

# Mountain *Mover*

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# Scattered Thoughts

by Rev. Kerry Nelson, Senior Pastor



I have no idea how many congregational meetings I have attended through the years but I know there have been many. We have “regular” meetings and we have “special” meetings. At these meetings we make decisions

about leadership, finances, structure, and direction. Congregational meetings are the “voice” of the congregation. I’m always grateful for those who show up for congregational meetings. We can’t do church well without them.

But I am also aware that we will never, under any circumstances, ever gather the entire baptized membership of a congregation together. Here at Faith we don’t even have a room capable of conducting a business meeting with nearly 600 participants. What we have instead is those who show up on behalf of those who don’t. We move forward with a coalition of the willing.

Many years ago I was taught by a church consultant who said that – in order to hear from an entire congregation – you needed to hear from 20% of the average worship attendance. For us, that means roughly 60 people. But in order to change the direction or culture of a congregation, you need to have 10% of the average worship attendance fully onboard, participating and championing the cultural shift. That would mean 30 key people at Faith.

But which people? Which 60? Which group of 30? Therein lies the mystery of congregational dynamics.

I thought about those numbers as I reflected on the gathered wisdom of the congregation in our meeting about the stained glass wall. Ultimately, a 2/3’s majority said that their preferred future was to restore and protect the stained glass design we currently have. I don’t recall the exact numbers but the vote was about 60 or so for restore and 30 or so for replace.

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*The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is  
to follow Jesus in blessing the world  
with faith, hope, and love.*

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So what is our next step?

Our church council is very aware of the burden of our debt. \$11,000 a month is a lot of money. Unless we pay down that debt, we will be paying that and more for a long time into the future. There is no interest or willingness to go deeper into debt to repair our stained glass wall. As much as we might love it or value it, it is a decorative feature. It isn't as essential to our ministry as the things which took us into debt – rebuilding our school, improving our infrastructure.

We know we need to include debt reduction as a goal for our next capital campaign. Now we know that we want to begin setting aside money to restore the stained glass wall. An open question is whether we will designate a portion of the proceeds to the needs of CCSC or what that portion will be. The church council will be considering those questions at their meetings in September and October.

Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend church council meetings. You will be recognized and encouraged to share your thoughts with the council. Your voice will be heard. But the voice of the whole congregation will not make the final decision about these goals until the regularly scheduled congregational meeting in November.

I know this might feel like a slow, ponderous, process. It is a far cry from “we have holes in our windows, let's fix them!” But like I said last month, windows in a church have always been about much more than openings for light. A congregation is much more than a political organization – literally a way for people to organize to get things done. But you simply can't have a healthy beating heart without a strong skeletal system.

And you can't be a community without communing. Coming together. Measuring options. Making choices. Then getting to work to get things done. Trust the process and be involved.

At this point there is no interest in the church council to seek CCS's guidance in moving forward into a capital campaign. Following the feasibility study they told us that they would charge \$97,000 plus expenses to conduct a full campaign. We are looking at other options and will probably, in September or October, be making a decision regarding what to recommend to the congregation. Again, if you have any opinions or advice to offer the church council, come to their meeting and speak up. They are always on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

At this point, while we still have to work out the details, it is safe to say that the groundwork for the campaign will begin in January and will wrap up before Easter. May God bless and guide us to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to our care.



## President's Page

by Wendy Farner, Council President



As I write this, the church council has been making plans for the “Dinner, Drinks, and Dreams” August Gathering, which is the first time we have had this event. This is, in part, an outgrowth of our new governance structure, which was formally adopted last November. We are now operating with a smaller church council, but we continue to look to the congregation for discernment on where God is calling us and what ministries God is leading us into. That is the “dreams” part of the August Gathering; hopefully the “dinner and drinks” part is more obvious. We hope that everyone will make time for this important gathering in their schedule.

