



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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## The way it looks from here

Pastor Terry McLellan

Dear Friends,



As I write this article for the December edition of *Words of Faith*, I am also preparing my

sermon for Christ the King Sunday, which is next Sunday November 23. Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the current church liturgical year. The next Sunday, November 2, is the first Sunday of Advent, which begins our new church year. The sermon text for Christ the King is from the last part of Matthew 25, the sheep and the goats story. Jesus told this story as a way to describe the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. Basically it says that the way one is able to tell who has taken seriously the coming of the Kingdom is whether they live a life of generosity, compassion and love for the “least of these,” those who are the marginalized. The story predicts that those who see the face of God in the hungry, thirsty, the sick, the naked and the imprisoned by meeting their needs will be shown to be part of the Kingdom. Those who do not recognize God

in these marginalized ones, will be shown to not be part of the Kingdom. And it is not, as some say, that compassion is shown in order to get “on board the bus,” so to speak. But, those who just naturally show generosity and love will be revealed to be participants in the Reign of Christ as King.

This time of Advent is a time of waiting and preparing ourselves for the arrival of God in Jesus Christ. Often in the days leading up to Christmas, we are bombarded in our mail boxes with catalogs showing us what extravagant things we are to buy for those around us. But, just as much we receive reminders from charitable groups asking us to take part in their ministries of compassion. Or, we hear about local groups which help with food drives or other institutionalized giving to meet human need. To my way of thinking, getting ready for Christmas should include both shopping for gifts for those close to us. But it should, just as much or more,

include seeking out opportunities to see Jesus in the faces of those in need either through direct face-to-face encounters with the needy or giving to those ministries that reach out to the needy.



In the mad rush to have the “best Christmas ever!!” with our family and friends, please remember

those in need. In them you will see the face of Christ. Go with the group to Austin Street Centre or the Salvation Army to help serve a meal. Or, go to Scottish Rite Hospital to volunteer. Or, send a check to Habitat for Humanity or Heifer Project. Send a donation to Presbyterian Childrens’ Homes and Services. Or, visit someone in the hospital or jail. There are many ways to prepare ourselves to receive the Christ-child. We might even see him on the street corner holding a sign.

Have a blessed Christmas, Ya’ll.

Pastor Terry

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The next newsletter is January 2015.

The deadline for articles is Friday, Dec. 12

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### Presbyterian Women

#### **Tuesday Morning Circle-**

2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, December meeting, Tuesday, 12/9.

#### **Thursday Morning Circle-**

2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, December meeting, Thursday, 12/11.



**Thursday Evening Circle-**will meet at 7:00 p.m. on December 18 in member's homes. Contact the church office if you need the location.

The Starboard Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. continuing their stuffed animal project for the clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries. Come to

### Patti Sloey, Moderator

stitch or stuff and enjoy the fellowship.

The PW coordinating team last met on Sunday, 11/9 and expect to meet again in early December.

Looking ahead to the new year, we are reminded that the Annual Women's Retreat will be in February. Stay tuned for more details as we move into the new year.



### 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 14 at 10:15 a.m. They meet in the Pastor's Study in the office area.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for

Sunday, December 7 after worship, with Katie Miller leading devotional.

**From the Finance Committee**—Pledge dedication Sunday has come and gone. If you were unable to participate in person, please return your commitment form to the church office. The Finance Committee is happy to receive pledges during the month of December. You may contact the chair, Rich Lewis or the church office. Look for your 2015 Contribution Envelopes later in December.

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### Quarterly Work Day

### Joe Kastendieck, Building & Grounds

The next quarterly work day will be Saturday, December 6th from 9 am until noon. After a light breakfast we plan to decorate the church for Christmas. All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and spirit of the season.



## Holiday Celebration!

Dottie Cogar, Church Life

Faith United Presbyterian Church will join together for a holiday celebration/potluck on Sunday, 12/14. The lunch will immediately follow the "Canticles in Candlelight" 11 a.m. worship service.



There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for all to RSVP and sign up for a dish. 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. We look forward to celebrating this special time with everyone.

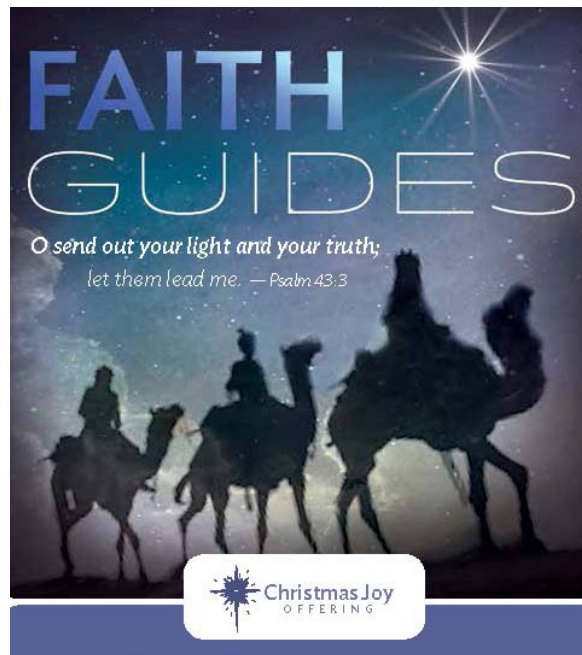
## Outreach & Evangelism

Lois Duell



The Outreach Committee will hold another Community Breakfast on Dec. 13 between 8-10am. All are invited to stop by and share some pancakes and sausage plus great fellowship with not only our fellow members, but new friends from our community.

