



# WEB PRESS

## October 2011



### SINGIN' & TELLIN'

*The Spirit in Story and Song*

with

**Dennis Dewey**, Biblical Storyteller

## October 29-30, 2011

Enjoy an evening of storytelling and music! Come to a free concert at 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 30, in the Sanctuary. This event features Dennis Dewey, the world's only professional Biblical Storyteller, and a Festival Choir of Area Churches directed by Glenn Foster.

Dennis Dewey has performed and led storytelling seminars all over North America, Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Korea, South Africa and Israel. Ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has been engaged full time in this itinerant, ecumenical ministry of Biblical story since 1992.

Dewey is a graduate of Hartwick College where he majored in philosophy but lived in the theatre, and of Princeton Theological Seminary where his academic concentration was in liturgy. He also has a Masters Degree equivalency in education from the State University of New York. In 1997 he performed for 36,000 Lutheran youth in the New Orleans Superdome and in 1998 for the Thanksgiving Day television special "A Gift of Stories."

In addition, Dennis Dewey will lead a three-hour Storytelling Workshop on Saturday morning beginning at 8:30am with a continental breakfast. This storytelling weekend is being underwritten by Webster and Clear Lake Presbyterian churches. For additional information visit [www.websterpresby.org](http://www.websterpresby.org) or call 281-332-1251 to register.

### 3 hour Workshop: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Workshop

Check in- 8:30a.m. -Adults: \$25.00  
Includes continental breakfast  
Children – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades: \$10.00

Childcare for children (infants-1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
with one week required prior registration:

T-shirts—\$12.00  
Pre-order required



### Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Concert

with Dennis Dewey and WPC Storytellers,  
and a Festival Choir  
Free Admission to all

A Love Offering  
will be taken during the Concert

*"Put these words of mine into your heart and soul..." Deuteronomy 11:18*





The Young at Hearts went to cheer on the Houston Astros on September 12. Thirteen people were treated to a winning game against the Philadelphia Phillies while we drank sodas, ate our hot dogs and enjoyed popcorn and ice cream. No one was even aware of the hot weather as we sat inside the closed stadium. Everyone had a great time and the 5-1 win made the evening sweeter.

Mark your calendars for October 20, December 2, and January 19. We have busses reserved for those days and we are still planning trips. If you have a particular destination you would like us to go to, please contact Liz Clifford or Paula Bray. Young at Heart is open to anyone age50+.

### **WPC HELPS PROVIDE SHELTER AND SAFETY THROUGH HABITAT HOUSING PROJECTS**

Habitat for Humanity dedicated four houses this summer, and presented the keys to four grateful owners. We finished the last home on Florida Street in Dickinson, completing a neighborhood of over 50 Habitat houses. WPC members have worked on many of these over the past decade. We finished both the Faith build and Women build houses on 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Dickinson, as well as a house built by our La Porte affiliate. Bay Area Habitat plans to complete seven more houses over the next year. WPC will be participating in the next Faith build and Women build houses, both scheduled for the spring of 2012.

### **PROVIDING THE MEANS TO WELLBEING AND PEACE THROUGH THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING**

The Peacemaking Offering is one of the four special offerings we receive each year. It was created to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. This year, our portion will be used to support the education of some of the most marginalized children in Guatemala – the children of the Guatemala City dump. The sprawling Guatemala City dump is the home for thousands of poor families who survive by picking through the refuse for items to resell. Children often work instead of attending school in order to contribute to their family's income. Our portion of the Peacemaking Offering will be used to support a new school devoted to educating these children of the dump. In this way, our gifts will help cultivate a culture of peace by combating poverty through education.



## Fellowship Summer Report

August was a busy month for the Fellowship Committee! We spent the week of August 8 getting BH kitchen ready for the start of Wednesday Night dinners. Not only did we clean the kitchen, but we cleaned and organized the linen closet as well as the storage closet. The storage closet floor has a new coat of concrete paint (thanks Jimmy Spivey!) to replace the old vinyl that was on the floor for the last 40 years. Thanks to Jennifer, Jeanette C, Carole K, Carol Y, Lois, Marilyn, Nancy, Paula & Pat K. as well as George & Phyllis Koenig who spent Tuesday morning power washing high chairs, carts, trashcans, the salad bar and metal shelves. The FH received its fair share of cleaning as well. Please remember that if you use the BH kitchen, leave it like you found it. Washing and leaving things on the counter to "drain" is not putting things away. Drawers and cabinets are marked to help make putting things in their proper place a little easier. Treat this kitchen better than your own! From the FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE.



