



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



I want to keep the congregation informed as to the church's progress in the search for your new installed pastor. I received a call today from our Church's liaison to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry informing me that our mission study has been approved by the Committee on Ministry and a green light given to the session to move forward with the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Presbytery had already given the session permission to select nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee. The following candidates have been asked by the session, and have indicated their willingness, to serve on this committee: Patti Sloey, Kurt Booth, Jessica Stottlemeyer, Alison Meier, and John Marxer. This committee must still be elected by the congregation at a called congregational meeting.

The work of the PNC is important and the congregation should expect the PNC to be diligent in its efforts to screen applicants to find the best qualified pastor to lead this church. Once the PNC has been

elected, the first order of business is to prepare the Ministry Information Form. This is a form that once completed, will give potential pastors seeking a call a description of who our congregation is, what our core values are, and the skills, training, and leadership style our church desires for its new minister. When this form has been approved by the Presbytery, it goes to Church Leadership Connection which is a ministry of the Office of the General Assembly based in Louisville Kentucky. Pastors from across the country seeking a call to a church will complete what is called a Personal Information Form. The Personal Information Form informs the interested church who the seeker is, their education, experience, preaching style and interests. The job of Church Leadership Connection is to try and match the skills, education, and experience of the pastor seeking a call with the needs and desires of the individual church. When the Church Leadership Connection finds what they believe is a potential match, they will send the seeker's Personal Information Form to the chairperson of the Pastor

## Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

Nominating Committee for the committee's evaluation and possible consideration as installed pastor.

That's when things get exciting at the church. Personal Information Forms are read and prioritized, phone interviews are held, video conferences are conducted and eventually a pastor is selected to be voted on by the congregation. The whole process is steeped in prayer always looking to Jesus Christ, the head of the church, for guidance and counsel. It may sound complicated but it works. It's not quick nor should it be. It takes time to prepare the forms, get approvals, enter the information into the Presbytery's data base, conduct interviews and participate in a myriad of discussions and debates over candidates. That's where the congregation comes in. Please pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee. They have a huge responsibility facing them and many, many hours of meetings. But with God's help, this church will call its new minister who will help this church continue its mission to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of its neighbors.

Shalom, *Jim*

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### Next newsletter is

**August 2017.**

**Deadline for articles, Friday, 7/14/17.**

**Contact church office or Brenda**

**Swindle via email to submit articles.**

## Presbyterian Women

FUPC Presbyterian Women circles will take a break for the summer. Their monthly Bible studies/Circles will resume in September. Feel free to contact Mary Marxer if you need more information or contact a circle leader.

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank the congregation of FUPC for their support of the Birthday Offering this year, \$433 was collected. The FUPC Circles also collected over \$60 for the Least Coin Offering this year.

**Tuesday Morning Circle**-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 9/12. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.



## Mary Marxer

**Thursday Morning Circle**-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 9/14. Co-Moderators, Patsy Craig and Sharon Meurer.

**Tuesday Evening Circle**-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 9/19, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, September 5 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.

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## Summer Sunday School...and more!

### Adult Sunday School

The **Searchers** class meets in the Resource Room/Library at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Alison Meier will be teaching this class during the summer. They continue to study the parables, with a study of 20th century saints to follow.

The **Weekly Bible Study** is taught by Rich Lewis. They continue the series of lessons on the Book of Hebrews in July. They will not meet Sunday, 7/30 or during the month of August as Rich and Courtland will be traveling. They meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in Double Classroom #4.



### Children's Sunday School

Two children's classes are offered each Sunday. **Good Shepherd**, ages 3-5 years and **Following Jesus**, ages 6-9 years. Both are during the 11 a.m. worship hour. They are led by Katie Miller and Brenda Burkham. **Note:** The children's classes are currently on summer break. Classes will resume Sunday, September 10.



At the time of printing this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) had begun, 6/26 to 6/29. Look for photos from the week's activities in the next edition of **Words of Faith**. It was nice to have the bustle of activity and excitement during the week of VBS. Many thanks to Jessie Reyes and the many volunteers and members of FUPC that helped make this year's VBS possible.



## Happy Birthday!

### July 1

- \* Amanda Norman
- \* Cameron Rodriguez

### July 5

- \* Gerry Shotswell

### July 6

- \* Alison Meier

### July 7

- \* Andrew West

### July 10

- \* George Walker

### July 15

- \* Mark Saiter

### July 17

- \* Samantha Burkham
- \* Dale Durcholtz
- \* Irene Simpson

### July 22

- \* Josias Reyes

### July 24

- \* Sabrina Hinely

### July 25

- \* Nancy Bond
- \* Doris Newton

### July 26

- \* Barbara Stein

### July 28

- \* Robin Laclede



## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Bob Haben
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer  
(David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Sherrard Family
- ♥ Alan Swope

### Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Betty Laney
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Betty Van

## Directory Updates

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



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## Notes & News from the Pews



Dear Faith United family,

Thank you. Your prayers have sustained us. Your concern and caring and many, many acts of kindness have strengthened us. Our gratitude is immense and we will never forget how much you have helped and encouraged us. Thank you!

*Cleo Sherrard, Nancy & David*

## Outreach & Evangelism

### Monthly Pancake Community

**Breakfast** will be July 8 from 8-10am. Join us and meet your neighbors and make new friends.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b>  9:00 Prayer Time 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 12:15 Congregational Mtg.	<b>3</b> 7:30 GA-Room #2	<b>4</b>  <b>July 4th holiday            Offices Closed</b> 7:00 GA-Double Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>5</b> 3:00 LTCDS Fellowship	<b>6</b> 7:00 GA-Double Rm #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
<b>9</b> 9:00 Prayer Time 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Session	<b>10</b> 7:30 GA-Room #2	<b>11</b> 3:00 LTCDS #1 7:00 GA-Double Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>12</b> 3:00 LTCDS Fellowship	<b>13</b> 7:00 GA-Double Rm #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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<b>23</b> 9:00 Prayer Time 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>24</b> 7:30 GA-Room #2	<b>25</b> 3:00 LTCDS #1 7:00 GA-Double Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>26</b> 3:00 LTCDS Fellowship	<b>27</b> 10:00 LTCDS #1 7:00 GA-Double Rm #2 7:30 ABA-Group-Rm 4	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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<b>Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—<a href="http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com">www.FaithUnited-pc.com</a></b>						



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