

Vital Congregations



Five Fruitful Practices

“Radical Hospitality”

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

January 22, 2012

8:30 / 11:00 am

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Lead Pastor	Rev. Matt Gaston
Associate Pastor	Rev. Lisa Marshall Blaylock
Associate Pastor	Rev. Jessica Wright
Associate Pastor	Rev. Deana Ferguson

SHINE GOD'S LOVE INTO EVERY LIFE

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WE GATHER

Welcome

John Priddy

Prelude

Andante Sostenuto III from Sonata VI F. Mendelssohn
S. Andrew Lloyd, organist

If you have prayers of joy or concern to share with the congregation and the Prayer Ministry Team, please write those on a blue Prayers of the People card located in the pew rack in front of you. These cards will be picked up during the first hymn.

***Call to Worship**

Lloyd Hensley (8:30); Dale Tampke (11:00)

One: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your spirit to fill our very being.

Many: **As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshiping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere.**

One: Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another. Help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.

Many: **In the spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we now must walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world. Amen.**

(Nancy R. McMaster, U.S.A., 20th cent)

***Hymn 560**

Help Us Accept Each Other

Sung to the tune of *The Church's One Foundation*, page 545

*The Prayers of the People will be picked up during the singing of this hymn.
The Children are invited to the front for Children's Time.*

WE PROCLAIM

A Time for Our Children

Rev. Deana Ferguson

Hymn 549 v 1,3,6

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Ministry Witness

Luke Vanderbloemen

Call to Prayer

Breath of God, Breath of peace, Breath of love, Breath of life,
Breath of jus - tice, Breath of pas - sion, Breath cre - at - ing,
Breath of heal - ing, Breath of sing - ing, Breath of pray - ing, Come —
— up - on us, come re - store us, come in - spire us, Breath of God.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lisa Marshall Blaylock

Lord's Prayer

the people praying

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps
Credo Choir; Donna Meinecke, accompanist

arr. Thomas

Scripture

Romans 15:7-13
Page 163 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

Message

"Radical Hospitality"

Rev. Matt Gaston

Our Offering (8:30)

Let Us Go!

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(11:00)

The Rune of Hospitality
Chancel Choir

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*I saw a stranger yestereen; I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place;
and in the sacred names of the Triune God,
he blessed me and my house, my cattle and my dear ones,
and the lark said in her song:
Often, Often, Often,
goes the Christ in a stranger's guise.*

Please register your attendance on the registration pads. After you have completed your information, pass it down the row, and then back up the row so that everyone can see who is sitting nearby.

***Doxology 111, v 4**

the people singing

*So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence,
sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun.
In Christ alone is Love full grown, and life and hope begun.*

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to explore becoming a part of this church family, please come down at the close of the service to express that desire and see one of the pastors who will be happy to guide you in those next steps through our Methodism 101 class.

***Hymn 548**

In Christ There Is No East or West

***Blessing**

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Acolytes today are Reed Wilhoit and Meredith Hill (8:30);
Alyssa Williamson and Stephanie Williamson (11:00).

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1st Floor
of the East Wing during worship.

New members are always welcome at First United Methodist Church of Denton.
For more information, call one of our pastors at 940.382.5478.

A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time.
All you need to do is call one of our pastors, 940.382.5478.

One of your pastors is always available for after hours emergencies at 940.566.6500.

Name one thing here that you can do to show radical hospitality:

Tear off and place in the offering plate.

**The Mission Corner Collection for January is peanut butter
for the Denton Community Food Center.**
You may leave your donations in the Miller Center Mission Corner.

Today . . .

Mission Possible Kids meet at 2:00 pm in Miller Center to make mats for the homeless.

Methodism 101 meets, 5:00-7:30 pm, Room 108. If you are not yet a member, this overview of the United Methodist Church and First UMC-Denton is a must.

God is Not One, a small group study, begins at 5:00 pm, Room 332.

9:40 am Youth Sunday School on the 3rd Floor in the Youth Loft area
4:30-5:20 pm Credo Choir Rehearsal for 6th-12th grades, Room 331.
5:30-7:30 pm UMYouth – Snack Supper and program: . . . living radical hospitality.

Coming . . .

January 23 **Business Council** will **NOT** meet.

January 25 **Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

6:00-6:30 pm - Cherubs (ages 4-Kindergarten)
6:40-7:20 pm - Choristers (Grades 1-3)
7:30-8:15 pm - Challengers (Grades 4-5)

Handbell Choir Rehearsals

5:30-6:30 pm – Adult Handbell Choir
6:45-7:15 pm – Children's Choirchimes
7:30-8:15 pm – Youth Handbell Choir

January 29 **Methodism 101**, 5:00-7:30 pm, Room 108.

January 31 **Denton Association of Christian Women**, 9:30-11:30 am

February 4 **Lay Leadership Seminar**, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm, Miller Center & Room 330.

February 10 **Super Hits of the 70's Two**, a concert benefiting Imagine No Malaria. Rock with the Connections Band, comprised of clergy from the North Texas Conference, beginning at 7:00 pm, in our Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted for Imagine No Malaria.

Our Daily Bread Fundraiser, the Harlem Ambassadors take on the Hungry Dunkers (our hometown team).

7:00 pm, Denton High School Gym, 7:00 pm
Tickets are \$10 (5 and under free) and available in Miller Center on Sunday mornings.

Summer Camp Registration

Summer camp registration is now open! Register now to take advantage of early bird savings. Register online at <http://bridgeportcamp.com/camp-schedule>. 3rd-5th graders will want to register for the camp held July 17-21. Youth will want to register for JH2 June 25-30 or SH July 2-7.

God is Not One

This seven-week study will provide participants with a guide to help understand the different religious traditions of the world's eight major faiths. One of the most popular metaphors portrays the great religions as different paths up the same mountain. It is a comforting notion in a world in which religious violence often seems more present and potent than God. But is it true? If you are interested in the class, please contact Joe Carbonaro at the church. The class will meet in Room 332 at 5:00 pm on Sunday evenings, starting January 22. If you would like to purchase a book, they are available at cost of \$12.

Practices of Fruitful Congregations — Series Begins in January

Rev. Matt will lead us through this very helpful book by Bishop Robert Schnase. An excellent study for Sunday School classes and small groups, Schnase points out rightly that vital, fruitful congregations exhibit these outstanding characteristics:

Radical hospitality	Passionate worship
Intentional faith development	Risk-taking mission and service
Extravagant generosity	

We will explore these with interaction from the congregation as we launch ourselves into the new year.

Worship Schedule:

January 29 "Passionate Worship"	Psalm 84:1-4
February 5 "Intentional Faith Development"	Ephesians 4:11-16
February 12 "Risk-taking Mission & Service"	Matthew 25:31-40
February 19 "Extravagant Generosity"	2 Corinthians 9:10-15

As a **Stephen Ministry** congregation, First United Methodist Church provides one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around the congregation. A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time. All you need to do is call one of our pastors, 940.382.5478.



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