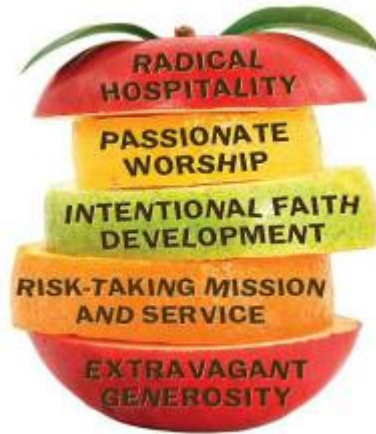


Vital Congregations



Five Fruitful Practices

“Intentional Faith Development”

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

February 5, 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

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WE GATHER

Welcome John Priddy

Prelude *Movement 2 from Thirty Pieces* Hugo Distler
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** Judy Muschlitz (8:30); Joe Roy (11:00)

One: Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

Many: Or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

One: But their delight is in the law of the Lord,

Many: And on God's law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.

Many: In all that they do, they prosper. (Psalm 1)

***Hymn 617** *I Come with Joy*

*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. Jessica Wright

Response (11:00) *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Mayo/Adams
Chorister Children's Choir
Jett Cheek, director; Shirley Nichols, accompanist

Hymn 405 *Seek Ye First*

Confession Rev. Deana Ferguson

One: Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings.

Many: Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.

One: For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not choose to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.

Many: O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

Words of Assurance

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-16

Page 194 in the New Testament of your pew Bible

Message

"Intentional Faith Development"

Rev. Matt Gaston

Our Offering (8:30)

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Mayo/Adams

(11:00) *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Chancel Choir

arr. Wilberg*

Text found on pg. 400 of the hymnal

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

the people singing

*If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm,
assured, was simply there,
We can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore.
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.*

WE RESPOND

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Response 1

*Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

Response 2

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Response 3

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Communion will be served at the front of the Sanctuary or by intinction at stations in the back of the Sanctuary or in the balcony. If you choose to receive communion at the front, an usher will direct you to an open place at the rail where you may kneel or stand. There will be no formal dismissal; you are welcome to remain as long as you like and return to your seat when you are ready. If you choose to receive communion by intinction, you will receive the bread to dip into the cup before partaking. If you prefer to be served in your pew, please tell an usher.

As the congregation shares in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please join in singing the first and last verses of the following hymns: 173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*; 554 *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*; 415 *Take Up Thy Cross*, 560 *Help Us Accept Each Other*, 635 *Because Thou Hast Said*, 565 *Father We Thank You*, 164 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*,

Anthem (8:30)	<i>One</i>	Steve Wiest
	Carmen Wiest, violin; Matthew Wiest, 'cello	
(11:00)	<i>Prayer to Jesus</i>	Oldroyd

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 413** *A Charge to Keep I Have*

***Blessing**

Postlude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Acolytes today are Bedford Richardson and Nicole Schriver (8:30);
Wes Simms and Cole Starrett (11:00).

*The Offertory anthem sung at the 11:00 service is a gift recently given in memory of our organist emeritus, Dale Peters, by Duain Wolfe, conductor of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and founder of our congregation's Credo Youth Choir.

Here is one thing here that I can do to intentionally develop my faith:

Tear off and place in the offering plate.

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.

The Mission Corner Collection for the Denton Community Food Center.

In February, Communities in Schools is our beneficiary.

Your donations will help provide food during spring break for students and families who rely on free breakfast and lunch programs during the regular school week.

You may leave your donations in the Miller Center Mission Corner.

Boxed meals (such as hamburger helper, etc.)

Macaroni and Cheese (boxed)

Pasta Noodles Spaghetti Sauce

Flour Sugar

Today . . .

Stone Soup Luncheon, to-go orders in Miller Center; serving in Monroe Gym, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm, benefiting Food Center.

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:
 . . Super Bowl Celebration.

Coming . . .

February 8 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 Choirs will not meet for rehearsals

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.

February 12 Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 – 10:00 am, Monroe Gym
Sweetheart Dinner/Dance, 6:00-7:30 pm, Monroe Gym

- February 22** **Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary**
- February 26** **The 5th, Semi-Infrequent, Leap Year Concert, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary.**
 Have some fun and expect some surprises with all our choral groups – Credo, Chamber, Chancel Choirs and Men’s Ensemble – along with Foo McBubba. A love offering will be received to benefit the Music Ministries of the church.
- July 8-12** **Vacation Bible School is coming!**
 Operation Overboard is sailing into town
 Sunday, July 8 through Thursday, July 12
 Children ages 3 years through 5th grade will enjoy crafts, music and recreation while learning about Jesus.

Join the **Single Adult Ministry (SAM)** folks at the Super Hits of the 70’s concert on February 10. Meet in the Narthex at 6:45 pm to help select a place for after- concert dessert and fellowship. Call Brenda Horn, 940.365.3694, for more information.

All Church Workday, Saturday, February 18, 8:30 am-4:00 pm.
 Put your servant hands to work by helping to paint the hallways and door jams on the first and second floors of the Education Building. Our goal is to freshen up the building and make it more hospitable for members and guests. Childcare will be available as well as coffee and donuts for our early arrivals. For more information, contact Joe Carbonaro in the Business office at 940.382.5478.

Youth 2012 Mission Trips
 Register now with Rev. Deana Ferguson:
 Middle School: C2K in Dallas, March 18-23
 High School: UM Army, June 17-23

Practices of Fruitful Congregations: Sermon Series

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:

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| 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:
 February 12 “Risk-taking Mission & Service” Matthew 25:31-40
 February 19 “Extravagant Generosity” 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

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