### **MISSION FOR MCWHIRTER A SUCCESS**

The pink and black backpack caught her eye--that was her favorite color combination and the backpack was sturdy enough to carry all the books she would be taking home this year. Then she added some folders, notebooks and pens and was ready for the first day of school. Happy for herself but concerned for her siblings, she asked if they too could get their supplies. When she was told they could, her smile was stunning. This was all because of the open hearts for WPC members.

Our first annual Mission for McWhirter netted over \$1000 in supplies which were included in the blessing of the backpacks for WPC children during the 2nd service on August 21.

In addition we presented a check for \$1200 to Communities in Schools at McWhirter Elementary. Hillary Gramm, the coordinator, said "We are so grateful for all the help you have provided for us!"

And this isn't the end of our partnership with McWhirter. Several have already signed up to be trained as mentors, and that training will be scheduled soon. Would you consider getting in on the joy of mentoring a child, helping secure a future of hope? For more information about mentoring, contact either Kaylin Dupree or Pastor Helen.

# Family of Faith

## FORMING PARTNERSHIPS OF HOPE IN GUATEMALA

From Pastor Helen

So, you want to know how the trip was? Well, let me tell you . . . wonderful isn't the word that comes to mind, although, in a strange sense, it was. The words that come to mind are beautiful, challenging, insightful, motivating, transformational, troubling.

Seven pastors from the U.S. (Anne, Jim, Steve, Diana, Alan, Karmen, and I), met up with seven Guatemalan pastors (Alvaro, Betty, Delia, Emerson, Rebeca, Susana, and Santiago). We visited organizations, toured various areas, heard presentations, and met lots of people. We ate, prayed, and sang together, and we reflected together at the end of each day. I'll tell you about one of our experiences.

We visited a community that has sprung up around the City dump. The trucks from all over Guatemala City and the surrounding area come daily to pour out trash. The first stop is just outside the dump, where the "less poor" pay for the privilege of combing through the trucks for recyclable trash. After they've finished, the trucks dump the garbage in a pile that is mountain-high. Now, it is the turn of the most destitute. They pour onto the trash mountain to begin to search for anything possible they might sell, or eat, or wear, or use. They compete with turkey buzzards, stalking from the trees, for tidbits of food that may mean the difference between living and dying—today!

In the midst of this community of people living in thrown-together, one-room hovels made of tin or cardboard or paper, there is a gleam of hope. Behind the stench of the dump is a school. The school offers a free, first through sixth-grade education to some of the children who live in the dump community—not all, because there simply aren't enough rooms and resources. About seven percent of graduates receive scholarships to continue their education. What happens to the 93 percent? Well, for the most part, they return home to join their families in scavenging through the dump for survival. Some, no doubt, succumb to the lure of the gangs that roam the area; or go down to drugs as a release from the agony.

So, I had to ask myself, "Why is God showing this to me?" I know what some of the answers are **not**: **not** only for my own edification; **not** so I could feel superior to my brothers and sisters in Guatemala; **not** so I could feel "sorry" for the people of Guatemala. Part of the answer may be so that I can bring back what I've seen and heard, share it with others, and, perhaps, develop ways we might partner with these endearing people. But the whole answer can't be "so we can help them." I am convinced, now more than ever, that we also have something to learn from our friends in Central America. They are a generous, loving, kind, and faithful people.

Are there opportunities? Absolutely! I have already shared some ideas with the Mission Committee, and we will be rolling out some of those in the months to come. The first is to begin to find ways to support the children in the school I visited. We will begin that effort by dedicating our 25 percent of the Peacemaking Offering (an offering we will take on October 2) to this school. As charged, I found a potential congregational partner for us, and we'll begin working on the mechanics of that shortly.

On our last night together, we shared communion and exchanged gifts. I had the privilege of presenting our crosses (both the wooden and crocheted) to each of the pastors. We also each shared a candle with the other, so we all left with a light to remind us of our time together, a light to help each of us find our way in the world, a light to help us find our way back to each other someday, and a light to remind us that "we are the light of the world through which shines God's everlasting justice."

