



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The Way it Looks From Here

Hello Friends,

It is amazing to me that we are heading into the season of Thanksgiving and Advent already!! We will have some exciting events to celebrate, especially in the month of December.

But, first we come to Thanksgiving. This the first Fall season of Faith United Church. And, I am grateful for many things this year.

Most of all, I am grateful to God for you. This year of birthing our new church has been a challenging year for most everyone involved with Faith United. It is hard to say “goodbye” to the old – the old ways of doing things, the old places of doing things. But, what an exciting ride together as we look toward finding new ways to be the church and new ministries through which to channel God’s love to the communities around us. Your open-mindedness and “can

do” willingness thrills me each time I see it.

I am also grateful to God for you in my personal life, as well. As you know the last 18 months have been especially difficult ones in our family, both on Kay’s side and on my



side. You have been sources of comfort and peace for both of us. You have witnessed to us of God’s love through your cards, prayers and words of support and encouragement.

It is fitting that in this time of Thanksgiving, we learn to live into the grace we have received. A response to that grace is to return a portion of all we have been given to the Lord’s work. This time of Stewardship Emphasis includes discernment of how you, the Saints of Faith United, will materially support God’s work in this place. I hope you will prayerfully consider sharing a percentage of your annual income to sup-

Pastor Terry McLellan

port the mission of witnessing to God’s love. I also hope that your prayers include how to share your other gifts – intelligence, time and energy – to further God’s kingdom in this place. Please consider how your life might be used to take part in the work of the church.

Finally, I am grateful for the blessing of having good work to do each day. In all the work we do together, I seldom fail to see the Holy Spirit moving in us and through us. And those times I do fail to see it, I usually find that it is due to my own lack



of preparedness to see the Spirit at work. My prayer for us all in the coming days is that we prepare ourselves for the Advent of “God With Us,” Emmanuel.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Terry

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The next newsletter is December 1.

The deadline for articles is November 21.

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Training has begun!

Jane Ingebritson

An exciting adventure in learning doing ministry began for six trainees and their three leaders on October 22. These Stephen Minister trainees have begun the task of studying, discussing, experiencing, and trying out the skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those who especially need these gifts. Let us thank God for these ministers and

ask his continued help and blessing in their adventures.



Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life by Dr. Kenneth Haugk.

The training modules through November will have these titles: "The Person of the Caregiver," "Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours," "The Art of Listening," and "Distinctively Christian Caring—Part I". The training will include reading the book

The six trainees are Nancy Bond, Lois Duell, Kathleen Ferguson, Cathy Marxer, Lois Norton, and Susie Wing. Lisa Laclede, Nancy Smith, and Jane Ingebritson are the Stephen Leaders.

Presbyterian Women

Jeanne Sawyer, Publicity

We have had an excellent start to the new year. Our three merged circles report good attendance as we meet to enjoy fellowship and our study of "Confessing the Beatitudes."



On November 8, the Tuesday Morning Circle will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow the bible study. Hostesses for the day are Lois Duell and Pat Whitaker. The Thursday AM Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the church on November 10. On November 17, the Thursday PM Circle will meet at the home of Kay McLellan.

The Starboard Stitchers continue to make stuffed animals for the clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries. To date, approximately 500 animals have been donated. Their meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the church. They will not meet in December.

Other continuing projects include collecting labels and box tops to benefit Good Shepherd.

On September 21 several attended a luncheon for birthday honorees at Grace

Presbyterian Village. They enjoyed a wonderful lunch and visiting with the residents. They presented each resident with a gift bag and a special hand painted card done by Betty Van. (Thank you to Betty for those beautiful cards!) Those able to attend were: Lorna Acker, Nancy Bond, Lois Duell, Mary Marxer, Marianne Peterson, Debbie Rainier, Ann Walden and Betty Van.

The PW Coordinating Team meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Their next meetings are November 1 and December 6.

North Dallas Shared Ministries

November is our month to provide goods to NDSM. The needs are ramen noodles, canned pinto beans, crackers, canned meats (chicken, ham, salmon – have plenty of tuna) and sugar (preferably small bags or boxes). Coffee, tea, jello and pudding are pluses the clients enjoy

that we do not purchase. Brown paper bags and shopping bags are also needed.

If anyone has a connection with a food distributor, this information would be very helpful. The food bank is low on supplies and we do not have a food warehouse we can turn to for purchas-

ing supplies at reduced costs.



Monetary gifts are always appreciated. They can be made directly to NDSM (envelopes available outside Brenda's office) or checks may be made to the church with NDSM on the memo line.

Military Ministry In Seventh Year!

Kay McLellan

Members from Faith United Presbyterian Church met on Sept. 14th to pack and mail packages to our service members stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. The packages go to soldiers and marines who are family members or friends of members of our church. This time we had enough cookies, snacks, books and money to send two packages to each one! Thanks to all of you who donated. They tell us that receiving a package from the USA with American “stuff” reminds them of home and the friends and family who are thinking about them and waiting for their return.

