

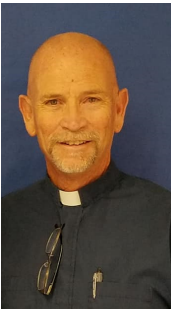


Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

From the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.” (Gal 5:25)



This week as I was scrolling through Facebook, I came across a post from a former seminary classmate. She was expressing an opinion different from me

related to all of the issues surrounding impeachment. In a country where opinions on this current event are 50-50, I wasn't surprised. I respect her opinion. However, it was what she said after expressing her opinion that gave me pause. To all those who disagreed with her, she said we were to repent. I may see her next week at an alumnus gathering. That might be awkward.

There is no shortage of divisive issues that seem to be popularly defined by blue responses and red responses, conservative responses and liberal responses. It is remarkably easy, and alluring, to assume that the response we opine

is equivalent to what God thinks. We humans can be an arrogant bunch.

As we get closer to the season of Lent, we find ourselves hearing

Jesus speak to us from the Sermon on the Mount. So much of what we think about the world and the issues of the world, so much of what culture teaches us about how the world operates, is turned upside down by Jesus.

The teachings contained in the Sermon on the Mount are nothing short of counter cultural. Culture will say to us that what Jesus puts forth won't work and is impossible. Yet, they are the ways of the kingdom.

The Sermon on the Mount can be thought of as a discipleship training manual. If we want to know what it means to follow Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount is

a good place to start. Jesus defines what we think, what we do, what we say. He teaches us kingdom responses for life in a world that is not yet, “on earth as it is heaven.”



To be a follower of Jesus is to be counter cultural. To be counter cultural is to welcome the infiltrating Spirit into the depths of our souls where self-interest is transformed into self-denial, fear into cross-bearing, and disillusionment

into following Christ; to be counter cultural is to have the same mind as Christ Jesus. This is true life – the essence of a life of blessing in the kingdom of God, today and in the day to come.

As Paul said, “If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.” (Gal 5:25)

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ken

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Words of Faith

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women Circles are well into their new Bible study, *Horizons* "Love Carved In Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." Study books are available at the Church Office for \$10.



Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle. Next meeting Tuesday, February 11.

Mary Marxer

Evening Circle Moderator, Patti Sloey. Next meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 p.m. for brown bag dinner, 6 p.m. Bible study. Meets in classroom #4.

Stuffed Animals Project, materials remain available in classroom #4. Contact Lorna Acker or Lois Duell if you have any questions about this project.

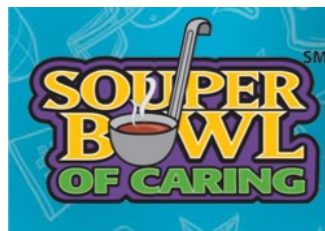
Outreach & Evangelism

Debbie Rainier

Pancake Breakfast—Our next Community Breakfast is Saturday, February 8, 8 to 10 a.m. Join us as we share food and fellowship with our neighbors and each other.



Souper Bowl of Caring—On Sunday, February 2nd we will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring and will be collecting items for babies and toddlers as well as cash donations. Items needed are baby food pouches, soups for toddlers and baby wipes. The items will be donated to Metrocrest Services and North Dallas Shared Ministries. Thank you to the teen Sunday School class lead by Barbara Ritchie for suggesting this idea to help provide these items for families in need.



Peace and Global Witness Offering—In October of 2019 FUPC participated in the Peace and Global Witness offering. \$360 was collected. FUPC directs where 25% of the offering goes. This year the Outreach & Evangelism committee chose to make a purchase from the *Giving Catalog*, Presbyterian Church (USA). Farming tools and a Rain Water Catch System was purchased in the amount of \$95. Thank you for your support of this Special Offering.



Happy Birthday!

February 3

- * Angela Penfold

February 5

- * Lorna Acker

February 8

- * Jack Walden

February 15

- * Chuck Acker

- * Dick Smith

February 16

- * Kurt Booth

February 28

- * Hubert Laney

- * John Marxer

- * Jacob West



Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

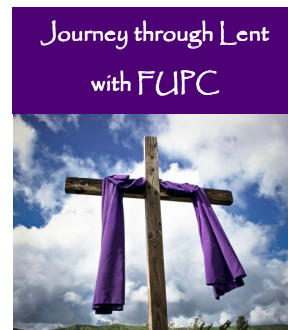
Prayers for:



- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Barbara Stein
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

**Next newsletter is
March 2020. Deadline
for articles, Friday,
February 14.
Contact church office or
Brenda Swindle via
email to submit articles.**

Ash Wednesday & Lent 2020!

Ash Wednesday is February 26. There will be worship at 7 p.m. with the imposition of ashes. Also, Pastor Ken will be doing a Lenten Study during the Sunday School Hour at 9:30 weekly. It will begin Sunday, March 1 and go through Sunday, April 5. Stay tuned for more details.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 Prayer-Room 2 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Iglesia Emmanuel 11:00 FJ & GS 12:30 GSKPC	3 7:30 GA-Room #2	4 7:00 Gam-Anon #2 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	5 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	6 6:00 Iglesia music #1 7:00 GA-Room #4	7 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	8 6:30 GSKPC #4 8:00 FUPC Breakfast #1 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						
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