While planning and visioning for our future is always exciting, I find it especially so this year as we also begin to make plans for our capital campaign. One of the primary efforts of our capital campaign will be to reduce (or eliminate) our debt, which currently requires a significant cash outlay each month to service, and which will need to be re-financed in a few years at a (likely) higher interest rate. The juxtaposition of our discernment efforts and our capital campaign is significant for me, because it opens up the possibilities of what ministries we can grow with the funds that are freed up from the debt reduction/elimination. We currently spend about \$11,000 per month on servicing our debt; if that cash outlay suddenly becomes available to our ministry teams... well, even I can do that math! And that will open up some serious ministry opportunities!

So this year we have made room for discernment by our congregation, and at the same time we move toward a capital campaign that (hopefully) frees up funds with significant debt reduction. To me, this feels like God is up to something big at Faith Lutheran Church. Do I know what that is? No! But I am willing to listen and see if I can help discern where the Spirit is leading us. I believe that God has put the pieces in place, and if we are faithful and follow, God has great things in store for us ahead.

On a personal note, as I write this Dave and I are only a few days away from dropping our two sons at college, and adjusting to living as empty nesters. I know that others of you are experiencing the same feelings of excitement for your children's future, and yet loss of having your family at home. I know it will be a big adjustment, with plenty of highs and lows. And while change is almost always hard, it is also the path to growth and personal development. If we raise our children well, the ultimate outcome is that they live as independent and responsible adults. I find myself extremely grateful at this juncture that our sons have been raised at Faith Lutheran Church, and that they have so many faith-filled and Christ-centered experiences that are now a part of them as they move toward their adult lives. They have spent three weeks every summer at Faith Camp, since the age of five until the present. They have gone to Lutherhill for a week every summer during their elementary and middle school years. They have gone on mission trips to be there for others who have less opportunity, they have each gone to two National Youth Gatherings to experience the breadth and significance of our broader church, they have worked at the Gethsemane Food Pantry and the CCSC back-to-school drives, they have made and delivered countless lunches to those who are homeless on the streets of Houston. They have connected with their peers at Faith through deep friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you, Faith Lutheran Church, for providing these experiences, and most importantly for providing the foundation for an abiding faith in Jesus. This church is indeed a blessing.

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor



For three years, Evangeline Dai has been a faithful and committed member of Faith Lutheran. With a servant's heart and cheerful spirit, she served in several ministry areas: hospitality, Faith Choir, Handbell Choir, and Faith Chinese Fellowship. On August 25, she flew to Oakland, California, to embark on a new journey of faith as a seminary student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Many of you gave a monetary gift toward her seminary matching scholarship fund. Thank you for your generosity and support.

On August 10, friends of Faith Chinese Fellowship gathered for a party to say farewell to Eva. At the party, I asked everyone present to share an experience of going through hard times. Why did we do this at a farewell party? Here is why.

There is no doubt that we can and should give one another various gifts when we are together and when we say goodbye. One of the best gifts we can give to one another, I believe, is the gift of who we are. We all have the desire to know and to be known. That is part of what friendship is about, isn't it? But how can we truly know a person if we do not know that person's whole story, especially his or her pains and ordeals? The world teaches us that we can only let others see us at our best. The world teaches us to hide our fear, failure, shame, and suffering for fear of rejection. As a result, we wear a mask most of the time. Some of us even forget who we really are. No wonder our relationships become superficial and insignificant. No wonder we do not feel connected and related to one another at a deeper level. But this is not how God intends us to live and to relate with one another.

Hagar was the servant girl of Abraham's wife Sarah. She suffered harsh treatment at the hand of Sarah. To run away from abuse and humiliation, she literally ran away into the wilderness. The angel of the Lord found Hagar beside a spring of water and comforted her. Then, the Bible reads, "So she named the Lord who spoke to her, You are El-roi." "El-Roi" means "God who sees." God hears our cries for help and sees our struggles. Nothing is hidden in the sight of God who cares. If we care for one another, we shall not hide our wounds and scars from friends either. Just as God saw Hagar in her misery and comforted her, we are to know and support one another when we hit a low point in life.



