



Words of Faith

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From the Pastor's Desk

Barbara and I are very excited about the new chapter we begin of life together with you! The Lord has been bringing so many things together over the last several months. We are thankful to God that the Holy Spirit has brought us to Faith United Presbyterian Church!

As I write these words we are watching boxes multiply! By the time you read this, I hope we are seeing boxes shrink! There is much work ahead for Barbara and me as we transition and settle in our new home. But, it is exciting! We are looking forward to establishing our life in Farmers Branch! There is much work ahead for all of us as we continue to follow Jesus in the mission and ministry of God – loving God, loving others, and making disciples, locally, regionally, and globally. I eagerly look forward to the Spirit leading us to continue giving witness to God's kingdom! I think it will be exciting!

Barbara and I also look forward to getting to know you. At each church in which we have served, we have relished the relationships we have been blessed to experience. This



is important to us. We want to spend time getting to know you and hearing your stories. In this world of isolation and separation the inclusive community Christ creates and into which we are welcomed is life-giving, life-healing, and life-sustaining.

These first few weeks will be transition time for me at the church. In time I will let you know my office hours and other such details. But don't let that stop you from stopping by or giving a call. My door is usually open! If I can't answer the phone, leave a message and I will get back to you! And sharing a meal at your favorite restaurant or a

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

favorite beverage at the coffee shop, or playing a round of golf, are always good things! Also, find me on Facebook and we can be friends, or find me on Twitter and we can follow and

tweet each other!

It is important to note, that I am not yet connected to the flows of communication. So, if you or someone you know needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital, let me know when I arrive. These things are important to me.

My first day in my study at the church will be September 4. My first day in worship will be September 9. And I hope the boxes are gone shortly thereafter!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ken

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Presbyterian Women

The 2018-2019 Circle meetings will begin this month. There are two Circles for you to join, Tuesday Morning Circle or Tuesday Evening Circle. The *Horizons* Bible Study this year is “God’s Promise: I Am with You.” Study books are available for purchase in the church office or at Circle gatherings in September.



Mary Marxer

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

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Meet in member homes. Circle moderator, Irene Simpson. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 18.

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

Gail Crumpler



Monthly Community & Member Breakfast – The next monthly breakfast, September 8 between 8-10 A.M. will be the first one to be attended by our new pastor, Dr. Ken Ritchie and his wife Barbara. We are hoping for a big turnout of members to welcome them. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please let us know how many are coming and what you will bring. The choices are: breakfast casserole, fruit, or pastries. Hope to see you there.

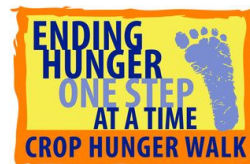
Chapel Hill Preparatory School – The school supplies that you have provided have been delivered. The bins were overflowing with your generosity. The staff there asked me to tell you how grateful they are to receive them.



North Dallas Shared Ministries – “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed” Proverbs 11:25. So it will be as we bring our food items for NDSM. We are collecting donations of canned foods: meats, fruits, vegetables, as well as rice, soup, and crackers. Please bring your items to church in August and place them on the table in the hallway. Our goal is 350 items.



Metrocrest Crop Walk for Hunger – We will have the opportunity to walk for hunger on Saturday, October 13. Stay tuned for more details, coming soon from Kurt Booth.



Building & Grounds

Dave Sloey

There is a FUPC Work Day scheduled for Saturday, 9/22, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will paint the main hallway from the office entrance to the Sanctuary. We will also do some landscaping. So, bring your paintbrushes and rollers, many hands makes light work!



Happy Birthday!

September 2

- * Dave Youngstrum

September 3

- * Jessica Stottleyer

September 5

- * Patsy Craig

September 7

- * Billie Jones

September 8

- * Phil Kretchmar

September 10

- * Nadine Moser

September 13

- * Stephanie Booth

September 17

- * Ila Post

September 26

- * Katie Miller
- * Debbie Rainier

September 27

- * Sugie Maxfield

September 28

- * Jeanne Sawyer



Rehab/At Home:

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

Prayers for:

- ♥ Fred Dickens
- ♥ Dale Durholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Jessamine Scheele
- ♥ Glen Sparks
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer
- ♥ Margaret Plunkett

Next newsletter is
October 2018.
Deadline for articles,
Friday, Sept. 21.
Contact church
office or Brenda
Swindle via email to
submit articles.



On 9/1 we welcome Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie and his wife, Barbara. Below is their address. Stay tuned for more info.

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Notes & News from the Pews



Saying thank you just doesn't seem like enough to express our Christian Love for each of our brothers and sisters at FUPC.

May God continue to bless each of you. We will value your friendship forever.

Yours in Christ, Jim & Terry

Sunday School at FUPC

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. They continue to study the Book of Acts. Meets in Double Classroom #4 at 9:30.



The Children's classes, **Good Shepherd** and **Following Jesus** will resume on Sunday, Sept. 9.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 FUPC Worship 11 am to 5 pm GSKPC Worship/Study/Fellowship	3 Labor Day Holiday—Church Offices Closed 7:30 GA-Room #2	4 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	5 9:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GSKPC Resource 7:00 GSKPC #4 7:00 Choir #9	6 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1 7:00 GSKPC-Rm #4	7 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	8 8:00 Welcome Breakfast 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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