



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

Volume II, Issue II

The way it looks from here

Pastor Terry McLellan

Dear Friends,

October was a difficult month for us here at Faith United. There were three deaths among the people of or related to Faith United. Our hearts go out to the Rainier, Nabor and Carruthers families. By the time you read this, the memorial services will have come and gone. However, the process of mourning by those who are left behind is not so well-defined. For each person, grief takes its own shape and flows at its own pace.

Grief is a process with well-defined steps. Everyone experiences these stages in the process of healing from a loss, such as the death of a loved one, though we all experience them at different durations and sometimes in different order. They are denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Space does not allow

me to go into detail about each of the steps. But, suffice it to say that we all endure and experience them.

There is nothing easy or simple about grief. Loss is loss, whether it is the death of that special person in your life, the loss of a marriage or the loss of a dream. And, loss is painful. But, one of the beautiful things about being a part of the community of faith is the fact that we walk this journey with one another. Sometimes in the midst of grief we wonder where God is in all this. We get angry at God for allowing this loss to happen. It is common to experience some doubts about whether God has abandoned us or continues to love us. But, one thing we do for one another



during these “dark nights of the soul,” is hold onto faith in behalf of our friends. We can cry together and laugh together and pray together and trust in God together when, by ourselves, we cannot do any of those things.

Sharing life with one another . . . What a blessing! Keep those who have suffered loss in your prayers. And, stand with one another. It is much easier and much better than standing alone.

What a great blessing we have in the knowledge that wherever we find ourselves, God is with us. As Paul wrote in Romans, “. . . nothing can separate us from the love of God.” When our hope is almost gone, where else can we place our trust, but in God?

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Terry

Inside this issue

- News from the pastor
- Presbyterian Women
- FUPC in the community
- Calendar of Events
- ...and more!

The next newsletter is December 2012.

The deadline for articles is Friday, Nov. 16.

Quarterly Work Day

David Bell, Building & Grounds

The next quarterly work day will be Saturday, December 1st from 9 a.m. until noon. After a light breakfast we plan to install Christmas decorations among other things.



Words of Faith

Presbyterian Women

For a fun afternoon of stuffing, stitching and fellowship, join the Starboard Stitchers on Tuesday, November 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Their continuing project is making stuffed animals for the clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries.



more participants. Call Ann Walden (972-245-8237) if you are interested. All women of the church are invited to attend any of our circle meetings. This year's study is "Dispatches to God's Household—The General Epistles."

The reading project with Cabell Elementary school is ongoing and more readers are always welcome. There is a sign-up book on the table in the Narthex.

Our prayer partner project with the children of Presbyterian Children's Homes continues and we are always looking for

Thursday Morning Circle-will meet at 9:30 a.m. on November 8. The Tuesday & Thursday Morning Circles both meet at FUPC.

Tuesday Morning Circle-will meet at 10:30 a.m. on October 13. Our bible

Jeanne Sawyer

study with leader, Lois Duell, will be followed by a time of fellowship and a sandwich lunch. Hostesses are Ila Post and Marianne Petersen. The circle will continue to provide dinner for the G-21 group on the second Thursday each month.

Thursday Evening Circle-will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 15 at the home of Patti Sloey. Contact church office if you need Patti's address.

The PW coordinating team will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6.

From the editor

As I write, I hear of the change in weather coming. We will dip into the 40s soon. That's Texas, 85 degrees one day, 40 the next.

Thank you for submitting articles to the newsletter. No matter how big or small the event, send the information so that it can be included in the next issue of **Words of Faith**, especially as the holidays approach and our calendars fill.

Brenda Swindle

You may submit articles in writing to the church office or via email to

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

The next issue will be December 2012. The deadline for articles is Friday, 11/16. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

**Next newsletter is
December 2012.
Deadline for articles,
Friday, 11/16.
Contact church
office or Brenda
Swindle via email to
submit articles.**



Session & Such

The Session has a Called Meeting once a month for the purpose of meeting and receiving prospective new members. This month's Called Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 11 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, November 11 after worship.

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, November 4. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers.

From the Finance Committee—the Stewardship Season is upon us. You should have received your packet in mid October. Please give prayerful consideration to helping FUPC grow into the future.



Pledge dedication Sunday will be November 11. We will have a "Celebration Brunch" in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Commitment Forms will be collected during the 11 a.m. worship service. Please plan to attend both events on the 11th. If you are unable to participate in person, please return your form to the church office.

Health Saturday/Healthy Fast Food

Kay McLellan, R.N.

Plan to join us on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 to hear Lindsay Bolden, RD, discuss and demonstrate how to select and prepare an easy veggie dish, a soup, and a dessert which will keep well in your refrigerator. This is a wonderful way to have a healthy dish at the ready when you don't want to cook. Not only do they help keep you healthy, they keep you from nibbling on unhealthy snack foods. She will share her recipes!



Following the presentation, you will be able to sample the food and socialize.