We should not let pain and suffering, failure and shame separate us, as if "I am the only person who suffers, and everyone else's life is perfect and beautiful." When we open to one another and share our hurts and suffering, we realize everyone is vulnerable and imperfect, everyone makes mistakes and fails, everyone suffers and has heartaches and troubles. Instead of isolating us from one another, our weakness and vulnerability, our pains and sufferings can actually bind us into a fellowship. It is our shared experience of suffering and vulnerability that enable us to learn to forgive and accept ourselves and others, to be compassionate and generous toward ourselves and others. No one has to pretend he is OK when actually he is in pain. And no one needs to suffer alone. The blessing of Christian fellowship is found in sharing and in caring. As Apostle Paul says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

## 6 ELCA Worship - Frequently Asked Questions

by Dr. Clayton Faulkner, Director of Worship, Music, and Technology



One of the things I enjoy most about my calling in ministry is being a resource to others. One of the things that drew me to the Lutheran understanding of faith is our connectional polity. Churches aren't designed to be individual islands in the ELCA. We are connected to each other. We are connected to our neighboring churches in Houston, we are connected to our sisters and brothers across the Gulf Coast Synod, we are connected to all the other ELCA churches around the country, and we are even connected to other Lutherans across the globe. One of the most common signs of our connection is when we share resources. I really enjoy being helpful to others and supporting the work of the church both near and far.

I was asked by the ELCA worship staff to write some Frequently Asked Question articles for their website. These are common questions the churchwide office gets asked, and my responses are meant to be helpful, guiding suggestions on how to address these concerns. Last month, seven of the articles I wrote were published on the ELCA's website. Here are some excerpts:

### [What is "postmodern" or "emerging" worship?](#)

"In general, the postmodern worship practices of emerging churches are reactions against the pragmatic, baby boomer-oriented, seeker-sensitive movement. Instead of "services" of worship, emerging churches frame their assemblies as "gatherings" that are not afraid of a return to more liturgical forms. The gathering is highly experiential, focusing on the participation of those assembled, often through stations that guide people to interact with prayer, scripture, art, poetry, and other spiritual exercises."

### [How can a worship band be used in Lutheran worship?](#)

"Music for worship provided by a worship band must be done with the same sensitivity and care as any other type of sacred music. The worship band must frame their role in worship leadership as subservient to the assembly's voice."

### [How can video projection be used in worship?](#)

"As a core function, video projection should be used for enhancing the environment for worship. In serving the liturgy, it should not be distracting but aide the space for worship as the body of Christ gathers."

### [What components are needed for a sound system?](#)

"The pace of technology can be difficult to grasp. Technology that at one time cost churches thousands of dollars to utilize now would cost hundreds of dollars. The cost of technology continues to diminish. At the same time the performance of technology continues to increase."

### [What components are needed for a video projection system?](#)

"There are many options when it comes to the video projector component. Generally the most important specification will be the light output of the projector, measured in lumens. The higher the lumens, the brighter the projector will be. It is necessary to take into account the brightness of the room in which the projector will be used."

### [How do we evaluate worship?](#)

"Worship is always being evaluated. Although it may be informal, everyone that is sent forth from an assembled worshiping body has evaluated that service in one way or another. Evaluations might be based on any number of things: the number of people in attendance, the length of the sermon, the pronunciation of the reader, or the number of flubbed notes by the musician."

### [How do we make worship contextual?](#)

"The sounds of a worshiping assembly should be reflective of the culture that it is planted in. The musical gifts that are present within a local church should be used to make worship contextual."

## Walking By Faith - First Place 4 Health

by Mardi Mayerhoff

How many phrases can you think of that include the word “walking” and refer to health? Here are a few: walking for exercise, walking off weight, power walking, mall walking, and Nordic walking. We know people’s health improves with an exercise program that includes walking. How might we improve our health through our walk with God? This fall the First Place 4 Health small group will use the “Walking by Faith” Bible study to improve our spiritual health while exercising and following a healthy eating program called “Live It.”

