

**November 2019  
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**Glimpses of Faith Newsletter  
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There's a question burning in my mind, and while that might sound like the beginning of a country song, there really is a question haunting me. No, it's NOT the meaning of life or the square root of um, let see, 735 (it's 27.1108834, by the way). Newspaper people are a different kind of folk – and yes, I was one of those strange ones for a whole lot of years. It has been said that we have inquiring minds. Okay, so back to the question. . . um, uh, uh, um. I forgot. No, here it comes – wait for it – I think it's coming back. . . oh no – it's gone. Oh well. It must not have been THAT important. If I think of it, I'll let y'all know.

At any rate, it seemed like the three months between Aug. 12 and Nov. 13 was indeterminate when Rev. Martin left town on sabbatical. And now, there are just 10 days until he returns to the office!! And, I've got to tell you: I'm excited – I'm relieved – I'm grateful! So, what changed the most around the church while Pastor Scott was away?



It's difficult to narrow it down, but I'm pretty sure that it's the calendar linked to Google on an app for cell phones that we now have to manage our rented spaces in the fellowship hall and narthex and sanctuary. Thanks to Beth Bizer for setting it up and to Sam Ward for helping to get us going. There might be some kinks (some technical/some user) that will be ironed out, but we're off to a great start handling information in a new way and merging and growing the calendar's use. We also have had interest from some new groups renting our facilities, some for repeat events, others for one-time meetings or parties. 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 track rentals. Council is considering utilizing other forms of communication also. More to come.

This past Sunday morning we enjoyed having the multi-talented Rudi Harst (Bennie's son) with us for a time of music, learning and fellowship. Rudi led the congregational singing of "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" and "This Little Light of Mine." He also performed the deep, insightful and funny "Absolutely Nothin'" and the very lovely, emotion-filled "The Last Farewell. The worship service also included a Service of Celebration and Remembrance for loved ones who have passed away in the last several years.

Rev. Ralph Ludwig and I shared responsibilities within the service.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you, Faith Church, and your people!

*Sincerely, Pastor Janet Monroe Sherman, L.M.*



## Faith youth, adults spread Halloween fun at recent Family Promise fall event



On Sunday, Oct. 27, the youth of Faith Church participated in the Family Promise Fall Festival held at T Bar M. The festival event was held for the families who have graduated from the program, as well as those currently working toward

Many thanks to Carol and Eddie Martinez, the Perry Clarks, and the youth who accompanied them, for representing Faith Church. Our group hosted a booth with a bean bag toss, using the giant wooden pumpkin constructed years ago but happily put into service for the occasion. Martha Mercado, Family Promise Development Coordinator,

The Faith Church group takes a break for a photo opp during the Fall Festival.

reported that although the turnout was smaller than hoped for, the families had a great time.

Several other host and support congregations joined our Faith Church group to help the families celebrate Halloween, an experience they certainly will remember with big smiles. Thank you also to everyone who donated Halloween treats that added to the fun.

**Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. – John 14:27 The Bible, New Revised Standard Version**

# Heart of Texas Association News

As previously announced, our **Heart of Texas Association Fall Meeting will be held Saturday, November 16th at Trinity Church of Austin, 4001 Speedway in Central Austin, <https://www.trinitychurchofaustin.org/>**. We are trying a new format for this meeting by having brunch with small sandwiches and hearty finger foods. Congregational Church of Austin is the host in charge of lunch, with major help from Trinity and other Austin cluster churches. The food will be available in the sanctuary and can be brought in at Trinity to eat, so we anticipate letting people get up to get food as they wish during the meeting, instead of breaking the meeting in two parts to have lunch. We will ask people to give a “love offering” of the amount you choose to help with lunch expenses. **Registration and brunch will begin at 10:30, the meeting will start at 11 with worship, and we anticipate ending by 2 pm.** Trinity has a parking lot directly across Speedway from the church. All from our Association churches are invited to join us for worship, in an offering to Friends of the Conference designated for new church starts, for making and renewing friendships, for a business meeting, for the Ecclesiastical Council of Cam Burton (James Cameron Burton), and possibly for a second Ecclesiastical Council. We also anticipate hearing from our seminary students. We also want to save paper so **we will be posting all documents for the meeting (Cam’s ordination paper, the agenda, reports, etc.) on the Heart of Texas Association website at [hotaucc.org](http://hotaucc.org)** a week before the meeting. **Bring a laptop if you can to be able to read items**, as we will only print a very small number of packets.