This will be a great opportunity for you to get some ideas about how to provide healthy "fast food" for the upcoming holidays and resist those that put the pounds on.

The class will take place in Fellowship Hall beginning at 9 a.m.

For questions: Kay McLellan, R.N., 972-395-3806, nanakmc@verizon.net and Dottie Cogar, R.N., 972-242-5474, dottiecogar@yahoo.com.

Saving Jesus

Rich Lewis

Do you ever feel that some descriptions of Jesus don't match the person you have read about in the gospels? You are not alone.



The Adult Sunday School class which meets in the large classroom across from the fellowship hall will address this phenomenon. Beginning October 28 we will watch and discuss *Saving Jesus*. This is a DVD with 12 sessions led by about two dozen church leaders and scholars. They include Amy-Jill Levine, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Helen Prejean, Walter Bruggemann, James Forbes and Matthew Fox.

The sessions include:

1. Introduction: Jesus through the Ages
2. Who was Jesus?
3. What Can We Know About Jesus?
4. The World into Which Jesus Was Born
5. Jesus' Birth
6. Teachings of Jesus
7. Jesus' Program
8. Jesus' Ministry
9. Who Killed Jesus?
10. The Atonement
11. The Resurrection
12. Why Jesus Is Worth Saving

Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We will explore these interesting topics and join in a conversation around the relevance of Jesus Christ for today.

FISH—Friday Morning Fellowship Hour

Lois Duell



You are all invited to come on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. for a time of **F**ellowship, **I**nspiration, **S**haring, and **H**elping. Each week we will share a devotion and discuss it. We can also share moments that inspired us in the past week or when we felt particularly close to God, prayer concerns, and when Brenda has a need, help her (usually the 2nd and 4th Friday for the newsletter). It's okay if you can't come every week, come when you are available. It will normally be an hour long. We might possibly go to lunch afterwards if you would like.



Austin Street Meal—The November meal day will be Monday, November 5. Looking ahead, December meal will be December 3. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

Words of Faith

Notes & News from the Pews



Noteworthy

We are still in need of a Historian/Photographer. Are you organized? Do you have a digital camera? We need a volunteer willing to take and submit digital photos of the church

and the life of the congregation. A plus if they are willing to organize photos that have not been categorized yet. Contact Dottie Cogar if interested or for more information.



Directory updates

Please remember to notify the church office if your contact information changes so it can be published in the next newsletter.

Bennie Tillack
6410 Erskine, Rm 70
Lubbock, TX 79416
806-589-4979

Roc & Clarice Mitchell
1325 S. Goliad, #4203
Rockwall, TX 75087
469-338-5141

Henry & Dena Knight
The Acadia
3344 Forest Lane
Dallas, TX 75234

Bob & Joy Williams
The Tradition Prestonwood
15250 Prestonwood Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75248

Billie Jones (temporary service address)
PV2 Jones, William R
194th AR BDE, I-81 AR
A Company Platoon
Fort Benning, GA 31905



North Dallas Shared Ministries

DON'T LET THEM STARVE!

Food - Along with air and water it is a basic need. But many of the elderly in our congregations may not be eating enough, through no fault of their own.

For seniors living on fixed incomes, who've seen the returns on any savings drop to almost nothing, we offer the comfort and support of **food**. While the politicians and policy makers debate the big issues, we offer a weekly supply of groceries to those who need them.

NDSM provides food to over 400 seniors and selected disabled persons each Friday - they receive a pre-packaged bag of wholesome, nutritious groceries, including a dozen eggs and a half-gallon of milk - a total value of \$36. In addition, we distribute the USDA's food assistance - a \$50 box of food (to which we add a dozen eggs and a half-gallon of



Lois Duell

milk) on the third Friday of each month. That's nearly \$200 of groceries each month - enough to make a significant difference.

For a variety of reasons, we believe there are members of our covenant congregations who qualify for this assistance, but who are not availing themselves of it.

Please remember - NDSM is the charitable outreach of our congregation. Our mission is to help members in need every bit as much as it is to assist the strangers who come to our doors.

November is FUPC's month to really show our support for NDSM. We are really in need of just about everything. Why not pick up extra items on sale to donate or send a check or donate online at ndsm.org? While we take any items that are put in the wooden box across from the fellowship hall all year, we have November, April and August as the months we spotlight NDSM. With so many people struggling to make ends meet, there is a great need for help.

Metrocrest Santa Store 2012



Faith United is going to participate once again 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 25th, December 2nd and December 9th. We will deliver the gifts to the Store on December 10th. 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 Nicole Newkham at (972) 446-2100 or nnewkham@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

Community Choir forming for Christmas Cantata

Remember the lovely music our choir provided for us last December? We were thrilled by "Tapestry of Light", music that features themes of hauntingly beautiful Celtic carols. Our regular choir was joined by others in our congregation who blended right in and provided us with a marvelous musical experience.