If you might be interested, plan to attend the orientation session on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Faith Center Room 306. You will learn about the program, see the materials we use, and the Bible study. You can decide then if you want to join the group and attend the Bible study that starts the following Tuesday. Our meetings last one and half hours on Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks. The session will end on November 27. The group is open to men and women and we have people from several churches in Houston who meet with us. Come and bring your spouse or a friend. For more information contact Mardi Mayerhoff, 713-203-1875 or just come to the orientation.



## Prayer Corner - Quietly

by Peggy Porter



Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Psalm 116

“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2)

Surely, some people may think that God could have come up with a better plan, or at least a more spectacular one. After all, God once spoke from a bush that burned but was not consumed by the flames. God’s glory so filled the tabernacle in the wilderness that even Moses could not enter. If God planned to reconcile the world to God’s self, surely God could do so in a majestic – and noticeable – way. As the crowd once asked Jesus, “What sign do you do, that we may see and believe you?” (John 6:30).

God acted in a quiet, nearly unnoticed, way. A sign was given when a newborn baby was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger. A sign was given when Jesus our Lord was nailed, weak and beaten, to a cross. A sign was given in an empty tomb and in the marks of the nails in Jesus’ hands and feet. Yet even then, Jesus revealed himself to only a select few who were chosen as eyewitnesses to his resurrection (Acts 10:40-41). This is our message, the quiet, mighty word of the cross. The gospel word may appear foolish to some, but for us it is the power of God to save. There is no weakness in that Word.

Lord, we praise you for the saving message of the cross, the good news of our salvation. Amen.



## Passing The Reigns To Our Children

by John Vickery, Director of Youth and Family Ministry



*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6*

The summer has come to a close, kids have gone back to school, and vacations are over. This is a season that is all about the new beginning, a new start to the year. It is always so much fun for me to be browsing through Facebook and see all of the pictures of the kids ready to get on the bus for the first day of school. I can recall my mother taking the same kinds of pictures, and I am sure that she has them all in a stack somewhere.

With the start of school it got me thinking about how this time of the year relates to my work here at the church. After some thought, I came to realize that the concept is not a new one; but instead one that is easily overlooked. When you send your child to school, you are entrusting the teacher to impart the knowledge that their students will need to succeed. You expect that at the end of the year they will be ready to begin the next level of their education, or that when they graduate high school they are ready to either begin college or find a job. This is the same as it is here at Faith.

What would happen if we thought of ourselves all as teachers to the younger generations? Children are very observant, and they look to adults for guidance on how they are to behave; in short they learn by example. Sometimes the example that a young person needs is one that does not come from their parent, instead it needs to come from someone that they can build a relationship with in a safe environment that will help them grow both mentally and spiritually.

I recall my parents telling me that I could be whatever I wanted to be, or that I could be a police officer, astronaut, or a professional musician. However, it was not until I was in Middle School during my confirmation years that my grandfather, who is a pastor, said to me that I one day could be a church council president. At the time I brushed off the comment and went on with my life. Looking back, he was right. While I have not been a council president in my life, I have spent a good amount of time working in the church. What this means is that, the young kids who are in our first or second grade Learning Groups this year, may one day become a church council president or even a pastor.

When we celebrate a baptism or confirmation, the congregation promises to support and pray for those who are being baptized or confirmed. This means that it is all of our job to help form the faith of the generations who are coming behind us, because one day they will be the leaders of our community. Just like we send our children to school to be taught by their teachers so that they are ready to be successful in the world; we all are teachers to young people at the church so that they are ready to lead us and the church forward.

**Faith Family Movie Night**  
**Friday, September 21 @ 6:30 PM**  
**Faith Center Gym**

Join us for popcorn, lemonade, and a fun popular family movie. We are going to watch the movie inside so bring your lawn chairs and blankets to spread out in the gym.

Invite you friends and neighbors! All are welcome!



