St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Northwood Women's Club. And we received financial support from the Rees-Jones Foundation and the Simmons Foundation. Our thanks to everyone who helped these students get their year off to a good start.

Cabell Elementary & Coke Bottle Caps

Ann Walden



Cabell is now enrolled in the **My Coke Rewards Program**. Every time you buy a Coke product, save the bottle cap. Inside is a code that can be entered for points. As points are accumulated, they can be redeemed for various school items. All Coke products are included: PowerAde, Minute Maid, Fuze, and Seagram's. There will be a box in the coffee area to collect caps.

Austin Street Meal

The October meal day will be Monday, Oct. 7. Looking ahead, the November meal will be Nov. 4. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Trunk or Treat—Thursday, October 31, 5-7 pm

We will pass out Halloween candy to young members of our community in a safe, loving environment. We will arrange our cars in a loop and pass out goodies from the trunks and families can go from car to car. Participate in the action by placing your car in the loop and passing out goodies. Dressing in costume has been fun in years past! Get in the spirit even more by decorating your car! Contact Lisa Laclede to volunteer.



Other ways to participate?

- ◆ Bring to the church office candy or other suitable individually packaged items to be given to the children.
- ◆ Volunteer to help organize traffic for the vehicles coming to hand out goodies as well as directing families where to safely park and avoiding those doing the Trunk or Treating.

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Happy Birthday!

October 1

- * Teresa Bell
- * Courtland Lewis
- * Wanda Mosher

October 4

- * Libby Bell

October 5

- * James West

October 6

- * Judy Foley
- * Andy Greer
- * Bill Tiner

October 7

- * Ken Quevreaux

October 10

- * Emroy Quevreaux

October 11

- * Carol West

October 13

- * Lloyd Yost

October 14

- * Lois Duell
- * Beth Jones
- * Aileen Tiemann

October 15

- * Earle Krause

October 16

- * Clarice Mitchell

October 20

- * Bob Williams

October 24

- * Til Rathbun

October 26

- * Lisa Laclede
- * Aaron Russ

October 28

- * Paul Joiner

October 29

- * Madge Middleton
- * Lois Norton

October 31

- * Kevin Morton



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ann Mobley
- ♥ Dave Norvell
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Carol Roberts
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Edie Sapp
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Jerry Swope
- ♥ Roberta Welther
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ 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

Homebound/Rehab:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Harvey Garoutte
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Earle Krause
- ♥ Jo Ann McKnight
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Ken & Emroy Quevreaux
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Martha Worrell

Service Personnel:

- ♥ Logan Burkham
- ♥ SPC Albert Campos
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ MAJ Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A 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
- ♥ SPC David Wheat

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

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	2 7 pm FUPC Choir	3 2:00 FUPC-Fellowship 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Double #4	4 2:00 FUPC-Fellowship #1	5 9:30 FUPC-Fellowship 11:00 GA-Double #4 11:00 OA-Double #2 2:30 CSID Choir
6 World Communion 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship	7 6:00 Shelter	8 10:30 PW Circle 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	9 7 pm FUPC Choir	10 9:30 PW Circle 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Double #4	11	12 11:00 GA-Double-#4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 2:30 CSID Choir
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20 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd	21 6:15 LTCDS Staff	22 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	23 7 pm FUPC Choir	24 10:00 PWCT 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Double #4	25	26 11:00 GA-Double-#4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 2:30 CSID Choir
27 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd 3:00 RYLA-Double #4	28	29 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA Fellowship #1	30 7 pm FUPC Choir	31 5:00 Trunk or Treat 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Double #4	1	2 11:00 GA-Double-#4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 2:30 CSID Choir Daylight Saving Time ends "Fall Back" 
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Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.

Quarterly Work Day

Many came out to work on Saturday, September 28. All were blessed as they gathered for breakfast at 8am and worked to help beautify the FUPC grounds and Memorial Garden for the Fall season. You will want to take a look next time you are at the church. Sit a spell, meditate and relax in this peaceful space for all to enjoy.



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