During the meeting, we anticipate voting on a number of items. We will be bringing to our membership a resolution of continued support for Licensed Ministry, joining with the rest of the South Central Conference in commitment to support this ministry which is being changed in some other areas of the United Church of Christ. We will be voting on a budget for the year to be presented by our Treasurer, Joe Ward. We will be voting to allocate a designated amount per person for scholarship money for the upcoming UCC National Youth Event this year, to be held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana on July 22nd - 25th, 2020.

After the fall meeting, **Trinity will host the ordination of Cam Burton, pending a vote to approve him for ordination, at 3 pm, and all are invited to stay for this joyous event.** The timing for this ordination is unusual, as we normally wait about a month to ordain someone who has a call to a ministry site after an Ecclesiastical Council. However, Cam is coming into the UCC from the United Methodist Church, which has a path for chaplaincy ministry that does not require ordination as our UCC process does. Cam is already a certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains, having served on the chaplain staff of St. David’s South Austin Medical Center for over 7 years where he currently serves as the Spiritual Care Coordinator. For Cam to continue his board certification and ministry at St. David’s after ordination in the UCC, he needs to be ordained and then endorsed by the national UCC chaplain endorser as quickly as possible.

We hope many of you can come to our Fall Meeting and stay for the ordination we anticipate happening. And, to add some fun, we will be having dessert and a door prize at the end of the meeting. Come and see what goodies we come up with!

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

# November/December 2019 Worship Assistant Schedule

## November 10, 2019

LITURGIST:	Jennifer	Marlow	
ACOLYTE:	Valerie	Oates	
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	Mike	Ziegler	
GREETER:	Hayes	Marlow	
HOSPITALITY:	Mikki	Ward	
CHURCH SCHOOL:	Elly	Beauchamp	Kim & Sofia
NURSERY:	TBD		
USHERS:	Valerie	Oates	Jennifer Marlow Hayes Marlow
 AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR:	 David	 Reed	

## November 17, 2019

LITURGIST:	Donna	Myer	
ACOLYTE:	Bob	Manning	
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	Bob	Manning	
GREETER:	Joe	Ward	
HOSPITALITY:	Pot	Luck	
CHURCH SCHOOL:	Joe	Ward	Camdyn Martina
NURSERY:	TBD		
USHERS:	Bob Tex	Manning Pantermuehl	Richard Leber Eddie Martinez
 AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR:	 Quinn	 Perry	

## November 24, 2019

LITURGIST:	Kathy	Leber	
ACOLYTE:	Mike	Ziegler	
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	Mike	Ziegler	
GREETER:	Julia	Allison	
HOSPITALITY:	Karen	Dietz	
CHURCH SCHOOL:	Break		
NURSERY:	TBD		
USHERS:	Mike	Ziegler	Kathy Leber
	Jan	Ziegler	Julia Allison
AV OPERATOR:	Tim	Marlow	

**December 1, 2019**

LITURGIST:	Ralph	Ludwig	
ACOLYTE:	Carol	Martinez	
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	Carol	Martinez	
GREETER:	Karen	Kramm	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Sheila	Angerer	
HOSPITALITY:	Julia	Allison	
CHURCH SCHOOL:	Break		
NURSERY:	TBD		
USHERS:	Carol	Martinez	Beth Bizer
	Sheila	Angerer	Kim Beauchamp
AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR:	Cassidy	Martinez	

**December 8, 2019**

LITURGIST:	Curt	Leonhardt	
ACOLYTE:	Jason	Chapel	
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	Jason	Chapel	
GREETER:	Michelle	Perry	
HOSPITALITY:	Nicolle	Clark	
CHURCH SCHOOL:	Karen	Dietz	Quinn & Kai Perry
NURSERY:	TBD		
USHERS:	Jason	Chapel	David Reed
	Curt	Leonhardt	Louie Heras
AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR:	Joe	Ward	

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you cannot serve on the designated date/dates shown, please try to find a substitute and inform Janet Sherman of any change in the schedule, at the church office (830-625-6761) or (830) 730-2096. If you would like to be removed from all or part of the Worship Assistant List, please contact the church office (830-625-6761)**