**Parent's Night Out**  
**Friday, September 14 @ 6:00 - 10:00 PM**  
**Faith Center Gym**

As we begin a new school year, we will have bounce houses, pizza, and an evening full of fun. Kids from ages six months to 12 years old. Please RSVP via email to [PNO@faithbellaire.org](mailto:PNO@faithbellaire.org) to ensure that we have a spot for your kiddo. The cost is \$15 per child. You may pay in cash at the door or online in advance at [faithbellaire.org/give](http://faithbellaire.org/give) and select PNO.



**Las Presentaciones**  
**Sunday, September 9 @ 8:30 and 10:50 AM**

We have set aside Sunday, September 9, to pray for three year old children and their parents. We welcome those children to the altar, halfway between their birth and their school years, to present them anew to God and to rededicate and recommit ourselves to raising God's child. Hope you can see the power and the witness of this public acknowledgment of the roles we play as we help children grow at Faith. Please let us know on the back of the connection card if you wish to participate. Invite your friends and neighbors too!

**Rebecca Ruth Circle**

The Rebecca Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, September 6 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. We would love for you to join us for Bible study.

Come hungry! Bring your sack lunch; desserts and drinks are provided. Socializing with the group is so joyful.

All are welcome!!



**Stockholder's Dinner**  
**Sunday, September 23 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

This Stockholder's Dinner is to thank all of the Stockholders that made a real difference in the lives of the students here at Faith! Because of your generosity this year, Faith's students got to join over 30,000 other Lutherans from across the country at the National Youth Gathering. During the National Youth Gathering we took part in several service projects, experienced worship, and enjoyed each other's company.

We can't wait to share our experiences with you. This event will be for Stockholders only.



## 2018 Memorials and Special Contributions

### **In Memory of Jean Bunge**

Geneva Freels

### **In Memory of Thomas E. Engells**

Faye Viola

### **In Memory of Polly Ross**

Geneva Freels

Rebecca Ruth Circle

### **In Memory of Anita Lacy's Brother**

Diana Rettig

### **In Memory of Carl Watson's Brother**

Diana Rettig

### **In Memory of Barbara McDowell's Mother**

Karen Elsen

Diana Rettig

### **In Memory of Nancy Kincheloe**

Cindy Long

### **In Memory of Jimmy Zunker's Brother, Larry Zunker**

Charles and Peggy Porter

Karen Elsen

Diana Rettig

### **In Memory of Alice Caughron**

Mardi Mayerhoff

Bob and JoAnn Fry

Erette U. Bartay

Diana Rettig

Ray and Dorothy Rosenbaum

Susan Tallman

Dorothy A. Otto

Nicholas and Shannon Hodges

### **In Memory of Annemarie Gregory**

Mardi Mayerhoff

### **Special Contributions to Faith House**

Kenneth D. Caughron

Eric and Courtney Lerch

Judith Sadler

## FALL LEARNING GROUPS

### Children and Youth Learning

We want kids to MOVE and participate in learning on Sunday mornings. We want kids to MOVE forward in their relationship with Jesus. We want kids to MOVE out into their world to make an impact.

**All elementary groups gather in Room #306 to start.**

#### Toddlers (22 months - 3 years)

Led by Tina Wood, meets in Faith Center Room #301

**Pre-K (4 - 5 years)** Led by Denise Adams and Helen Watson, meets in Faith Center Room #307

**Kindergarten - 2nd Grade** Led by Kelsey Vickery, meets in Faith Center Room #305

**3rd - 5th Grade** Led by Mayra Marshall and Jennifer Blessington, meets in Faith Center Room #308

**Middle School (6th - 8th Grade)** Led by John Vickery and Tom Dorman, meets in Faith Center Room #309

**High School (9th-12th Grade)** Led by Kelley Keller, Hannah Anderson, and Alex Dyson, meets upstairs in Faith Center



### Adult Learning

**Basic Christianity (Chinese)** - Led by Pastor Junfeng Tan, Faith Center Community Room #300

**Circle of Friends** - Led by Sara Karow, Room #121 (Day School Hallway)

**Outlaw Christian** - Led by Dave Gohlke and Rev. Mary Browne, Room #116 (Day School Hallway)

**Taking Faith Home** - Led by Betty Becker and Staci DeKunder, Library (Upstairs Room #207)

**The Good News Class** - Led by Cliff Condit, Room #120 (Day School Hallway)

**Young and Elementary Families** - Led by Eric and Courtney Lerch, Room #122 (Day School Hallway)

### What's a Memorial?

A memorial is a special monetary gift given in memory of a loved one or the loved one of a friend. Memorials are given instead of flowers at the time of death. They are a wonderful way to give a useful and lasting remembrance at the time of death.

