



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The way it looks from here

Pastor Terry McLellan

Dear Friends,

Wow!! This year has gone by in a blur!! It is already December, again, and that means Advent, then Christmas. With all the social and family obligations that this season brings with it, it is difficult to focus on the true meaning of the season of Advent/Christmas.

Advent is from the Latin word for “coming” or “arriving.” This time is a holy time to devote ourselves to the task of preparing for the King to come. As Christians we are to be about the business of getting our hearts and minds ready to welcome the King. And to the extent that all of our festivities contribute to that, we will be blessed.

It is easy to forget this as we do our Christmas shopping, go to parties, welcome family and friends into our homes. And these are good things. Our relationships need times of celebration and fun. That is good for our soul.

But, if we forget whose birthday it is, we will miss the point of all the hubbub. If we view the season as only a way for our sensual selves to be satisfied and not include our spiritual selves in the process, we will miss the point.

Pastor Mike Slaughter writes that “Christmas is not your birthday. It is Jesus’ birthday.” And if we remember this we will have a “Christmas season with more peace and joy than any toy or gadget could ever bring.” In order to achieve this non-consumerist view of Christmas, Slaughter says that we need to go about the season expecting miracles; giving up on the idea that everything has to be perfect; living in love that goes beyond the giving and getting of material gifts; considering what Jesus would wish for us; and be willing to follow a different path than our beloved family traditions



allow, developing new ones built upon the outrageous generosity that was the way of Jesus. I hope that as we go through Advent, we can learn how to share the bounty with which we are blest.

Do not forget to attend church on December 16. During our regular worship time we will be blest by music of the Season in the *Tapestry of Light* presented by our choir and Celtic musicians. This service of worship will be followed by a Christmas lunch. Our brothers and sisters of the Church of South India Dallas have been invited to join us to celebrate the season. Then on Christmas Eve will be our Candle Light Service of Holy Communion. I hope to see you here during this special time.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Terry

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The next newsletter is January 2013.

The deadline for articles is Friday, Dec. 14.

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Presbyterian Women

Jeanne Sawyer

The Starboard Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, December 4, at 1:00 p.m. continuing their stuffed animal project for the clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries. Come to stitch or stuff and enjoy the fellowship.



and Nancy Bond will lead our study. Lunch and fellowship will follow. The Tuesday & Thursday Morning Circles both meet at FUPC.

Tuesday Morning Circle-will meet at 10:30 a.m. on December 11. Lois Duell and Kathie Heffler will be hostesses

Thursday Morning Circle-will meet at 9:30 a.m. on December 13. Following their Bible study, they will enjoy a pot-luck lunch together.

Thursday Evening Circle-will meet at 7:00 p.m. on December 13 at the home of Kay McLellan. Contact church office if you need Kay's address.

The PW coordinating team will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4.

Looking ahead to the new year, we are reminded of the Annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 16.

From the editor

Brenda Swindle

It is hard to believe that the year 2012 will soon come to a close. As Christmas approaches I try to remind myself to cherish each moment with family and friends. This can be a challenge with the hustle and bustle that the season brings.

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

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

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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, December 9 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, December 9 after worship.

From the Finance Committee—the Stewardship Season has come and gone. Thank you to all who have submitted their commitment to FUPC for 2013. If

you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2013, the Finance Committee is happy to receive pledges during the month of December. You may contact the chair, John Marxer or the church office. Look for your 2013 Contribution Envelopes later in December.

Holiday Celebration!

Dottie Cogar, Church Life

Faith United Presbyterian Church and the Church of South India will join together for a holiday celebration/potluck on Sunday, 12/16. The lunch will immediately follow the "Tapestry of Light" 11 a.m. worship service.



There is no charge for the meal. The church will provide the meat for the lunch and will gladly accept donations either beforehand or at the lunch. Bring a favorite holiday side dish or dessert to share.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for all to RSVP.

We encourage everyone to join us for fellowship and the start for a blessed holiday season

Let Us Adore Him



The Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints holds a Community Nativity Celebration every year to honor Christ's birth with over 700 nativity scenes from around the world. You may find the Baby Jesus in a canoe or a

igloo. Some of the displays are antiques. These works of art are made out of every possible material from soap, crystal, wood, ceramic, oil or acrylic paint, etc. It is an awesome dis-

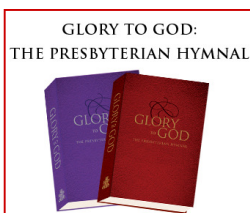
play that will spark your holiday in a way you cannot anticipate. There is live entertainment while you wander around the displays and a live nativity.

It opens Thursday, November 29 from 5:00-9:00 pm at 4000 Nazarene, Carrollton. It is also open Friday, November 30 from 10:00 am-9:00 pm and Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 am-8:00 pm. There will be flyers with the necessary information but for more information you can visit www.thecommunitynativity.com. Do yourself a favor: DO NOT MISS THIS!

