

**Faith U.C.C.**

**Glimpses of Faith Newsletter**

**March 2007**

**Jerry Leggett, the Seawall Singer, will be at Faith UCC  
On Wednesday night March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. This is  
Part of his nationwide “Sing Out for Peace” tour.  
Invite a friend!**



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## ***January and February Circle of Faith News***

January's program helped us understand how lay women in the Catholic Church help serve the church and the community. Our speaker was Pat Fox from St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, and she did an excellent job of showing the many ways that lay women can serve.

In our business meeting, we began planning for the World Day of Prayer program, which will be hosted by Faith UCC and First Protestant. It will be held on March 2, 2007 at First Protestant, from 12 noon to 1 :00pm. We will also be assisting First Protestant with the Church Women of Comal County Luncheon, to be held on April 20, 2007 at First Protestant.

Emma Lou reminded us that we are the host church for the South Texas Association (ST A) Women's Fellowship, and our annual meeting will be in September, 2007. A letter will go out to all the churches.

In February, we invited Emma Deninno to come and talk to us about growing up in Russia. It was a fascinating story, and we learned about the hardships her family had to endure for many years. Eventually she came to America (Los Angeles) and later married Robert. When they moved to New Braunfels, they looked for a church to worship in and chose Faith. Emma was delightful to listen to!



One of the business items again included the World Day of Prayer preparation.

After Karen assigned parts to people, she told us there would be a rehearsal on February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7pm at First Protestant. The second item of business was the CCW Luncheon on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$6.50 and the proceeds will go to the Westside Community Center.

The third item was the ST A Women's Fellowship. Norma and Emma Lou gave a report that all the records have been transferred over from Redeemer (last year's host) to Faith. The letter to all the churches will be ready to go by the end of the month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Ludwig

## **Jerry Leggett to Perform in Peace Concert At Faith UCC on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

Singer-songwriter, UCC minister, Jerry Leggett began a nationwide peace concert tour on January 12<sup>th</sup>. This is Jerry's way of celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Christ. He launched his peace tour from Church of the Good Shepherd in Phoenix, Arizona on Martin Luther King Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. He is now in Texas and on his way south to Florida and then up the east coast. He will be in Hartford, Connecticut for General Synod and then head back west.

Jerry describes his tour as "a nonsectarian, nonpartisan effort to celebrate the ideals that make for peace in the heart and peace in the world." His music menu will include classic peace standards by the Beatles, Bob Dylan and Tracy Chapman, plus a mix of his own soul-stirring Leggett originals.

Along the way Jerry is interacting with people he meets and asking them two basic questions: Is peace possible? And What would the world look like if it was at peace? Jerry says of this aspect of the tour, "We hope the tour will give voice to those ordinary folks across our land whose dreams for a better world are not always heard or understood – or as it is said in the UCC, that 'another world is possible' says Rev. Art Cribbs, of the tours co-organizers.

**Jerry will perform at Faith UCC on Wednesday night March 7<sup>th</sup> and his visit is co-sponsored by the Comal County Unitarian Universalists. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Come out and see the peace bubble, meet Jerry and hear some great music. Jerry has sold over 70,000 CD's ! The concert is free. A free will offering will be received to support Jerry in his trek across America. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!**

## **Afraid: A Dramatic telling of the Gospel of Mark March 3 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church**

Mark Runyeon will be performing his much acclaimed dramatic monologue "Afraid" at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Saturday night March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. He has performed this play before thousands of people all across the United States, but you might remember him from when he played opposite Meg Ryan on *As the World Turns*! He also happens to have a degree in Religion from Princeton University. He attended Fuller Seminary to prepare for the writing and performance of "Afraid." He went on to study at Yale Divinity School and received a Masters, with honors from General Theological Seminary.

The play is set in the catacombs of Rome by candlelight. The Gospel of Mark has been translated into contemporary English and is done in the first person. Characters and lights shift constantly as the Gospel engages the audiences imaginations, often surprising them with flashes of humor. The play is appropriate for the whole family.

It has won high praises from church leaders and scholars of all denominations as well as the secular press. People's Magazine calls his performance "**Remarkable! Runyeon brings his charm center stage.**" Christ Church Cambridge calls it "**Stunning! Brilliant! Clearly a work of faith.**"

**Imagine....**

**The floor under your feet is dirt....**

**The only light is coming from candles....**

**We're in the catacombs....**

**Underneath Rome....**

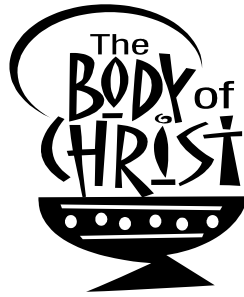
Anyone wanting to eat out before the play is invited to join the pastor at the Springs Restaurant at 5:30 p.m.

## A Poem From Emma

To the church:

I love this church  
I love it so much  
This is a very good church  
Let's celebrate!

Love Emma



## Pastor's Page

The wonderful, heartfelt poem was written by Emma. Emma is the granddaughter of Steve and Judy Anderson. She wrote this poem one Sunday in Sunday School class to describe Faith UCC.