At Faith, we have a tradition of giving memorials after the death of a member or the loved ones of fellow members. The gifts go into a "Memorial Fund" which is used for special needs at Faith, or the gifts may be designated for a certain ministry. A list of current needs, approved by our Church Council, is available at the information desk.

A notice of the gift is sent to the family of the deceased by the Church Office. A record of the gift is included on the donor's quarterly financial statement if the donor is a member of Faith. Finally, the memorials and other special gifts contributed in memory of someone, or in honor of a person, or a special occasion, are recognized quarterly in our Mountain Mover.



## Happy 32nd Birthday Faith House September 23 @ 12:00 PM Faith Center

Faith Lutheran Church will celebrate the 32<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of the Faith House ministry on **September 23**. Please join us for a festive Fiesta Lunch from Pico's following the late worship service on that day; we will celebrate in the Faith Center. We missed the Birthday celebration last year due to Hurricane Harvey, so let's make this a special day.

The fundraising goal for this year is **\$20,000**. This money will be used **to renovate the Thiele apartment**. The two Faith House apartments were built in 1990 and have not had any significant work done to them since 1990. It is time to give our Faith House guests a new, fresh place to stay when they come to Houston for their medical treatment.

Here is how this fundraiser 'works':

- Faith House will have 'gift' cards with an item needed for the renovation on each card. The estimated cost of the item is also listed.
- Members will select the item they want to contribute to Faith House.
- Give the 'gift' card and your payment to the Faith House Volunteer or send the card and payment to the Church Office.
- Faith House will purchase that item during the construction process.

Faith Lutheran members have generously contributed to previous Birthday celebrations for Faith House. As a result, the Faith House 2 residence has been completely refurbished. In Thiele, we will update the kitchen and bathroom (including a new tile shower), paint throughout, and replace all flooring. These renovation projects also allow us to make needed repairs to plumbing and other infrastructure which has significantly reduced the maintenance costs for the Faith House facilities.

Please indicate your plan to attend the Birthday Lunch on the Connection Card next Sunday. We will see you on **September 23!!!**



## CCSC Back to School was a Success!

Faith Lutheran Church successfully hosted CCSC's back to School event on August 3 and 4. With tremendous gratitude to volunteers, donors, and other supporters, Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is pleased to report that we achieved our Back To School 2018 goal: 6,502 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade received a new, grade-specific package of school supplies and a voucher for new uniforms/shoes. Through numerous donations and notable time spent in event preparation, local students are better prepared for their first day of school and academic success!

- As available, families were able to obtain valuable "bonus items" such as gently used clothing and shoes.
- 92% of families who pre-registered attended the event.

**Thank you to the CCSC Community! Your support made an amazing difference in the lives of these children!**

### Here are some highlights from Back to School 2018:

- 6,502 students received a new, grade-specific package of school supplies and a voucher for new uniforms/shoes.
- 2,470 of these children were assisted at our community event at Faith Lutheran. These students were pre-registered in April and May, and the program was offered to families living in 33 zip codes. The majority of registered families reside in Gulfton (77081) or Sharpstown area (77036/77074).