New Presbyterian Hymnal in 2013!

Nancy Smith

There will be a new Presbyterian Hymnal coming out sometime in 2013. Faith United would like to have the new hymnals to replace the two hymnals we are now using. We want to buy around 200 books. If we order and pay for these before the end of this year we can get free shipping which will save a considerable amount of money. The cost of the new books is \$15 each. If you would like to purchase one or more



of the new hymnals we will put a nameplate in each hymnal with your name. You may also dedicate that book in honor or memory of someone. Please consider helping Faith United to purchase the new hymnals. We will have an order form in the Narthex on Sundays.

If you have any questions ask Teresa Nelson, David Pierce or Nancy Smith.

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Notes & News from the Pews



Thank you!

I recently requested to be removed from the “at home” prayer list as I am done with the chemo treatments and the Dr. says I am doing great.

Thanks be to God. And I thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and all get well wish's. It all meant so much to me.

With love to everyone, Shirley Kretchmar

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls, cards and support we received following the death of my son, Jonathan.

Debbie Rainier and Family



Announcing!

Dottie Cogar is excited to announce the birth of her new granddaughter, Zoey Whitbeck. Zoey was born 11/7/12. Proud parents are Kathy & Jason Whitbeck.

Directory updates

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



Original Mission Expands!

In the fall of 2007, Covenant started an ESL program for adults in that area. We had a grant from Presbytery and a resource in the CFBISD with the names of



books we could order. The class was in the evening and babysitting was offered. We had 45 students by the second year and teachers who volunteered their time. When we moved to Marsh Lane one of the teachers, Tiffany Wiley, agreed to continue the program and asked R. L. Turner if she could use space in their building. They were delighted and got their National Honor Society students to help children with their homework while their parents were in class. Enrollment grew to 70 adult students.

The parents were having problems, however, with applying for a job as all applications are done on the computer now. Tiffany put the word out at her office that she

needed computers for her students and her request was answered. That ESL program is now a non-profit organization called aCompLish. If you are interested check out the website at www.aCompLish.org.

When we start a mission we never know to what level it will go. It is in God's hands; we are just called to be faithful to our mission. The seed we planted fell on fertile soil that year. God Bless those who go the extra mile to help others in need.

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 until 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!***

Contact Nicole Newkham at nnewkham@metrocrestsocialservices.org or (972) 446-2100 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

Christmas Cantata, "Tapestry of Light"

The Faith United Presbyterian Church choir is preparing "Tapestry of Light" for a special worship service on December 16. You are cordially invited to attend worship on this 3rd Sunday of Advent for a wonderful blend of scripture, worship and music of the season.



We also invite you to be our guest for lunch afterwards. We want to plan for enough food for all. Please call the office, 972-243-2866, so we will know that you plan to stay for lunch.

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Happy Birthday!

December 1

- * Steve Laclede

December 3

- * Ellen Toliver

December 6

- * Robert Lively
- * Grant Sedberry

December 8

- * Bob Hinkle

December 10

- * Randall McGee

December 12

- * Jerry Dunaway

December 13

- * Miranda Rodriguez

December 14

- * Marilyn Rose

December 15

- * Don Speigel

December 16

- * Bennie Tillack

December 16

- * Dena Knight

December 17

- * Gail Dunaway

December 17

- * George Nabor

December 20

- * Annette Shepard

December 21

- * Ray Butler

December 22

- * Joe Kastendieck
- * Ruth Yost

December 23

- * Eder Teixeira

December 26

- * Bob Howell

December 27

- * Kelli Bechly

December 30

- * Dick Norman

December 31

- * Dottie Cogar



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ John & Pam Bates
- ♥ Kaitlyn Davis
- ♥ Mary Ann Jones
- ♥ Charles Kortier
- ♥ Ken Patterson
- ♥ Edie Sapp
- ♥ Mary Steinmetz family
- ♥ Alan Swope



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
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Bennie Tillack
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter

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

December 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>1 10:00 CSID-Resource Room 11:00 GA-Double-Rm4 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:00 CSID-Fellowship Rm 5:00 CSID-Sanctuary</p>
<p>2 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</p>	<p>3 6:00 Shelter</p>	<p>4 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 PWCT 7:30 OA-Fellowship Rm</p>	<p>5 7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<p>6 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4</p>	<p>7 10:00 FISH group Double-Rm4</p>	<p>8 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary</p>
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<p>16 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 12:15 FUPC/CSID Lunch</p>	<p>17 6:15 LTCDS Staff</p>	<p>18 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:30 OA-Fellowship Rm</p>	<p>19 7 pm FUPC Choir</p>	<p>20 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group-Rm4</p>	<p>21 10:00 FISH group Double-Rm4</p>	<p>22 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary</p>
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Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.



Austin Street Meal—The December meal day will be Monday, December 3. Looking ahead, the January meal will be January 7. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall.



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