



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



It's difficult for me to write a message in November without considering the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. Among holidays and celebrations it is unique because its sole purpose is to give thanks to our Creator for all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us all. I find it remarkable that this special holiday hasn't been commandeered by toy manufacturers, confectioners, and greeting card companies for the expressed purpose of making a profit. Not that I don't appreciate toys, candy, and cards. I do, but isn't it good to have one day out of the year reserved for giving thanks to God for food, family, friends, our salvation in Jesus Christ, and all the other blessings we so often take for granted?

Of course we shouldn't limit our thanksgiving to just one day a year. I'm a big advocate for counting one's blessings every day of the year. Whenever I feel overwhelmed or discouraged and begin thinking that life hasn't been particularly fair, I try to redirect my thoughts away from negative

feelings and refocus my thinking towards the many wonderful ways in which God has blessed me. It was only by God's grace that God gave me two Christian parents who taught me about God and God's Son, Jesus Christ. It was only by God's grace that I was allowed to grow up on a farm working alongside my father who taught me more about life than I could ever learn in the classroom. It was only by God's grace that I was given three children who have made me proud in so many different ways. And one of the gifts I cherish most is the woman God brought into my life 35 years ago who has supported me far beyond what I deserve. And this just scratches the surface of the many blessings I have received by the hand of God.

Not everyone can say they grew up on a farm or even had two parents to love them, but I am convinced that everyone can give thanks for something. We live in the greatest country in the world in spite of what politicians tell us during an election year. Most of us have the opportunity to receive a good education and we enjoy freedoms that continue

to be the envy of people around the world. Still, life is a mixture of both blessings and tribulations and even the most fortunate of us have days in which we wished we could have stayed in bed. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Church in Thessalonica, encourages the believers to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) This wasn't so much for God's benefit as it was to encourage those early Christians who may have been experiencing hardships and persecution. It might do us well to keep in mind the words of an old hymn, **"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed. When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."** May you be surprised by how much God has blessed you this November and throughout the year by focusing on the many blessings you have received from the beneficent hand of a generous God.

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

Shalom, *Jim*

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Next newsletter is

December 2016.

Deadline for articles, Friday, 11/18/16.

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

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Presbyterian Women

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 Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 11/8. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 11/10.



Mary Marxer

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 11/15, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, November 1 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



Monthly Pancake Community

Breakfast will be Nov. 12 from 8-10am.

Come join us and meet your neighbors and friends.



Metrocrest Services—We will again collect for the annual Santa Store on Nov. 27, Dec. 4, and 11. Bring your donations to church and place them in the narthex by our tree. List of items suggested:

Infants

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

Children

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

Wayne Saunders

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 player

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



You can sign up to help sort or stock or restock on the Metrocrest website. www.metrocrestsocialservices.org

Happy Birthday!

November 1

- * Cheryl Sparks

November 4

- * Kay McLellan

November 7

- * Clark Penfold

November 9

- * Margaret Jones

November 10

- * Pepper Durholz

November 16

- * Terry Johns

November 18

- * Gerry Nichols

November 20

- * Sharon Meurer

November 21

- * Jewell Haworth

November 23

- * Betty Laney

- * Wade Yost

November 24

- * Teresa Nelson

November 30

- * David Pierce



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
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Betty Laney
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Betty Van

Notes & News from the Pews

Temporary Address (through December)
 Kathleen Ferguson & Gary Klein
 4703 Denia Way
 Oceanside, CA 92056



Please remember to notify the church office of your information changes.



Dear FUPC,

We extend our sympathy to the membership of Faith United and the Walden family. We received the news of Ms. Walden's passing with heavy hearts. We will keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss the generosity and kindness of Ms. Walden.

With sympathy,
 Fabian Hypolite, Principal
 William L. Cabell Elementary

Poinsettias 2016



It is time to place your order for poinsettias. We will take orders Sundays 11/6, 11/13 & 11/20. You may place this form in the offering trays, box in Narthex, or return to the church office by Monday, November 21, 2016. Please note "for poinsettias" in the memo section if paying by check.

I (we) wish to order _____ poinsettias at \$10.00 each. Please check one: _____
 Quantity Payment included Wish to pay later

Name(s): _____

Please print the following dedication(s) for my (our) poinsettias.

- _____
- _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	2 7 pm FUPC Choir	3 6:30 ABA-Room #4 7:00 GA-Room #1	4 9:00 LTCDS #1	5 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary 
6 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd	7 7:30 GA-Room #2	8 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	9 7 pm FUPC Choir	10 10:00 PW Circle #2 6:30 ABA-Room #4 7:00 GA-Room #1	11 9:00 LTCDS #1	12 8:00 FUPC Breakfast#1 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
13 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 12:30 FUPC Session	14 7:30 GA-Room #2	15 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1 7:00 PW Circle	16 7 pm FUPC Choir	17 6:30 ABA-Room #4 7:00 GA-Room #1	18 9:00 LTCDS #1	19 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						
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				 Church Offices Closed Happy Thanksgiving!		



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