



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



I doubt that folks in this church get too nervous this time of the year when we start talking about

Halloween. That's not the case everywhere. I've heard of churches that demonize anything related to Halloween because the celebration of Halloween has its roots in a pagan celebration. Its origin comes from an ancient Celtic festival. The Celts were a people who lived 2000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France. This was their New Year's Celebration and was held on November 1st. It marked the end of summer and the summer harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold days of winter. For many people, it represented a time of year that was often associated with death. On the night before the New Year began, it was believed that the boundary between the living and the dead becomes blurred and the ghosts of the dead could

return to earth where they would wreak havoc with people's lives and cause severe damage to crops.

By the 800s, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1 All Saints' Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. It is widely believed today that the pope was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church-sanctioned holiday. This day came to be known as "All Hallows Day," which is Middle English for "All Saints Day." Consequently, the day prior to All-Hallows Day was called All-Hallows Eve which eventually turned into the word Halloween.

I like the idea of celebrating All Saints Day. In our Reformed Tradition, we use the term "Saint," more in line with that of the Apostle Paul. Rather than singling out individuals for special religious distinction, we

## Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

understand all who follow and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior to be saints. Included among the saints are both those who are living and those who have passed away. All Saints Day remains on our Christian calendars and many Christians celebrate this day in worship, or on the Sunday closest to November 1st, as a day to remember the saints of the church who have entered the Church Triumphant.

As for Halloween itself, I don't believe it promotes a pagan holiday or teaches our children beliefs that are abhorrent to our Christian faith. The beliefs and understandings of the Celts have long vanished. It's a day of fun, and dressing up, and telling ghost stories that no one believes. It's a time of going from house to house asking for candy and a time of seeing children's faces light up when they yell, "trick or treat." Makes me want to be a kid again. Have a great October.

Shalom, *Jim*  
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### Next newsletter is

**November 2016.**

**Deadline for articles, Friday, 10/21/16.**

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

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## Presbyterian Women

Mary Marxer

FUPC Women are into their new year of Bible study with "Who Is Jesus?" Books are available for \$10 in the office or at your circle meeting or from your circle leader.



**Tuesday Evening Circle**-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 10/18, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

**Tuesday Morning Circle**-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 10/11. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, October 4 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.

**Thursday Morning Circle**-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 10/13.

## Outreach & Evangelism

Wayne Saunders



**Community Pancake Breakfast** will be October 8. All of FUPC is invited. Why not try it this month and bring a neighbor or friend? Good food & fellowship.

**Seasons of Service Luncheon** will be Monday, October 17 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison. Celebrating the power of volunteerism this year there will be 7 honorees. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit Metrocrest Services. Hosted this year by Gloria Campos. To register or for more information go to [www.metrocrestservices.org](http://www.metrocrestservices.org)



## Church Life

Brenda Burkham



The Church Life Committee will host a New Member Reception immediately after worship on Sunday, October 2, 2016. Please join us in welcoming recent new members. They are Ben & Lauren Hinely (children: Emily, Sabrina, John) and Dan & Helen Gereaux. Their directory information in on the adjacent page (p. 3).

The Church Life Committee is also looking forward to seeing everyone for a afternoon of Fun and Fellowship on Saturday October 29 from 2 pm until 4 pm. Look for the Sign up board in the Narthex in the coming weeks. We are asking some (not all) attending to bring a "White Elephant" gift for Bingo prizes. We will have light refreshments...See you there!



## Happy Birthday!

### October 1

- \* Courtland Lewis
- \* Wanda Mosher

### October 5

- \* James West

### October 11

- \* Kim Sloey
- \* Carol West

### October 13

- \* Lloyd Yost

### October 14

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

### October 26

- \* Lisa Laclede
- \* Aaron Russ

### October 29

- \* Lois Norton



## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer  
(David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Sherrard Family
- ♥ Dorothea Sooby
- ♥ Alan Swope

### Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Betty Laney
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

## Notes & News from the Pews



**Doris Rose** (now living near daughter)  
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Please remember to notify the church office if your contact information changes.



### New Members (9/11/2016)

#### Ben & Lauren Hinely

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Addison, TX 75001  
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#### Dan & Helen Gereaux

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Farmers Branch, TX 75234  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:00 CSID Worship 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 FUPC Fellowship 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd 12:15 New Member Reception	<b>3</b> 7:30 GA-Rm #2	<b>4</b> 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>5</b> 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30 ABA-Rm #4 7:00 GA-Room #2	<b>7</b> 9:00 LTCDS #1	<b>8</b> 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
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<b>Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—<a href="http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com">www.FaithUnited-pc.com</a></b>						



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