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Glimpses of Faith Newsletter  
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My continued thanks to all of you who have been so gracious in helping me to keep my feet on the ground while doing the tasks I have been charged with while Pastor Scott is on sabbatical. I have to admit the job is taking more time and energy than I had anticipated. A big part of that is the volume of telephone calls and what seems to be a steady stream of people coming through the office asking for help with groceries, gasoline money, rent money (homelessness). The need seems to continue to grow in our area, and so far, we have been able to respond to the needs of those people who have asked for assistance. Since our last newsletter, more of you have been asked for your help – financially and in other ways and as I mentioned last month, if you have not been called on yet, don't hold your breath... your time may be coming soon!

We also have had several new groups renting our facilities, some for repeat events, others for one-time events. The calendar will contain additional information concerning dates and times of the upcoming events, and a calendar will be posted in the office off the narthex as well as one being available online to help us keep track of rentals.

Speaking of keeping track of time, remember that on Saturday night, Nov. 2, we must set our clocks BACK one hour. The purpose of Daylight Saving Time is to provide an additional hour of daylight in the mornings.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, here at Faith, the Reverend Doctor Bob Manning and guest Rudi Harst will lead our worship service, which. . . will include a service of remembrance as we recall those people who have passed away during the last several years. We have had a number of faithful and long-standing members who have joined the community of hosts who we want to lift up and recognize. At this time, we will remember and celebrate the lives they lived. Nov. 3 is part of the All Saints weekend and our celebration will be held that day. On Sunday, All Saints Sunday, our community of fellowship will lift up the names and remember those friends and family members of Faith Church during a ceremony during which as their names are read, a bell is rung and a prayer is said to conclude the special time.

Members of Faith Church among those being celebrated include Bennie Harst, the Reverend Raymond Bizer, Don Green, Lucile Marburger, Richard Hitz, the Reverend Al Hennig, Sharon Wendel, Emma Lou Bizer and Elizabeth Martin.. Families of those being remembered will receive special invitations to attend the service and potluck afterward. *Pastor Janet (Sherman, L.M.)*



## Pulpit Supply Schedule for Sabbatical

Thanks again to those guest ministers who are filling the pulpit during Pastor Scott's sabbatical. The remaining two months-plus include:

October 6 - Rev. Sabrina Jennings  
Worldwide Communion Sunday /  
gathering of Neighbors in Need offering

October 13 - Rev. Jeremy Albers

October 20 - Rev. Gerry Metzger

October 27 - Rev. Gerry Metzger

November 3 - Rev. Frank Dietz and Rudi Harst  
celebration during worship service  
(potluck after church)

November 10 - Rev. Dr. Don Longbottom, Conference Minister, South Central Conference, UCC



### *Happy October Birthdays!*

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 10-1 Judy Anderson    | 10-21 Adeline Biesenbach   |
| 10-3 Cullen Leonhardt | 10-21 Cassidy Martinez     |
| 10-7 Sunny Byrne      | 10-22 Scott Martin         |
| 10-10 Jody Coble      | 10-23 Carol Sisco-Martinez |
| 10-11 Tex Pantermuehl | 10-26 Gage Marlow          |
| 10-14 Eddie Martinez  | 10-29 Nathan Leber         |
| 10-18 Evelyn Krueger  |                            |
| 10-20 Louie Heras     |                            |

If your birthday does not appear here, let Janet Sherman know so we can add your name to the list for next year.

**17** A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.  
Proverbs 17:17 The Bible, New International Version

## Participant shares bowler's point of view

By Rev. Ralph Ludwig

One Sunday morning back in late August, I was ambushed by one of the sweetest little old ladies in our congregation with a proposal, which I initially discounted as being outlandish – “you’ve got be kidding.”

I’m 80 years old, and I haven’t been bowling for more than 30 years. . . I sold my bowling ball, bag and shoes when I moved into our apartment at Edenhill Communities. No, I don’t think so. But this little old lady would not let me go, and she asked me again and again. And it is one thing to turn down an invitation, based on the fact that I’m 80 years old, but when the person who is asking you to join her league is 90, well, that excuse doesn’t hold much water.

Well, she broke through my resistance, and I agreed to give it a try. What did I have to lose, except my dignity, when I found out that I couldn’t even lift the ball, or keep it out of a gutter, or score higher than a little old 90 year old.

On my first night out, I had to use a lane ball, (an old, well-used and often chipped and ill-fitting ball), and I picked it up and walked up to the lane, looked down at those 10 perfectly set pins and my mind said, “you remember what you are supposed to do,” but

my body said, “You got to be kidding!” After I let the ball loose on those perfectly set pins, they remained “perfectly set.” And the next few balls followed that same pattern. I began to feel this was a BIG mistake. But then something happened, and I began knocking some pins down.

