



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,

Last week I shared with the congregation in my weekly internet message



the news that the session of our church had approved an agreement to rent space to Good Shepherd Korean Presbyterian Church for the purpose of continuing their ministry to the Korean community in this area. In the interest of transparency, I promised that I would give further information about this arrangement in our May newsletter.

I was contacted by Grace Presbytery in February that Good Shepherd Korean Church had sold their property at 13001 Veronica Rd. in Dallas and needed a place to worship and conduct their ministry. I contacted Rev. Sungho Daniel Son (Pastor Daniel), organizing pastor of Good Shepherd, to ascertain their church's needs. This information was given to the session and included in a letter I sent to the congregation in early March. It included the following information: In addition to the worship space they need on Sundays at 1 PM, they requested the following space and times for Sundays:

- ◆ Choir practice for approx. 15 choir members beginning at 12:15 PM
- ◆ Praise Team practice area beginning at 12:15 PM
- ◆ Fellowship space for church lunches every Sunday at 2:30 PM

- ◆ Bible Study every Sunday at 3 PM requiring 5 separate rooms.
- ◆ 1 room for Bible study on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening at 7 PM.

I asked Nancy Smith and Lloyd Yost to serve as liaisons in our negotiations and discussions with Good Shepherd Church and they graciously agreed. In meetings held with Pastor Daniel and his leadership team, we were able to work out the following arrangement. Following our worship service that ordinarily concludes at 12 noon, Good Shepherd's praise team would be allowed to practice in the sanctuary beginning at 12:15 pm followed by their worship service at 1 PM. Good Shepherd's choir would rehearse in Room 4 beginning at 12 noon. Following their worship service, they would have lunch at 2:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The five rooms needed for Bible study at 3 pm would include the following: the nursery, library, fellowship hall, room 4, and either room 3 or right half of room 2. A room not currently being used by an outside organization would be made available for their weekly evening Bible study.

During our discussions with Good Shepherd we were also asked if Bible study space could be made available at 11 am on Sundays. We responded that we would try to accommodate that request if possible.

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

Our session authorized liaisons and the Good Shepherd leadership team agreed that Good Shepherd would compensate Faith United \$1,400 a month in rent.

Perhaps it was coincidence or perhaps God's providence, but last week I preached from the 10th chapter of John's gospel concerning the image of Jesus as "the Good Shepherd." Jesus said, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." (John 10:16) Will there be times of inconvenience and miscommunication? Probably, but in the spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation, I know that Faith United Presbyterian Church will do its best to welcome this group of Christians with joy, compassion, and Christian love.

Joy in Christ,
Pastor Jim

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Presbyterian Women

FUPC Presbyterian Women Bible studies/ Circles meet monthly. Feel free to contact Mary Marxer if you need more information or contact a circle leader. The 2017-2018 Bible study is *Cloud of Witness*, books are available for purchase at \$11 each.



Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Next meeting, 5/8. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 5/10. Co-Moderators, Patsy Craig and Sharon Meurer.

Mary Marxer

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 5/15, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers no longer meet on a monthly basis. You have the opportunity to help with the animal project. They have placed patterns and items needed for finishing the animals in the credenza in the front of the Adult Sunday School room (Double Room #4). They encourage you to help by sewing or stuffing the items as they are much appreciated by the nurses and children. Return finished animals to bottom of credenza and they'll be sure to get them down to the clinic. Lois Duell or Lorna Acker can help if you have any questions.

Outreach & Evangelism

Gail Crumpler

Monthly Pancake Community Breakfast will be May 12 from 8-10am. Join us as we meet our neighbors and make new friends. Consider joining us this month and perhaps invite a friend or neighbor.



The mission of Project Transformation is to support underserved children at churches located in the heart of low income neighborhoods. They are looking for caring volunteers to read with children in grades 1-5 on the mornings of July 2, 3 & 5 at Chapel Hill Methodist Church. They would like to have at least 10 volunteers from our church. Several of us read with the children last summer. They paired each of us with the same child each day. The children seemed to enjoy reading to us as much as we enjoyed listening to them. We hope you will give some of your time to this worthwhile cause. Let Gail Crumpler know if you are interested.

New Member Orientation Class!

The interim pastor will be conducting a New Member Orientation Class Sunday, May 6 during our normal Sunday School Hour from 9:30 to 10:30 am. in the Pastor's office. All persons interested in becoming a member of Faith United Presbyterian Church should notify the interim pastor and plan to attend this meeting. New members will be received during the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.



Happy Birthday!

May 1

- * Nathan Miller

May 2

- * Anne Kirchmeyer
- * Mary Marxer

May 3

- * Charlie Cole

May 4

- * George Mills

May 6

- * Jan Cole

May 9

- * Bobbie Jones

May 11

- * Fiona Coughenour

May 15

- * Joan Nelson
- * Grace Stottlemeyer

May 16

- * Linnie Hinkle

May 17

- * Cathy Marxer

May 30

- * Steve Nelson



Prayer Concerns



Rehab/At Home:

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

Prayers for:

- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer
(David's brother)
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Glen Sparks
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer
- ♥ Margaret Plunkett
- ♥ Sherrard family

**Next newsletter is
June 2018. Deadline
for articles, Friday,
May 18.
Contact church
office or Brenda
Swindle via email to
submit articles.**


Sunday School

The **Searchers** class continues to meet at 9:30 in the Library/Resource Room. Led by Alison Meier, the class is currently using the PC(USA) curriculum for 2018: *Feasting on the Word*.

The **Weekly Bible Study**, led by Rich Lewis will not meet Sundays, 4/29 or 5/6. They will resume the class on Sunday, 5/13 with new study material. Meets in Double Classroom #4 at 9:30.



The Children's classes, **Good Shepherd** and **Following Jesus** will meet through Sunday, June 3 at 11 a.m. They will break for the summer season and resume on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	2 7 pm FUPC Choir	3 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1 7:00 PNC #4	4	5 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
6 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 2:30 RYLA—#4	7 7:30 GA-Room #2	8 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	9 6 pm PNC #4 7 pm FUPC Choir	10 10:00 PW Circle #2 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	11	12 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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20 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 12:30 FUPC Session	21 7:30 GA-Room #2	22 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	23 6 pm PNC #4 7 pm FUPC Choir	24 10:00 LTCDS #1 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	25	26 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						



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