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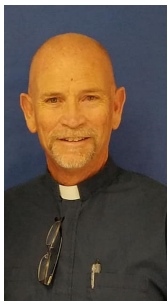
Words of Faith

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

From the Pastor



In rural Iowa, at the pinnacle of a high school graduation party for his daughter, a father spoke words of celebration, joy and pride to the assembled family and friends. His daughter would be heading off to college in the fall. Not many members of this proud farming family went to college, but the daughter was motivated and determined in her plans. The father finished his laudatory and loving comments by telling his daughter, "Remember who you are and whose you are."

This is the message of the gospel. When Jesus teaches us to pray, "Our Father, . . ." Jesus is calling for us to remember who we are and whose we are, allowing that good news to form and shape us in faith. In Christ, we participate in the eternal relationship of love and life between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In Christ we are children of God; in Christ we have been claimed and redeemed as God's own. Healing, hope, deliverance, wholeness are made real. In Christ we are connected in community to each other and to God. We are connected to the larger body of Christ. This is what we celebrate on World Communion Sunday, whether we are in-person or on-line.

Uncertainty, loss, fear, anxiety, isolation abound. How easy it is to be discouraged in these days and times. However, in Christ, as children of God, claimed by God as God's own, we are reminded that we are not alone, we are not isolated, we have not been forgotten.

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

As we pass through these waters of threat, God is with us; the waters shall not overwhelm us. As we walk through the trials of life we are not consumed. Remembering who we are and whose we are comforts us, encourages us, frees us, and empowers us. The gospel does not allow us to evade or deny the pandemic, persistent chaos, the aging process, misery, forced change, loss, grief, or even death. However, the gospel does lift us up to be people of compassion, empathy, love, mercy, welcome, mercy, healing, inclusion. The gospel leads us to wisdom, do justice, make peace, and welcome the stranger.

Remember who you are and whose you are!

I look forward to seeing you in worship, in-person or on-line through Facebook or YouTube. The mid-week video devotional, "Praying the Lord's Prayer," continues through the fall. Each week we talk about a phrase of the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, allowing that prayer to form and shape our prayer life. Check it out!

Let me know of any needs, or if you would like to visit. Let's continue to choose kindness, compassion, and love; let do justice and make peace; let's welcome the stranger; let's persevere in prayer, as we seek to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ken

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Outreach & Evangelism

Debbie Rainier

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

(PCHAS) - An organization that FUPC has supported for many years.



Presbyterian Children's Homes and ServicesSM
of Texas and Louisiana

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, there will be a luncheon benefitting PCHAS at 12:00 at the Double Tree Hotel at Campbell Center, 8250 North Central Exp.

Rich and Courtland Lewis will host a table and need four volunteers to join them. Masks will be worn except when eating. For those not wanting to remove masks, a boxed lunch "to go" will be available. This is always a moving experience as former residents of the homes tell of their experiences and the positive support they received there. I pray you will consider going with us. There is no charge for the lunch but a donation is always welcome and encouraged. Please contact Courtland Lewis if you would like to attend, 214-417-9982 or via email at rzlewis@gmail.com. If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation to PCHAS through FUPC, you may give online via the FUPC link below in the "Online Giving" article or via check. Please note on either method "for PCHAS" in the notes/memo line.

Online Giving

We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smartphone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Special Offerings throughout the year. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



Praying the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Ken

The mid-week devotional offered by Pastor Ken this fall is on the Lord's Prayer, as we consider how to allow this prayer given by Jesus to form and shape our prayer life. Each week a different phrase within the prayer is discussed. The devotional is posted on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel mid-week.



Happy Birthday!

October 1

* Courtland Lewis

October 5

* James West

October 11

* Kim Sloey

* Carol West

October 13

* Lloyd Yost

October 14

* Lois Duell

* Aileen Tiemann

October 21

* Frank Fehmel

October 26

* Lisa Laclede

* Aaron Russ

October 29

* Lois Norton



Homebound or Recovering:

- ♥ Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ John Marxer
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

Next newsletter is November 2021. Deadline for articles, Friday, October 22.

Contact church office or Brenda Swindle via email to submit articles.

Worship services are available In-Person, via Facebook Live, or on our YouTube channel.


Worship resources available at www.FaithUnited-pc.com

Weekly Bible Study class

Rich Lewis

The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They are starting a new study. It is a look at parables using Stories Jesus Told, a video series by Greg Carey. Each week they will have a 10 to 15 minute video about a parable and then discuss it. Dr. Carey has some unusual insights into these parables. It should be fun and enlightening. Since there is limited fellowship opportunities before worship they currently meet from 9:45 until 10:45. They will not meet on Sunday, 10/3 but will resume their study of the parables on Sunday, 10/10. Rich looks forward to seeing you then.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>FUPC = Faith United Presbyterian</i> <i>GA = Gamblers Anonymous</i> <i>OA = Overeaters Anonymous</i> <i>LTCDS = Little Treasures School</i>		30	1 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	2 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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