

The Good News

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Welcome to the First Weekly Edition of the Good News

It's not fancy, but FPC needed a news vehicle that is more up-to-date than a once monthly newsletter. So welcome to the first weekly edition of *The Good News*.

Don't worry, the weekly edition won't take the place of its monthly counterpart. In those weeks when the monthly newsletter is published, you won't see this shorter version. The weekly editions will update you on the latest FPC news. We will even throw in some community information you can use.

It may be confusing at first to have two newsletters called The Good News, so we want you to know the name for the weekly edition is just tentative. If you like it, it will stick. If you have a better name, by all means let us know. We'll put your suggestion up to review by the congregation. If your name for this newsletter is selected, and you submitted it first, you will win a BRAND NEW SNACK—bag of chips or two-liter bottle of soda—your choice!

Do you remember?

If you've been an FPC member long enough, you probably remember the logo we're using at the top of this newsletter. It was used on the monthly newsletter back in 2008 or so. We thought it would be a nice gesture to start something new with something tried and true.

New addition to our prayer list

FPC member Petra Strassberg had emergency gall bladder surgery Monday (May 19) afternoon.

"Due to a high white cell count, I was kept an extra day for the antibiotic treatment," she said, delaying her return home until Wednesday. "I will return to work next week. My sister has come to stay with me for a few days."

Petra works at Texas A&M-Commerce as a course developer/accessibility lead in the Faculty Center for Teaching with Technology and the Center for IT Excellence.

You can wish her a speedy recovery via email at Petra.Strassberg@tamuc.edu. Or you can call her at 903-274-9444.

Farmer's Market Opens

Fresh! Just out of the ground or off the vine, bush, or tree. Yes, harvesting is about to begin and fresh fruits and vegetables will be available at the Farmer's Market in Commerce when it opens on Saturday, May 24.

Each Saturday, the Farmer's Market will be open from 7:30-noon at the Bonham Street location. If you want to sell your fruits and vegetables, you can get registration information by calling 903-886-1123 (ask for Sherry) or 903-886-8214 (ask for Luann).

Guest Organist on Sunday

Jim and Toni Deaton will be away this Sunday. As a result, they have asked DeeAnn Gorham to play for FPC this Sunday. A Commerce resident since 1977, Gorham said she was “delighted” to be a member of the A&M-Commerce Music Department when Dr. Deaton was Head of the Department.

DeeAnn has been a teacher of voice and piano for 44 years, including serving as the public school choral director in Edinburg, Texas and directing the Chancel and Children’s choirs and Handbell and Chime choirs at Kavanaugh United Methodist Church in Greenville. She recently retired from TAMUC as in Instructor of Voice.

Recently, she has become a part time substitute organist for Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sulphur Springs.

Be sure to say hello to DeeAnn this Sunday.

Rev. Rasco Going on Vacation

Rev. Rasco will be on vacation (to spend a week with her new nephew—William, born May 7, 2014) from May 26 through June 1. She will be back in the office on June 2. There will be no “Teach the Preacher” that week.

Keep us informed

If you have some news or information that needs to go out, please let us know. We can’t print what we don’t know about.

No Weekly Newsletter Next Week

Because we’ll have our monthly newsletter out next week, there will be so weekly version. Look for the smaller newsletter to come out again the following week on Friday, June 6. See you then!

(-30-, written just that way, is newspaper jargon for the end. It let typesetters from way back in the day of hot lead, that the story was finished and complete. It is how this newsletter will end each week.)