We are again expanding our choir to include others in the community who want to sing fabulous Christmas music. If you, or someone you know, would like to participate, just get in touch with the director, David Pierce, and he will give you the information you need about practices and the performance.

Email: david@davidkpierce.com

Words of Faith

Happy Birthday!

November 1

* Cheryl Sparks

November 4

* Kay McLellan

November 5

* Katie Joiner

November 7

* Clark Penfold

November 8

* Mary Sewell

November 9

* Margaret Jones

November 10

* Pepper Durholz

November 14

* Martha Hardee-Scuphum

November 15

* 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 24

* Teresa Nelson

November 26

* Jenae Nelson

November 27

* David Daly

November 30

* David Pierce



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ John & Pam Bates
- ♥ Kaitlyn Davis
- ♥ Mary Ann Jones
- ♥ Jeanne Moynagh
- ♥ Charles Kortier
- ♥ Ken Patterson
- ♥ Edie Sapp
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ George Nabor & family
- ♥ Debbie Rainier & family



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

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Joe Kastendieck
- ♥ Henry & Dena Knight
- ♥ Earle & Marge Krause
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Marianne Petersen
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ Bennie Tillack
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Bob Williams

Service Personnel:

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

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Legend G-21=Community Youth Group GA=Gamblers Anonymous ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA=Overeaters Anonymous LTCDS = Little Treasures School PWCT=Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team CSID=Church of South India Dallas</p> </div>			<p>31</p> <p>5 pm Trunk or Treat</p> <p>7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 FISH group Double-Rm4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 GA-Double-Rm4 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends "Fall Back"</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 O & E Committee 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd 12:15 FUPC Cong. Mtg.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 PWCT 7:30 OA-Fellowship Rm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 PW Circle 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 FISH group Double-Rm4</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 10:00 FUPC Brunch 10:15 FUPC Session 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd 12:30 FUPC Session</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Ed's Helpers</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 PW Circle 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:30 OA-Fellowship Rm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:00 PW Circle 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 FISH group Double-Rm4</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 Health Day-Fellowship 11:00 GA-Double Choir Rm 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary</p>
<p>18</p> <p>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</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:15 LTCDS Staff 7:00 Vocal Majority Board Mtg.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:30 OA-Fellowship Rm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p><i>Church Offices Closed</i> Happy Thanksgiving!</p> </div>		<p>24</p> <p>11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary</p>
<p>25</p> <p>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</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Ed's Helpers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:30 OA Fellowship Rm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm 4</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 FISH group Double-Rm4</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 FUPC Work Day 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Rm 4 11:00 CSID-Fellowship Rm 2:00 CSID Fellowship Hall 5:00 CSID Sanctuary</p>
<p>2</p> <p>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 Rm4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 PWCT 7:30 OA-Fellowship Rm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA-Group-Rm 4</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 GA Double Classroom 11:00 OA Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary</p>
<p>Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.</p>						

Veterans Day—November 11, 2012



Every year on 11 November we acknowledge our men and women who have served in the United States Military. We always post a list of those who served, some serving states side and some in combat, defending our freedoms. If you are not on our list please correct this oversight by notifying the church office of the branch in which you served and if you saw combat. We want our records to be complete so we can thank you personally. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

** = combat

Army

David Bell
David Borland
Artie Bratton III
Earl Blackney
Richard Davenport **
John Foster
Don Hall
Ted Hill
Bob Ingebritson
Bill Innes
Joseph Kastendieck
Rich Lewis
John Marxer
Nelson Menendez
Bill Rose
Jim Rose
Aaron Russ
Cody Sherrard **
Dennis Simpson
Wlm Welther
Bob Williams

Marines

Earl Krause**
Bill Tiner
Caleb West**
Chris West**

Coast Guard

Joe Rainier

Air Force

Bill Beattie
E C Beach **
Artie Bratton I
Artie Bratton II
Fiona Coughenour
Glen Craig
George Johnson **
Phil Kretchmar **
Roc Mitchell **
Mike Mosher
Tom Muerer
Richard Royer
Alvin Sherrill **

Gerald Swope
Leonard Van **
Whit Whitaker**

Navy

Ray Butler
Laurens Dorsey
Harvey Garoutte
J R Jones
Richard Jones
Gary Kennedy
David Kirchmeyer
Louis McClellan **
John Magee **
George Mills
Emory Quevreaux
Ken Quevreaux
Michael Rainier
David Sloey
Don Speigel
George Walker
James Worrell

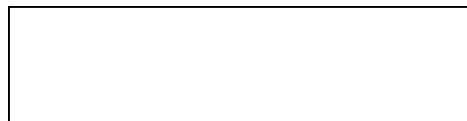


Faith United Presbyterian Church

12717 Marsh Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75234
Phone: 972-243-2866

Newsletter email:
Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com
Editor: Brenda Swindle

Affix
proper
postage



On the Web!

www.FaithUnited-pc.com