### Sunday Worship Leader Schedule—September 2018

8:30 AM	Sept 2	Sept 9	Sept 16	Sept 23	Sept 30
<b>Acolyte</b>	Nicolas Walker	Alice Tian	Zach Michaud	Elsa Becker	Christian Georgi
<b>Crucifer</b>	Trevor Groenewold	Dylan McGouldrick	Nate Michaud	Emma Voosen	Trevor Groenewold
<b>Lector</b>	Mardi Mayerhoff	Troy Becker	Doug Elsen	Carol Strawn	Sharon Koch
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Doug Elsen Scott Ramsey	Doug Elsen Scott Ramsey	Carl Watson	Carl Watson	Sara Karow Sharon Koch
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Karen Elsen	Bob Medlen	Bob Medlen	Alice Tian	Alice Tian
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Taylor Jeff Addicks	Brian Taylor Jeff Addicks	Doug Elsen Scott Ramsey	Doug Elsen Scott Ramsey	Art Grove Bill Freeman
<b>Children's Church</b>	No Children's Church	Helen Watson	Jennifer Blessington	Courtney Fast	Amy McNulty
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bob and Ida Medlen	Betty Dossey Diana Freeman	Betty Dossey Diana Freeman	Melinda McGouldrick Susan Tallman	Melinda McGouldrick Susan Tallman
10:50 AM	Sept 2	Sept 9	Sept 16	Sept 23	Sept 30
<b>Acolytes</b>	Audrey DeKunder Dillon Williams	Aaron Allen Andy Allen	Ava Cauley	Aidan Fidone	Ava Cauley Dylan McGouldrick
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Staci DeKunder Ella DeKunder	Kelley Keller Susan Tallman	Jon and Nancy Holmes	Diana Boihem Karen Ellison	Beth Bruce
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Wendy Farner	Eric Lerch	Eric Lerch	Susan Tallman	Susan Tallman
<b>Ushers</b>	Roxy Funchess Susan Tallman	Dave and Wendy Farner	Parkan Family	Jon and Nancy Holmes	DeKunder Family
<b>Children's Church</b>	No Children's Church	Beth Bruce	Kevondra Mathis	Hannah Anderson	Catherine Hahn
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bob and Ida Medlen	Betty Dossey Diana Freeman	Betty Dossey Diana Freeman	Melinda McGouldrick Susan Tallman	Melinda McGouldrick Susan Tallman

***If you have been scheduled as a worship leader and are unable to serve, please respond by clicking "Decline" on the Planning Center Online email. You may also arrange to trade with someone else who is scheduled during the month and advise the church office of the change by Wednesday afternoon.***

## September Book Fair



# Beaming Book Fairs

Shop books to help kids thrive emotionally, socially, and spiritually. All books are sold at a special discount!

**Stop by the lobby in the month of September to order. Turn in your order form to the office by the end of September.**



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FaithBellaire.org

FaithDaySchool.org

FaithHouseHouston.org

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Rev. Kerry Nelson

Rev. Junfeng Tan

Stacy Williams

Dr. Clayton Faulkner

John Vickery

Kelsey Vickery

Kendolyn Pope

Yu Cao

Avier Whitfield

Alan Balius

Alicia Obando

Ana Rivas

Darrell Glenn

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Director of Operations

Director of Worship, Music, and Technology

Director of Youth and Family

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Director of Faith Schools

Office Coordinator

Office Coordinator

Organist/Choir Director

Building Manager

Custodian

Facility Services



# September 2018 - Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>September 30</u></p> <p>8:30 AM "Heritage" / Faith Camp Worship (Sanc)</p> <p>9:45 AM Learning Groups (FH)</p> <p>10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship (Sanc)</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch (FH)</p> <p>1:00 PM Faith Chinese Choir &amp; Praise Dance Rehearsal</p> <p>1:30 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>6:30 PM AI-Anon (300)</p>	<p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p> <p><b>School and Office Closed</b></p>	<p>10:00AM Church Staff Meeting (108)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>6:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM First Place for Health (306)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA (Men Only)</p>	<p>9:00 AM LWR Quilters (101)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>6:00 PM Painting Group (307)</p> <p>7:30 PM Social Ministry Board Meeting(101)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p>10:00 AM Rebecca Ruth Circle</p> <p>10:00 AM ESL Orientation (200)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>7:30 PM Faith Choir (208)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>8:00PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204)</p> <p>3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
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