The Joy Offering will be collected Dec. 21 and Christmas Eve. Please give generously. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.



## Notes & News from the Pews



### Thank you!

Thank you each and everyone who volunteers in the church offices throughout each year. The list is long of those who

- ◆ Tabulate the Sunday offerings & make deposits
- ◆ Prepare church-wide mailings/newsletters
- ◆ Tally and record worship attendance
- ◆ Volunteer in the office during vacations, etc.

This only names a few of the areas where volunteers help make the Church Office run smoothly. ~ Brenda Swindle

### Directory updates

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



## From the editor

Brenda Swindle



It is hard to believe that 2014 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](mailto:Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com)

The next issue will be January 2015. The deadline for articles is Friday, 12/12. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

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**January 2015.**

**Deadline for articles,**

**Friday, 12/12.**

**Contact church**

**office or Brenda**

**Swindle via email to**

**submit articles.**

## Metrocrest Santa Store 2014

Lois Duell



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 on Sundays, 11/30 and 12/7. It is such an outreach of love from Faith United to our community. If you have any questions, you can contact Nancy Smith or Lois Duell.

### 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

### Children (cont.)

- 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

## New Beginnings groups in January 2015

The Faith United Presbyterian Church New Beginnings leaders are busy planning for FUPC groups to begin in January 2015.



New Beginnings will be kicking off on Sunday January 18, 2015 following worship with a potluck lunch and fellowship time to begin our discussion of the future of FUPC. All who have an interest in discerning together what God has in-store for our church are welcome. Listen for more information as the time gets closer.

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## Happy Birthday!

### December 1

✧ Steve Laclede

### December 6

✧ Robert Lively

### December 8

✧ Bob Hinkle

### December 12

✧ Jerry Dunaway

### December 13

✧ Miranda Rodriguez

✧ Marilyn Rose

✧ Don Spiegel

✧ Bennie Tillack

### December 16

✧ Dena Knight

✧ Gail Dunaway

### December 17

✧ George Nabor

### December 20

✧ Annette Shepard

### December 21

✧ Ray Butler

### December 22

✧ Joe Kastendieck

✧ Ruth Yost

### December 26

✧ Bob Howell

### December 31

✧ Dottie Cogar



## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Greg Haben
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Til Rathbun
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Lynda Taylor
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Roberta Welther

### In the hospital:

- ♥ Debbie Winters



**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:

- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Henry & Dena Knight
- ♥ Earle Krause
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Emroy Quevreaux
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Don Spiegel
- ♥ Jerry Swope
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Martha Worrell

### Service Personnel:

- ♥ Logan Burkham
- ♥ SPC Albert Campos
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ Maj. Brian Gaddis
- ♥ CPT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ SSGT Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SPC Jason Jackson
- ♥ SPC Ryan Liggett
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ CPT Joshua Montero
- ♥ Andrew Moore
- ♥ COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC George Pittman
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ USAF CPT Andre Silva



# December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 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 12:00 CSID-Sanctuary	<b>1</b> 6:00 Shelter	<b>2</b> 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>3</b> 7 pm FUPC Choir	<b>4</b> 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>5</b> 6-10 pm CSID Sanctuary	<b>6</b> 9:00 FUPC Work Day 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary  6—9:30 pm CSID Sanctuary & Fellowship #1
<b>7</b> 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 12:00 CSID-Sanctuary 12:30 FUPC Session 3:00 RYLA group #4	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>10</b> 7 pm FUPC Choir	<b>11</b> 9:30 PW Circle #2 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>12</b> 7-10 pm CSID Sanctuary	<b>13</b> 10:00 FUPC Choir-Sanctuary 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1  6—9:30 pm CSID Sanctuary & Fellowship #1
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<b>21</b> 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	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>24</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 5 pm—FUPC Christmas Eve Worship	<b>25</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 10 am—2 pm CSID-Sanctuary & Fellowship #1 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
<b>28</b> 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	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #4	<b>31</b> <b>Church Offices Close at 12 pm</b>  7—11 pm CSID Sanctuary & Fellowship #1	<b>1</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Group-Rm 4	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary

**Please contact the church office with meetings or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.**

### Calendar Legend

GA=Gamblers Anonymous  
 ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous  
 OA=Overeaters Anonymous  
 LTCDS = Little Treasures School  
 PW =Presbyterian Women  
 CSID=Church of South India Dallas

# Christmas & Christmastide @ Faith United Presbyterian



Christmas Eve Worship, December 24, 2014

5:00 pm Family Candlelight Communion Worship

Wednesday 12/24—Thursday, 12/25

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, December 28, 2014

9:30 am Sunday School

11 am Family Worship

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2014

Church Offices Close at 12 pm

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, January 4, 2015

9:30 am Sunday School

11 am Communion Worship



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