And I got so good that they gave me a 101-pin handicap. So I could go home and tell Sandy (my wife) I bowled 170 that night. She was impressed.

After a few weeks, I was bowling 135 without the added handicap, and each week it has been improving, and I am having fun and getting exercise, and meeting new people. And so I want to thank that little 90-year-old lady for persisting. You are not too old to start something new or to resurrect an old sport, bringing it back to life.

To be sure, I don’t yet have the same zing that I used to have, but hey, I’ve only been at this for four weeks, and I am 30 years older. But the best part is, I am having fun doing it. Thanks, Dari.

Oh, by the way, our team is called “The Holy Rollers,” and we bowl on Friday nights at 6:30. We have only two members on our teams, but we are having fun.

## Women from Friedens welcome those from Faith for salad lunch, Slumber Falls Camp program

About a dozen women and the Rev. Ralph Ludwig made the visit to Friedens Church in Geronimo for what has become an annual event: a salad lunch alternatingly hosted by the women at Friedens and the women at Faith Church, usually held in the fall. This year’s program was led by Rev. Jeremy Albers, director of Outdoor Ministry at Slumber Falls. Along with Rev. Dave and Rev. Sonja Phillips, about 25 members from Friedens attended.



Rev. Albers’ enthusiastic presentation about Slumber Falls Camp included five fundamental characteristics of Christian Camping as seen on the chart pictured above.

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## October Calendar

Oct. 6 – 10:30 Sunday Worship World Communion Sunday |  
Neighbors in Need Sunday; Rev. Sabrina Jennings.

Oct. 10 – Vineyard at Gruene Property  
Owner's Association Board Meeting  
6 to 7:30 p.m., Baese Fellowship Hall

Oct. 13 – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Access Sunday; Disabilities Awareness  
Week; Rev. Jeremy Albers.

Oct. 20 – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Children's Sabbath | Laity Sunday  
Rev. Gerald Metzger.

Oct. 27 – 10:30 a.m. –Sunday Worship  
UCC Higher Education Sunday  
Rev. Gerald Metzger.  
(no potluck after church; has been reset  
for Sunday, 11/3)

Oct. 30 – November newsletter deadline

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### **Southern Women's Retreat: Oct. 18-20, 2019**

United Church of Christ 2019 Southern Region Women's  
Retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center  
in North Carolina.

This is the Official Invitation for the 2019 UCC Southern  
Region Women's Retreat (SRWR) – hosted by the  
Southern Conference and planned by the 2019 SRWR  
Planning Team.

Here is the link to more information to register:

<https://sccucc.org/7686-2/>

## Special thanks for gift card donations



Thank you for answering the call to provide gift cards for those in need who come to the church office on a daily basis. A special shout out to BEST FIT FOR YOU, Beth Bizer's group, for donating a night of "best fit for you pilates" to the community for gift card donations – the response to this opportunity contributed to the success of this mission moment!!! Thanks, Best Fit, for your support of Faith UCC!!

## Children exploring Old Testament stories in Church School

By Karen P. Dietz

Church School classes are well under way at Faith Church. We thank the many volunteers who are giving their time and talents to share with the younger members of our church family. Sharing their understanding of God's abundant love through the

lesson material is a treasured witness for which we are most grateful.

This semester, the children are exploring Old Testament stories through age-appropriate activities. Each lesson includes a "Faith on the Go" activity or

suggestion to be carried out during the week.

Parents, do ask your young ones to share this with you so you might work on it together before the following Sunday.

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### **Phillipians 4:4-9**

**4** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

**5** Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

**6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**8** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

**9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. —New International Version Bible

## Heart of Texas Association News

Evangelical UCC in Lyons welcomed Jacqueline Lamensky as their new designated pastor at the end of July. She comes to Lyons after serving Friedens United Church of Christ in Bern, Kansas for almost five years. Many here in the South Central Conference and in the Heart of Texas Association are also welcoming her back since Jacqueline spent her childhood at Immanuel Church in Needville, later was part of Faith UCC in New Braunfels and Friedens UCC in Geronimo, and spent many years at Slumber Falls Camp as a camper, counselor, and intern. After graduating from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis in 2013, Jacqueline was ordained at Friedens in Geronimo. As she has written in her introduction to the Lyons church, "I am also born, baptized, confirmed, and ordained in the United Church of Christ, it runs in my veins!" I know many of us in this Association will get to know her well. We rejoice with Evangelical Lyons in this new time in the life of their church and pray that, together, the church and Jacqueline will have a blessed and fruitful ministry.