### Our Group at the School at the Dump

#### **FAMILY PROMISE: A MINISTRY OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN TRANSITION**

Get ready, get set, we're almost ready to **GO!** At its last meeting, the WPC Session provisionally approved to covenant with Family Promise of Clear Creek in this crucial ministry. The provisions have been explored and met, which means that, sometime in the coming months, we will open our doors and hearts to families in need by providing a place for them to stay in our church each evening/night for one week per quarter. For each of our four weeks, we also will provide meals and friendly hospitality. Family Promise of Clear Creek is equipping a Day Center and hiring a Director, and gathering a few more congregations to fill out the network. The ministry will then begin! Stay tuned for more information and ways to volunteer or contribute. For more information please call Jackie Allen.



# Family of Faith

## Rally Day 2011 – a HUGE success!

On Sunday, September 11, over 100 people flooded Fellowship Hall to celebrate and learn more about WPC's exciting ministries and FALL lineup! With over 14 ministry areas represented, 12 dozen donuts and kolaches as well as bake goods consumed, and fellowship with church family enjoyed, those in attendance had a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone who came and to those that promoted their ministry area, brought food, helped set up and clean up, planned and organized this important event in the life of our church!



## CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE: MAKING FRIENDS; SHARING OUR FAITH

For many years, WPC has been involved with an outreach ministry called Christmas International House. During the Christmas break, most colleges close their dormitories and campuses to students, leaving many international college students with no place to stay during this time. While other students head for home to enjoy their families and friends during this joyous time of year, these students are left to fend for themselves.

We are in need of four or five more families to host an international student (ages 20-30) from December 17 to January 2. They will come from schools throughout the U.S., and will represent many countries and cultures. The experience is one of mutual benefit to the students and to the families who host them.

The Planning Committee is in the process of developing an active daily program for the group. The students will visit several sites in the area, learn to square dance, see the San Jacinto monument, Galveston, a ranch, museums, etc., and will participate in our worship services and other events. The host families are invited to participate in any/all of these activities, as well. Our neighbor church, Clear Lake Presbyterian, will share the hosting and program responsibilities with us.

Most of the students will have had little or no exposure to our traditions, our homes, or our culture. This provides a wonderful opportunity to show good ol' U.S. hospitality (particularly the Texas style!), and to have the opportunity to learn about customs and traditions of another culture.

Won't **YOU** give prayerful consideration to hosting one or more of these students, sharing your home, culture, and hospitality during this most blessed season?

For more information, contact either Bud Allison, Cathy Black, Dick Brackett, Mike Stearns, Janet Harreld, or Pastor Helen.

## CROPWALK: HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY

It's FINALLY fall -- how to celebrate the cooler temperatures? WPC youth and sponsors have the right idea -- the CROP Walk! The 2011 CROP Walk will be held Sunday, October 9th at 2 pm. The 5k walk will begin and end at Landholt Pavilion of Clear Lake Park (5000 NASA Road 1), and wind through the Taylor Lake Village subdivision. Everyone is welcome to join in walking to raise funds to fight hunger, or to donate to support the cause.

CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The CROP Walk is a fundraising initiative for Church World Services, a cooperative ecumenical ministry committed to ending persistent hunger and poverty at the local, national, and international levels. Here in the Bay Area, public-spirited participants assemble each fall to walk together to raise funds for CROP. 75% of the funds raised go where the need is greatest, while 25% of the total raised in the Bay Area is returned to local charities such as the ICM Food Pantry, Bay Area Turning Point, M. I. Lewis Social Service Center in Dickinson, and Lighthouse Christian Ministries. Last year, this fundraiser in the Bay Area raised over \$13,000.

Webster Presbyterian participants may recognize the walk location, Clear Lake Park, as the site of the historic WPC "little white church" building (now home to the Bay Area Museum), which housed and served the local congregation for over 80 years. St. Bernadette Church will be hosting the walk this year. Other churches joining in the walk include Clear Lake Presbyterian, Taylor Lake Christian Church, and St. Clare of Assisi. Anyone interested in walking or otherwise working to raise money to fight hunger is welcome to join in the CROP Walk.