How would you describe Faith UCC? If you were to write a poem about your church, what would you write? In fact, why not make this a Lenten exercise!

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Ephesus had worked long and hard to be faithful but had lost the quality of love. Smyrna was financially poor but spiritually rich. It was undergoing slander and persecution and so was under considerable stress. Pergaumum also was experiencing persecution. One of its members had even recently been martyred. But John says they are following some false teachers and prophets. Thyatira is described as a loving, faithful, service minded church. Although John says they are listening to a false prophetess. He describes Sardis as once having been a very "alive" church but which is now "dead." Philadelphia is said to have endured amidst persecution. Laodicea is said to have become luke-warm because its members are overly comfortable and well off. Each church is described differently but to each John suggests that they draw closer to Christ. **No matter how you describe Faith UCC, may this Lenten Season be a time for us to draw closer to Christ, individually and as a church. If we do we will indeed have much to celebrate!**

## **Pastor Parrish Relations Committee**

**The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will soon be meeting. You are invited to share any “concerns or appreciations” that you might have. The committee will act as a link between the congregation and Pastor Scott. You may speak to any of the members of the committee. They are: Karen Kramm, Frank Dietz, Michelle Gilbreath, and Dorothy Rest.**

## **Sign Up For the United Church News**

A common complaint is that people don't know what is going on in the denomination. Of course, this complaint only seems to arise when people disagree with some action the UCC has taken at the national level! Never the less, there is really little excuse for this. Some years back the UCC decided to make our national newspaper FREE. All people have to do is contact them with your name and address! To subscribe call 800-363-0575; email [ucn@pubinfocenter.com](mailto:ucn@pubinfocenter.com); or write United Church News, P.O. Box 247, Bellmawr, NJ 0809

The newspaper has won many awards for religious journalism and is an excellent way to stay in touch with what's happening in the UCC across the nation. It is free but like any ministry of the church, it will not turn down any donation you want to make. If you don't already get this newspaper, SIGN UP NOW! Otherwise, never complain again that you don't know what's going on in the

**Make a note on your calendar. The annual Eden Home Fundraising Gala will be held on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Our Thanks to All Involved With the Slumber Falls Sausage Supper Fundraiser!**

A big thank you to all of you who helped make the Slumber Falls Sausage Supper Fundraiser such a big success. A special thanks to Joe and Mikki Ward for coming up with the idea and organizing it! The receipts are still being counted but it is estimated that around \$800 was raised for the camp. 150 people were served, including the 50 work campers from the camp! Jerry Leggett dropped by and gave us a sample of his music.



## **Lenten Bible Study Redeeming the Book of Revelation**

Sunday nights throughout Lent we will gather at 6:30 Sunday night for a soup supper (Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> participants are asked to bring a sandwich.) The study will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Please read in advance the following chapters from Revelation:

- March 4<sup>th</sup> chapters 5-7
- March 11<sup>th</sup> chapters 8-11
- March 18<sup>th</sup> chapters 12-13
- March 25<sup>th</sup> chapters 17-18
- April 4<sup>th</sup> chapters 19-22

Each of these Sunday night studies will be repeated for those who can't come Sunday night, on the following Wednesday.





**Good Friday Service  
With Friedens and Cross UCC  
April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.  
At Friedens UCC in Geronimo**

Friedens UCC has invited Cross and Faith UCC to join them observing Good Friday. The service will be held Friday afternoon April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to carpool is asked to be at Faith Church by 2:30.

**One Great Hour of Sharing  
Special Offering March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Many of us have been wonderfully generous in responding to the crying needs splashed on our television sets after disasters like the tsunami in Asia, the earthquake in Pakistan/Kashmir, and the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. United Church of Christ members gave more than \$10.5 million to special disaster appeals last year.

Yet disasters occur every day in the lives of millions of other people – disasters of extreme poverty and chronic hunger, of terminally unclean water and no sanitation, of terrorizing war and devastating loss. We see these images from time to time, and our hearts go out to those people. But that's different right? After all, we can't be there for everyone in person, but through One Great Hour of Sharing we can, through the NGO's, missionaries and church workers it supports.

Since 1949 churches across North America have been giving to the annual OGHS offering, expressing God's love to our neighbors far and wide. Gifts to OGHS support programs and people build lives and communities that are healthy, safe and sustainable. Please give generously on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to  
Set Your  
Clocks  
Forward on  
Saturday  
March 10<sup>th</sup>!



### **In Search of Choir Members For Easter**

If you enjoy singing speak to Kelcey Kramm or Ken Triesch. We are looking for people to work on some Easter music for the Easter service. If you have sung in a choir before great, if you haven't now's your chance!

Music is such a wonderful gift to the congregation. Sing to the Lord a new song!



**World Day of  
Prayer  
Friday March 2  
At  
First Protestant  
Church**

**Noon to 1 p.m.**

**Come out early and  
join the prayer time in  
the chapel from 11 to  
noon.**