Our Heart of Texas Committee on Ministry, at its recent meeting, interviewed Cameron Burton for ordination and voted to approve him for an Ecclesiastical Council at the Fall HOT Association meeting. Cam is the Spiritual Care Coordinator for St. David's South Austin Medical Center, where he has served as a chaplain for the past seven years. Cam is also certified as a professional chaplain by the Association of Professional Chaplains. Cam comes to us from the United Methodist Church, which means his path to ordination has differed from our usual process. Normally, in the United Church of Christ, Cam would have been ordained to his chaplaincy position several years ago, but the United Methodist ordination and ministry standing of chaplains is somewhat different from ours. Because there is a professional requirement that he be endorsed for chaplaincy by our denomination as soon as possible, we anticipate that he will be ordained shortly after his Ecclesiastical Council pending a vote to approve him for ordination.

Our Committee on Ministry, at its recent meeting, also granted a local chaplaincy endorsement to CJ Wood, who was ordained at St. Paul UCC in Corpus Christi in June to her chaplaincy work in the Christus Spohn Health System. CJ has recently accepted a chaplaincy position at Seton Medical Center in Austin. We look forward to welcoming her to ministry in Austin.

Finally, plan to come to the **Fall Association Meeting of the Heart of Texas Association, Saturday, November 16th at Trinity Church of Austin.** We will begin at **11 a.m. (with registration starting at 10:30).** Included in the time will be worship; the Ecclesiastical Council of Cam Burton; possibly an additional Ecclesiastical Council pending the Committee on Ministry's work at its upcoming meeting; a business meeting; and, as always, lunch, good fellowship, and community sharing. Congregational Church of Austin and Trinity are partnering together as hosts. We hope you will plan to join us!

**Blessings in Christ,**  
Liz Nash, Association Minister

Worship Assistant Schedule  
Oct. 13 – Nov. 10, 2019

**October 13, 2019**

LITURGIST: Karen Dietz  
ACOLYTE: Mike Ziegler  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Mike Ziegler  
GREETER: Karen Kramm  
HOSPITALITY: Lana Spiess  
CHURCH SCHOOL: Karen Dietz; Julia Allison  
NURSERY: TBD  
USHERS: Mike Ziegler; Karen Dietz(?)  
Karen Kramm; Kathy Leber  
AUDIO VIDSUAL OPERATOR: Kyle Kramm

**October 20, 2019**

LITURGIST: Julia Allison  
ACOLYTE: Carol Sisco-Martinez  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Carol Sisco-Martinez  
GREETER: Eddie Martinez  
HOSPITALITY: Jan Ziegler  
CHURCH SCHOOL: Chrissy Gossett; Jim Gossett  
NURSERY: TBD  
USHERS: Carol Sisco-Martinez; Eddie Martinez  
Mike Ziegler; Mikki Ward  
AUDIO VIDSUAL OPERATOR: Joe Ward

**October 27, 2019**

LITURGIST: Nicolle Clark  
ACOLYTE: Jason Chapel  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Jason Chapel  
GREETER: Joe Ward  
HOSPITALITY: Janet Sherman  
CHURCH SCHOOL: Joe Ward                      TBD  
NURSERY: TBD  
USHERS: Jason Chapel; Kim Beauchamp  
Nicolle Clark; Elly Beauchamp  
AUDIO VIDSUAL OPERATOR: Tim Marlow

**November 3, 2019**

LITURGIST: Jason Chapel  
ACOLYTE: Sam Ward  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Sam Ward  
GREETER: Mikki Ward

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mikki Ward  
HOSPITALITY: Pot Luck  
CHURCH SCHOOL: Jennifer Marlow; Tim Marlow  
NURSERY: TBD  
USHERS: Sam Ward; Mikki Ward  
Karen Dietz; Richard Leber  
AUDIO VIDSUAL OPERATOR: Joe Ward

**November 10, 2019**

LITURGIST: Jennifer Marlow  
ACOLYTE: Valerie Oates  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Valerie Oates  
GREETER: Hayes Marlow  
HOSPITALITY: Mikki Ward  
CHURCH SCHOOL: TBD  
NURSERY: TBD  
USHERS: Valerie Oates; Jennifer Marlow  
Hayes Marlow; Tim Marlow  
AUDIO VIDSUAL OPERATOR: David Reed

**NOTE:**

If you cannot serve on the designated date/dates shown, please try to find a substitute. If that is not possible, please leave a message at the church office (830-625-6761) as soon as possible. If you would like to be removed from all or part of the Worship Assistant List, please contact the church office (830-625-6761)