For more information, please visit the CROP Walk table in the narthex on Sunday mornings October 2 and 9, or contact Ann Taylor at [avtaylor@earthlink.net](mailto:avtaylor@earthlink.net).



# Children's Ministry

## KIDS' STORYTELLING WORKSHOP: EXODUS

Who: For kids in 2st-5th grades

What: MOVIE! Kids will share popcorn as they watch the Veggie Tale video, "Moe & the Big Exit."

STORYTELLING! Kids will experience the Godly Play story, "Exodus."

GAMES! Kids will lead God's people into freedom.

ART! Kids will decorate their own "VEGGIE," a small pumpkin, and retell the story.

When: Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Education Building, rooms 105 & 106

Cost: \$10

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Sign up when you register for WPC's "Singin' & Tellin'" Workshop or email Linda Smith-Gregory at [lin-dasg@websterpresby.org](mailto:lin-dasg@websterpresby.org). DEADLINE to register is October 23.

## Children's Music Ministry Ready to Praise!

Kids began ringing & singing Wed., Sept. 14, as they gathered for their first practices! New this year for kids are chimes instead of handbells, and Wednesday night practice instead of Sunday practice, which was strongly supported by parents. Jennifer Kidwell leads the chimes, while Geri Foster directs the choir.

The chimes and choir, for kids in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades, will provide musical support in Worship several times during the year. Participating kids gain musical skills and share their gifts with God's people.



## Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

"Pray with Me" classes for each age kick off the fall as we discover what prayer is and why we pray. Kids will share Sunday school with their parents on October 30, "All about Light" and God's light inside us.

## Preschool-PreK, ages 3-5, Room 102

Is Sunday school for young children fun? YES! Using the "Pray & Play Bible for Young Children," leader Cathy Black will take the kids through the Bible story with kid friendly language and colorful images. They'll sing one of the songs related to the story with simple words sung to familiar tunes like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." "Let's Pray!" follows as kids pray using music, actions and objects and prayers like "Praise Balloons" and "Anywhere Prayers."

Kids move on to "Let's Play!" when they respond to the story with games, snacks, crafts or one of the many projects for the story. Now that's fun!

## Elementary, Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Our two classes for elementary will be **Kinder/1<sup>st</sup> Grade**, meeting in **Room 201**, and **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade**, meeting in **Room 203**. After a short "catch up time" with their shepherds, both classes will move to room 206 for Large Group Opening then on to their workshops.

October and November are all about prayer in "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" and The Lord's Prayer. Using scripture from Matthew 6 and Luke 11, workshops will include Art, Cooking, Games and Video, each one reinforcing the Lord's Prayer.

## Preteens, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, Room 210

Simple conversations and activities from a Christian perspective allow preteens in this class to explore some of the foundational aspects of their lives and faith. In October, preteens will use the Faith4Life series on "Getting Along with Others." Classes include Uniquely Me!, A World of People, Overcoming Racism and Prejudice and Same Church, Different Building.

This class helps prepare preteens for spiritual formation issues that they will face in their adolescence as they study scripture and talk, laugh and pray together.



## Coming in 2012—Godly Play!

### What Is Godly Play?

In Godly Play children *discover who God is*. Godly play is an approach based on Montessori principles—we respond to the child's request to "help me do it by myself." This puts the teacher in the role of spiritual supporter or guide who fully accepts that each child has his or her own relationship with God already. Through the regular, predictable shape of each Godly Play session, children are introduced to the importance of, and need to, set aside and structure our time when we prepare to come close to God.

Kids choose for themselves ways to work/play using a wide variety of art and craft materials, or the story materials themselves "in their own way." This personal time ends with re-forming as a group and prayer. The session ends with a personal blessing for each child as they leave behind and take with them something of their experiences.

### How Can You Help?

In Godly Play there are usually 2 adults present. The "storyteller" leads group time, tells the story and focuses on the presentation of God's word. The "door-person" helps in more practical ways, like an usher or deacon assistant. However, this includes the very important duty of greeting the children individually as they begin the session and helping them "collect themselves" in order to begin.

