



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



I want to begin my letter this month with an announcement that

our Christian Education Committee has decided to bring back a Halloween tradition that was phased out last year. That tradition is called "Trunk or Treat." On October 31, between the hours of 5 and 7 pm, we are hoping that many of you will come to the church with your cars decorated and full of candy ready to be handed out to trick or treaters. I believe our Christian Education members also have plans for a few games and crafts as well. I have been told that you can google "trunk or treat," and find a plethora of ideas how to decorate your car as well as other fun ideas.

Some folks in churches get a little nervous this time of the year when we start talking about Halloween. That's understandable. It is a time of celebration and superstition that has its origins in an ancient Celtic festival. According to history.com, 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 it was held on November 1st. It marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, 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 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

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

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 understand all who follow Jesus and trust him as Lord and Savior to be saints, both those who are living and those who have gone on to their eternal reward. All Saints Day remains on our Christian calendars and many Christians use this day on the calendar, or the Sunday closest to November 1st, as a day to remember the saints of the church and especially those who have entered eternal life during the previous year.

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 or even better, coming to the church for a time of fun, receiving candy, and possibly bobbing for an apple. Makes me want to be a kid again. Have a great October.

Joy in Christ, *Pastor Jim*
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Next newsletter is

November 2017.

Deadline for articles, Friday,

10/13/17.

Contact church office or Brenda

Swindle via email to submit articles.

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Presbyterian Women

FUPC Presbyterian Women Bible studies/ Circles have begun. 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.

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



Mary Marxer

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 10/12. Co-Moderators, Patsy Craig and Sharon Meurer.

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 10/17, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, October 3 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

Pancake Breakfast

Our next Community Breakfast is Saturday, October 14, 8 to 10 a.m. Join us as we share food and fellowship with our neighbors and each other.



North Dallas Shared Ministries & Cabell Elementary

It's official!! Faith United's congregation is very compassionate and giving. We went over our goal of 300 donated items for North Dallas Shared Ministries. Also, we gave so many school supplies to Cabell School, two large containers were not enough to hold all of them. They were very much needed and appreciated.

Gail Crumpler

College Scholarship Partner Mission

West Plano Presbyterian Church has supported an orphanage in Mexico for 13 years. Along with 13 other churches in our presbytery, they provided the funds to send one of the girls from the orphanage, Eulalia (Ya Ya) Velasquez to the Presbyterian Pan American School. She has excelled there and will graduate in May of 2018. They would now like to provide funds for her to go to either Austin College or Schreiner University for 4 years. They will need additional churches to get involved with donations. Your outreach and evangelism committee has decided to give a one-time donation to this cause.



Bingo is Back!

Bingo is back! Saturday, October 28 at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet for attendance will be out in the narthex in early October. Join us for fun and fellowship and, if you can, please bring an inexpensive item for a prize.

Terrie Russell



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:

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

Rehab/At Home:

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

Notes & News from the Pews



Dear Faith United family,

On behalf of Michael and all of our family, I want to sincerely thank you for your cards, phone calls and most of all for your prayers. They are what got Michael through a very scary time. The progress he is making is surprising his neurologist.

Gail Crumpler

FUPC Presents Patsy Cline: Songs & Stories

Continuing the tradition of community involvement, beginning with the Summer Song programs, Faith United is pleased to present **Patsy Cline: Songs and Stories**. Melissa Sims and Sharon Barnhill, with pianist Sydney Barber, offer a collection of over 20 of Patsy Cline's best loved hits, intertwined with stories of her rise to fame and her interactions with her fans. Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m. The program lasts about an hour without intermission.

Melissa and Sharon are experienced actresses from Denton, and both have performed in countless productions with Music Theatre of Denton and Denton Community Theatre. They are

active in community activities, non-profit fundraising, and general merriment. Sydney is the pianist at Faith United Presbyterian Church (FUPC).

Come join the folks at FUPC and invite your neighbors and friends to attend this concert of familiar songs, complete with many period costume changes. This program is free and open to all. Spread the word!



Melissa Sims (left)
Sharon Barnhill (right)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Prayer Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus	2 7:30 GA-Rm #2	3 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	4 6:00 PNC #4 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30 ABA-Rm #4 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	6 9:00 LTCDS #4	7 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
8 9:00 Prayer Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 12:30 Session 2:00 Concert: Patsy Cline	9 7:30 GA-Rm #2	10 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	11 6:00 PNC #4 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12 10:00 PW Circle #2 6:30 ABA-Rm #4 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	13 9:00 LTCDS #1	14 8:00 Community Breakfast 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4
Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						
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