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Words of Faith

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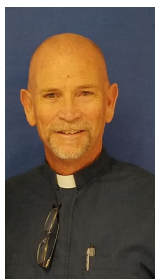
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*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*

From the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it . . . Psalm 24:1
Following Jesus Into the Future



If it is fall, it must be time to talk stewardship. However, that seems daunting to me. I'm the new guy, and let's be honest, what can I say any different from prior stewardship discussions. Sometimes it seems that stewardship is simply a case of you having something the church needs and me convincing you to give it to the church. But, stewardship is not fundraising. Budgets, pledges, and tithing will be discussed, yet, there is something far more basic about stewardship.

Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as 1) the office, duties, and obligations of a steward, 2) the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. All that we call "ours," is actually the Lord's. God entrusts us with time, talents and treasures, all of which serve to further the mission of God. The creation stories and Christ's coming into the world are a

summons to faithful stewardship. Stewardship is descriptive of the being – the very life – of God's people. God is a sovereign God who makes all things, sustains all things, continues to claim possession of all that has been made, and choosing by grace to entrust the care and keeping of all that exists to that part of creation that was formed in the divine image. We find our reason for being in our stewardship of what has been entrusted to us – caring for everything that has been put into our hands in a manner that serves God's will and purpose.

God has given us a trust, and we have the opportunity to be faithful. By the grace of a loving and sovereign God, hope continues to abound! When we respond to the love of God in faith and humility, we receive new life as individuals and become part of a new humanity – women and men bound together by our calling as disciples of Jesus in God's mission to bring his reign throughout all creation. Christ

gives us a new vision of God's purpose and of our calling as the people of God. This vision sustains us with hope in good times and bad and calls forth our gratitude and the best we can offer of life and treasure to make the vision a reality.

Our financial stewardship serves as a barometer of faithfulness to God's purpose. God has plans for us, plans for our welfare, to give a future with hope. It is time to follow Jesus into our future. Let's continue to respond in the faithfulness that has defined our church for generations as we commit to give our tithe to the mission of God!

And now, a personal comment – thank you very much for the love and welcome you have shown Barbara and me. We are so very blessed to be in your midst! What a blessing you are to us! We are settling into our new home and our new normal – and it is good!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ken

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Presbyterian Women

Mary Marxer

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle. Next meeting Tuesday, October 9.

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Meet in member homes. Circle moderator,



Irene Simpson. Next meeting, Tuesday, October 16.

Stuffed Animals Project, materials remain available in classroom #4. Contact Lorna Acker or Lois Duell if you have any questions about this project.

Outreach & Evangelism

Gail Crumpler

Metrocrest Services CROP Hunger Walk – The CROP Walk will be held this year on Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. at Mill Valley Fellowship, 13545 Webb Chapel Rd. To register, donate, or join the FUPC team, visit the FUPC team page at: <http://www.CropHungerWalk.org/carrolltontx/Team/View/86499>. If you have questions, contact Kurt Booth.



Presbyterian Children's Home & Services – Save the date – October 30 from 12 – 1 P.M. We are invited to PCHAS' annual "Hope for the Children" luncheon. This year it will be held at the Double Tree – Campbell Centre at 8250 N. Central Expressway in Dallas. We will learn more about how much is accomplished at their numerous facilities in Texas, Louisiana and Missouri. We will also have an opportunity to present a donation from our church or you may donate separately. We would like to fill a table of 12 from our church. If you would like to go, let me (Gail) know. We can carpool.

North Dallas Shared Ministries Tour – We speak of this charity often and give generously to them. Soon we will have the opportunity to see it in operation. Put November 8 at 1:00 P.M. on your calendar and join us for a tour of the facility. Our August Food Drive yielded 418 items, that's 68 items over our goal of 350! Also, this year was another successful school uniform and supplies distribution year. Over 22,000 children received uniforms and/or school supplies in August to better prepare them for the school year. The picture shows the well organized operation of this distribution.



Fall Bingo!
Saturday, 10/27, 2 to 4 p.m.

Enjoy fun, food and fellowship. We are asking some (not all) to bring Bingo prizes. Join us for some Fall Fun and fellowship. Attendance signup in the Narthex.

Pastor
installation
SERVICE

Sunday, October 7, 5 p.m.

There will be a service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie on Sunday, October 7 at 5 pm. You will not want to miss this special occasion in the life of FUPC.

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
- * Aileen Tiemann

October 21

- * Frank Fehmel

October 26

- * Lisa Laclede
- * Aaron Russ

October 29

- * Lois Norton



Prayers for:

- ♥ Family of Fred Dickens
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Jessamine Scheele
- ♥ Margaret Plunkett



Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Next newsletter is

November 2018.

Deadline for articles,

Friday, Oct. 19.

Contact church office

**or Brenda Swindle via
email to submit articles.**



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Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 31, 5:00—7:00 pm

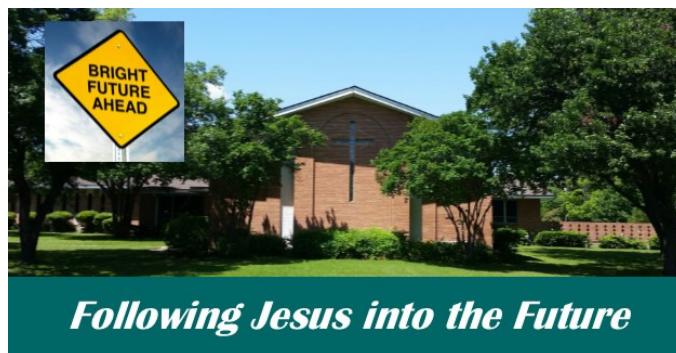
Don a costume, decorate your trunk, hatchback or truck bed and join the fun on Halloween night from 5 to 7pm. **Not your thing?** Donate a bag of candy or other suitable individually packaged items to be given to the children. We are asking for cantaloupe size pumpkins which will be used for a craft during Trunk or Treat. Look for the signup board in the Narthex to participate 10/31 or bring items. Excepting donations September 30 in the Narthex.


What will your commitment be for 2019?

It is, once again, the time of year when the church emphasizes stewardship. And even though some of us may refer to this time of the year as "Stewardship Season," the discipline of being a good Christian steward is an exercise that should concern us all year long. We also know that good stewardship is more than money. It includes the proper use of our time, talents, and how we care for God's creation. Our Finance Committee has decided that this year's Stewardship theme will be, "Following Jesus into the Future."

We will have a catered "Town Hall" sandwich luncheon after worship on October 21. **Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex/Coffee Area.** You will receive your **Stewardship Packet** at the Town Hall luncheon. You will find enclosed a letter from the Finance Committee, and a commitment card with a return envelope, and your 3rd Quarter Giving Statement. Bring your commitment card on **Dedication Sunday, October 28.**

John Marxer



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 GA-Room #2	2 7:00 Gam-Anon #2 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	3 9:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GSKPC Resource 7:00 GSKPC #4 7:00 Choir #9	4 10:00 LTCDS #1 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1 7:00 GSKPC-Rm #4	5 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	6 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
7 9:00 Prayer-Resource Rm. 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 Communion Worship 12:30 FUPC Session #4 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 5:00 FUPC Installation Service & reception 11 am to 5 pm GSKPC Worship/Study/Fellowship	8 7:30 GA-Room #2	9 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 Gam-Anon #2 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	10 9:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GSKPC Resource 7:00 GSKPC #4 7:00 Choir #9	11 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1 7:00 GSKPC-Rm #4	12 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	13 8:00 FUPC Breakfast #1 8:00 CROP Walk 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						
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