The next shipment will take place on December 7, 10:00 a.m. at the church. Please come and help pack boxes if you are able. It has been our practice to also send Christmas gift cards to the families at home. We depend upon donations from the congregation



to keep this project going. If you would like to be a part of this Christmas remembrance of our service members, please keep these soldiers in your prayers and respond to the need. Look in the entrance hall for the baskets with red, white and blue ribbons on them to receive cookies, snacks, books, maga-

zines, playing cards, etc. There is a complete list on the table of requested items. You may also put a check for postage and the gift cards in the collection plate or send it in by mail. Just write it to

Faith United Presbyterian and designate it for the Military Ministry in the memo line. We welcome anyone to join the “Package Packers”. We meet at 10 a.m. to pack and wrap, then go out for lunch afterward. If you have questions about this project, please contact Cleo Sherrard or Kay McLellan.

Community Choir Forming for Christmas Season

Do you find yourself humming along with the lovely music of a choir? Have you ever wanted to join your voice with a group that sings to the Heav-



ens with wonderful Christmas songs? Do you thrill to the words and music of classic songs of Christmas? Come and join our community choir this Christmas season!

Faith United Presbyterian Church wants to welcome you to join the choir for a Christmas experience! The choir will

prepare and perform “Tapestry of Light” this season under the direction of David Pierce, Director of Music. The tunes will be familiar even if you do not read

music well. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the church building. The choir will perform “Tapestry of Light” on Sunday, December 18 when the entire morning worship service will be devoted to music.

Your commitment to the choir will depend on your schedule and desire for

involvement. We request that you make the commitment to attend rehearsals in November through December 18, the date of the performance. After that, the choice is yours...If you would like to continue to sing with us, you are very welcome.

Please contact our church office: 972 -620-2251 to register for this activity. It is a wonderful way to enjoy the season and to share it with your friends.

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Finance Committee Report

Co-Chairs, Charlie Cole & Fiona Coughenour

The Finance Committee would like to report the following financial results through September 30, 2011:

	FUPC YTD Through 9/30/2011 ⁱⁱ
Total Income	\$265,000
Total Expenses	276,000 ⁱⁱⁱ
Net Loss	\$(11,000)

i Includes consolidated results of Faith United Presbyterian + Ridgeview Presbyterian + Covenant Presbyterian for 9 months

ii Reduced by ~ \$35,000 in termination costs for former employees and pastor. These expenses are one-time only and have concluded.

The Finance Committee and the Session appreciate the entire congregation's support in our first year of the new church.

During November, we will be communicating with the congregation about the 2012 Stewardship Season. This will be the first Stewardship Season of the new FUPC and we are excited about the possibilities of our congregation meeting the needs of our community and following our mission as disciples of Christ. To accomplish what we need to accomplish, we encourage each and every member to show their support of our mission through a pledge for 2012. We will distribute Pledge forms in the latter weeks of November. During this time, the Session will also be considering how best to meet the needs of 2012 and the pledges will be very important to that process. Please give prayerful consideration in the upcoming weeks to helping FUPC grow into the future!



FUPC Family Christmas Party!

Church Life Committee

All are welcome!

On Saturday, December 10, 5 p.m. we will have a Family Christmas Party at FUPC. It will be a pot luck dinner, so bring your favorite pot luck dish to share. Also, bring your favorite holiday dessert and save some for the tasting room! Bring sweets or chocolate concoctions along with a dozen or so copies of the recipe to share. We will have pictures with Santa and sing Christmas Carols. Invite your family, children and/or grandchildren for this joyous occasion.



Successful Garage Sale at Josey Lane!

Alan Swope



Our garage sale on October 22 was successful and well attended. We sold over \$1,100.00 in items. We sold books, tables, chairs, kitchen items and assorted items that filled Rand Hall when we began the sale.

We had some good leads for selling some of our pianos! There

are a few items left and enough books left over to start a library. A big thanks to all who helped make this sale a success. Without your help we would not have had as successful of a sale.

Thanks again to all who helped from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Metrocrest Santa Store 2011



Faith United is going to participate in the Metrocrest Santa Store. The Metrocrest Social Services collects Christmas gifts for all ages and distributes them in December. You can help by bringing your **New unwrapped** gifts and putting them under the Giving Tree in the Narthex. We will collect gifts November 27th, December 4th and December 11th. We will deliver the gifts to the Store on December 12th. There are opportunities to volunteer for this event. If you would like to help, contact Cathy Quaid at the number below. Thank you for making this a special project. It is such an outreach of love from Faith United to our community. If you have any questions, you can contact Nancy Smith at 972-418-0537.

*Want to make a difference this holiday season? **VOLUNTEER!*** Starting in early November volunteers are needed to help with many tasks such as setting up the holiday site; receiving, sorting, and boxing donations; and assisting client families. **Please contact Cathy Quaid at (972) 446-2100 ext. 19 or cquaid@metrocrestsocialservices.org** to schedule your group. We encourage you to contact us as quickly as possible as the volunteer schedule fills up early! Our Holiday Program thrives because of your generosity. Donations of the following gift items will help meet the needs (and make the season bright) for thousands in our community.