Rev. Cressa Murray and Linda Smith-Gregory, children's ministry coordinator, completed certification training in August and are looking for adults to be trained as storytellers and doorkeepers. Linda has more detailed information for the two Godly Play roles, storytellers and doorkeepers. Please contact Linda, [lindasg@websterpresby.org](mailto:lindasg@websterpresby.org), for more information.

The heart of Godly Play is that it does not depend on knowledge, but on personal response and spiritual engagement with God's word within a supportive, safe community.

# Youth Ministry

NEW Sunday Youth Schedule!!!

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch & PYC

2:30 – 4:00 Youth Music (Choir & Handbells)

Come to worship and stay for food, fellowship and fun with your youth group friends!

## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

### **October 2 – Presbytery's Youth Rally**

On Sunday, October 2, our youth will participate in our presbytery's annual Youth Rally at Pines Presbyterian, Houston from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. **We will meet at WPC at 3:00 p.m. and youth need to bring \$5 for dinner.** The guest speaker is an amazing and hilarious storyteller and song writer. In fact, his nickname is "The Grateful Ed" Come enjoy music, energizers, games and worship with your friends from across our presbytery!

### **October 9 – Crop Walk**

Youth and families - - join our 2011 CROP Walk team on Sunday, October 9. **Everyone will meet at Clear Lake Park at 2:00 PM.** The CROP Walk will entail a 5 K route through the Forest Lake subdivision of Taylor Lake Village. Bring the whole family (siblings, babies in strollers, dogs on leashes) and join us as we "STOMP OUT HUNGER" in our area! Let's help WPC have the largest group there!

### **Oct 16 – PYC & Youth Music**

**Oct 19 – CHILLAX:** Youth and Parents are invited to a special event called "**Unbreakable**" at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Join us as we hear Jordan Burnham, a good student and star athlete when in high school, tell his compelling story of secret depression and attempted suicide. He has appeared on CNN, ESPN and Dr. Phil. We will meet at WPC at 5:00 pm to carpool, event is from 6:30-7:30, and should return around 8:30. Bring a sack dinner to eat on the way. Admission is free. View his video at: <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=459456214189>

**Oct 23 – WPC Stewardship Luncheon & Presentation** after second service. Go have lunch in Fellowship Hall and then come hang out upstairs in the Youth Lounge.



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Youth Family Pool Party

A splashing good time!

**Oct 30 – NO PYC:** ALL youth and families are encouraged to attend the Dennis Dewey & WPC Choir concert at 4:00 p.m. There will be singin' and tellin', laughin' and eatin'!

### Upcoming Event:

### **Cardboard Box City Event – November 5-6** **"One Box. One Night. One Dream."**

We will join hundreds of youth from all over our area to experience homelessness for a night while raising money for the Family Promise of Clear Lake (a non-profit organization that helps homeless families get back on their feet). Youth (junior and senior high) will get sponsors to pledge money for them to spend the night outside in a cardboard box. The pledges go to pay their "rent" of their box for the night and access into the event. Our youth group will literally sleep overnight in cardboard boxes while learning about the plight of homelessness in our area through scavenger hunts, speakers, and various activities. There will be music, games, interaction with other groups, a soup kitchen dinner, breakfast and a ton of fun. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this life changing event!



**Our youth joined 150 Presbyterian Youth from all over Texas for a weekend at Mo-Ranch**

# Family of Faith

10/01: [David Bolon](#)  
[Andy Posluszny](#)  
[Maureen Bigueras](#)  
[Kylie Luedde](#)

10/02: [Horace Robbins](#)

10/03: [Timothy Berry](#)  
[Geri Foster](#)  
[Sherwin Bigueras](#)  
[Courtney Bowen](#)  
[Elizabeth Noriega](#)  
[Rudy Noriega](#)  
[Robert Noriega](#)  
[Dalton Little](#)

10/04: [Austin Stubblefield](#)

10/05: [Elissa Loynes](#)  
[Ian Schoen](#)

10/06: [Malcolm Colditz](#)  
[Tory Merritt](#)

10/08: [Ardene Martin](#)  
[Harriet Colditz](#)  
[David Compton](#)  
[Carlos Noriega](#)  
[Bethany Cowan](#)

10/09: [Evelyn Lawrence](#)  
[Rylee Parraz](#)

