

The Good News

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Best of Luck to the McIntier Family

We are sad to say farewell to Joe and Jody McIntier (only for now, we hope). We received an email for this newsletter from Jody. We'll let it speak for itself.

Just wanted to share that Joe and I are ok. We are up north seeing a specialist for me. Going to take a much needed break. Not sure we will ever be back, but it's not in our hands it's in God's. See(ing) some beautiful country and visiting family along the way. It's in the 50's and 60's here.

Our hearts are with y'all and we love the updates. Will keep in touch. Check in on Joel and Leeza when you can. It was hard leaving him behind. Thanks for your prayers and know you are in ours daily.

*Jody McIntier
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This Week's Sermon Emphasis

In her sermon on Sunday, Rev. Rasco continues to tell the story of Joseph. She will be using **Genesis 45:1-15**(Pew Bible, O.T., p. 40-41). In these verses, Joseph reveals himself to his brothers.

Prayer Requests

Nancy Green, who we added to our prayer list last week, had surgery on Monday at Greenville Hospital due to diabetes complications. She is now home and recovering. Please continue to pray for her, as well as all of those on our prayer list.

Church Activities and Meetings This Week

- Don't forget that Sunday evening at 5 p.m. is FPC's annual Ice Cream Social. It is sponsored by the Membership and Pastoral Care Committee. Come and enjoy homemade ice cream.
- Tuesday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. – Teach the Preacher. Please note that Sunday's bulletin was printed with the wrong date for this meeting.
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 6 p.m. – The Caring Committee will meet to discuss plans for the fall.

What It Means to Be a Presbyterian

That's what the editors of *Presbyterians Today* want to know. They want Presbyterians to send them quotes and, if possible, pictures for inclusion in their December issue. Here's what they want--in their words.

"Email us one or two sentences that sum up why you're Presbyterian. You might tell about a specific experience—such as a pastor who supported your family when someone was ill or the care you received from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteers after a disaster. Or you might focus on a particular church value that's important to you—like the priority of Scripture or the church's commitment to stand up for livable wages for farm workers. Choose anything at all, but please be as specific as you can.

"We'd love it if you can send along a hi-res photo of an object, event, or people that goes along with your quote. Please include a description of the image and its significance."

Send your quote and pictures to editor@pcusa.org by Sept. 4.



This Sunday's Food Pantry Items

Don't forget to bring something to church this Sunday for the Commerce Food Pantry. Fourth Sunday item is a can of tuna, chicken, or spam. These items may be placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Lots of Community News

Movie in the Park--Remember that popcorn and a movie in the park are free tomorrow night (Saturday, Aug. 23), in City Park on Park Street in Commerce. The event is sponsored by Churchill at Commerce and Commerce Parks and Recreation.

Pack a snack, drinks, blanket and/or chairs and enjoy the **Lego Movie**. The movie starts at dusk, but come early and enjoy some musical entertainment.

Should there be rain, Sept. 6 is the rain date.



City Dance--Saturday is a busy night. FPC's Sherry Johnson has organized the first ever Commerce City Dance as part of her city job as Tourism/Event Coordinator. You are cordially invited.

It is from 8-11 p.m. at the newly renovated banquet room at the Lion's Den (former University Inn) at 3000 Hwy. 24. The band "Sound Control" will provide music. Three of its band members are from the original "Blast From the Past."

The event is BYOB – set ups will be available at a minimal charge and munchies will provided. Cost is \$10 per person. To reserve a table of eight please call Sherry at 903-886-1123 or you can pay at the door

Commerce ISD Bands Fundraiser—Once again, the Commerce High School Roarin' Tiger Band is raising money through its "Fight Song Fundraiser." The group is asking individuals to pledge an amount for each time the band officially performs the school fight song. A more detailed explanation is on the FPC bulletin board by the kitchen.

Last Saturday Community Breakfast—The First United Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Campus Ministry are sponsoring a free community breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry Building, 1504 Lee Street in Commerce.

Come and enjoy pancakes and sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. If successful, this last Saturday of the month event, may continue.

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. Also, if you know of someone who would like to receive our church newsletters, but is not getting them, send us their email address and we will put them on our mailing list.