Infants

- sleepers & toddler clothes
- diapers (size 3-6) & wipes
- push / pull / riding toys
- play gyms
- car seats
- educational games

Nancy Smith

Children

- large plastic toys
- baby dolls & accessories
- play dish sets
- trucks, cars, tools
- DVDs & CDs
- pajamas
- scooters/skateboards
- sport helmets & safety equipment
- hooded sweatshirts
- tricycles & bicycles
- remote controlled toys
- educational software

Preteen/Teen*

- (Preteen & Teen gifts are always in short supply.)*
- college logo sweats
 - boom boxes/radios
 - cameras/watches
 - fleece stadium blankets
 - gym bags/sports equip.
 - wallets/silver jewelry sets
 - DVDs & CDs
 - personal hair, nail, and cosmetic product sets
 - Walmart, Target gift cards

Family

- comforters/blankets sheets/towels/pillows
- sleeping bags
- iron/ironing boards
- pots/pans and silverware
- boxed glasses and dish sets
- household cleaning products
- boom boxes, DVD players

Metrocrest Social Services
(972) 446-2100 www.metrocrestsocialservices.org

From the editor

As the year winds down, we each reflect over the past year and what it has meant to us. For me personally, it brought change in my life in several areas. A welcome change has been in employment and the joy I get from serving on the church staff. I have come to know the members of FUPC better with each passing

month. We will welcome the first Advent and Christmas season of FUPC together.

With this time of year comes lots of church activities and “hustle & bustle” of the season. Please let me know the “news” of FUPC.

You may submit articles in writing to the church office or

via email to

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

The next issue will be December 1. The deadline for articles is Monday, 11/21. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

Brenda Swindle

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

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Happy Birthday!

November 1

* Mary Frances Stevens

November 4

* Kay McLellan

November 5

* Katie Joiner

November 9

* Margaret Jones

November 10

* Pepper Durcholtz

November 11

* Kimberly Sedberry

November 13

* Travis Wing

November 14

* Martha Hardee-Scuphum

November 15

* Donna Carruthers

* Gary Greer

November 18

* Nancy Spence

* Holly Toliver

November 19

* Gerry Nichols

November 20

* Sharon Meurer

November 21

* Jewell Haworth

November 23

* Betty Laney

* John Morris

* Wade Yost

November 26

* Mary Carradine

* Jenae Nelson

November 27

* David Daly

November 30

* David Pierce



Prayer Concerns



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

Prayers for:

- ♥ Marvin John
- ♥ Melanie Spoon
- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Oda McMeans
- ♥ Ashton Matthew (CSI)
- ♥ Charles Elliott
- ♥ Dallas Meek
- ♥ Terry Russel's infant cousin, Charley Furr
- ♥ Kathy Heffler's friends, Courtney & Cindy
- ♥ Mary Silva's sister-in-law, Coleen Dorsey
- ♥ Susie Wing's nephew, Adam Rowden
- ♥ Lisa Laclede's father, Ken Patterson
- ♥ Mozelle Mills' cousins daughter, Kirsten

- ♥ Gerry Nichols' brother, Charles Sooby
- ♥ Margaret Jones' daughter & son in-law, Pam & Charles Bates
- ♥ The congregation of FUPC as they step into & discover what God has in store for them.

In the Hospital/Rehab:

- ♥ Joyce Burton
- ♥ Glenn Craig
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux

At Home:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ David & Betty Daly
- ♥ Betty Donoho
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter

Service Personnel:

- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ CPT Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ 1st LT Joshua Montero
- ♥ LT COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ Ronnie Rogers
- ♥ USAF 1st LT Andre Silva
- ♥ LCPL James C. Spencer
- ♥ SPC David Wheat
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ Robert Hall
- ♥ Andrew Moore

Austin Street Meal—December 5

The December meal day will be Monday, December 5. Please plan ahead for your food donation. The additional refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Thank you for your faithfulness to the homeless.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calendar Legend G-21=Community Youth Group GA=Gamblers Anonymous ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA=Overeaters Anonymous PWCT=Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team CSID=Church of South India Dallas		1 1:00 Starboard Stitchers 4:00 G-21 music 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 7:00 PWCT	2 7:00 FUPC Choir	3 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4	4	5 10:00 Stephen Min.-Lounge 11:00 GA Double Classroom 11:00 OA Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
6 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Youth class 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd	7 9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter	8 10:30 PW Circle 4:00 G-21 music 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 OA-Fellowship Rm	9 7:00 FUPC Choir	10 9:30 PW Circle 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4	11	12 10:00 Stephen Min.-Lounge 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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Quarterly Work Day

The next quarterly work day will be Saturday, December 10 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. After a light breakfast we plan to install Christmas decorations among other things.

Building & Grounds, David Bell