10/10: [Cookie Leisenring](#)  
[Carolyn Fitzgerald](#)

10/11: [Margaurite Fulton](#)  
[Kevin Snowden](#)  
[Katherine Dixon](#)  
[Maria Hear](#)



October 2

10/12: [Kim Harano](#)  
[Monica Straight](#)

10/14: [Tina Yeamans](#)  
[Elizabeth Clifford](#)

10/15: [Roemehl Dewey](#)

[Kristina Hearn](#)  
[Susanne Plaisted](#)  
[Andrew Stearns](#)

10/16: [Helen DeLeon](#)  
[Lisa Haws](#)

10/17: [Gary Mossman](#)  
[John Knight](#)  
[Bobby Scales](#)  
[Joan Littleton](#)

[Jennifer Martin](#)  
[Sean Douglas](#)

10/18: [Kimberly Glaus Late](#)

10/19: [Jennifer Walden](#)

[Patricia Frohme](#)

10/20: [Joyce Sens](#)  
[Richard Henry](#)

10/21: [Johnny Barber](#)

[Ken Wood](#)  
[Jill Cooper](#)

[Jeffry Kinzler](#)

10/22: [Bud Allison](#)  
[Joseph Gillespie](#)

10/23: [David McDonald](#)

[Lauren Balletto](#)

10/25: [Betty Skiles](#)  
[Patricia Hunter](#)  
[Leslie Straight](#)

10/26: [Vahid Bagheri](#)

10/27: [Elizabeth Ogle](#)  
[Kimberly Sulivant](#)

10/28: [Cori Pavone](#)

10/29: [Mike Straight](#)

10/30: [Judith Allton](#)  
[Charles Moede](#)

[Sara Hartig](#)

[Chelsea Brotherton](#)

10/31: [Sarah Schwarz](#)



October 30



**Wednesday Night Dinners** are in desperate need of cooks. Consider getting the people in your particular group to go in together to do casseroles one night. We sure could use help in this important ministry.




**Wholy Grounds  
Java Spot**  
**OPEN EVERY SUNDAY**  
**Rain or Shine!**

Coffee, Lemonade and Cookies served every Sunday between services and for 30 minutes after 2nd service.  
**PS: Cookie bakers, if it's your birthday month please bring cookies! We have run out of goodies.**



We will restart the Early Risers' Breakfast on October 9th from 9:30-10:30 in Bouton Hall. Everyone is welcome! It will be a breakfast buffet that will include take-out items for those going to Sunday School. Come enjoy good food and fellowship between the services and remember to bring a friend and invite a visitor.



**Would You Like to Help With Our Youth Dinners?**  
 On most Sundays we have a light lunch for our youth after second service before they meet for youth group and their handbell and choir practices. If you would be interested in helping by providing a light lunch, please contact Karla Bradley or Chuck Moede.



October 23



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*Be Thou My Vision* ♪ *One Step He Leads* ♪ *Lacrimosa* ♪ *The Majesty and Glory of His Name*  
*The Winter Rose* ♪ *The Heavens are Telling* ♪ *Song For the Unsung Hero* ♪ *Still, Still, Still*

Okay so you know these are songs, but do you know what they have in common? They are a few of the many songs the Faith Choir has sung in the last couple of years or so. They are beautiful works and some of them are much loved by our congregation as well as our choir and our director, Glenn Foster. So what could be the problem here? It's really simple: our choir needs more voices to be able to continue singing, to the glory of God, these and other beautiful songs.

We are very grateful to hear the expressions of appreciation from our pastors and congregation. We work hard each week to learn the music for our worship services. Often, it is harder than other times, especially when there are no bass singers that week, or only one or two sopranos. Each piece needs a full contingent of voices to sound the way the composer, and Glenn, want them to sound. Sadly, our numbers are dwindling—some have moved and we have lost some very good friends to aging. We are so happy to have a couple of new folks who have recently joined our ranks, but even they see the need for more voices.

There are many who may read this and say—"Oh you don't want me, I can't sing." Really? Are you sure? Very few of us are "professional" or have opera quality voices. We have every day voices just like you. We have flaws but God knows we are trying. Please consider singing with us. Drop by any Wednesday night at 7:30pm—try us—you might like us!

**Join the choir—you'll be glad you did!**