



# THE GOOD NEWS

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## Worship with us this Sunday!

"A Christian Community of Faith"

**9:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday School for all ages**  
**10:50 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship**

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## A Message From the Pastor

Summer is here! This is a time when most people take vacations and church attendance might seem a little low. Even though you might be traveling, there are many ways to stay spiritually active.



You could download a devotional app or visit a devotional webpage. One that is popular is [d365.org](http://d365.org).

Check out a local church wherever you are visiting.

Wherever you are, take a moment to thank God for the place you are at and the people you are with.

Take a bag a skittles with you and say a skittle prayer!

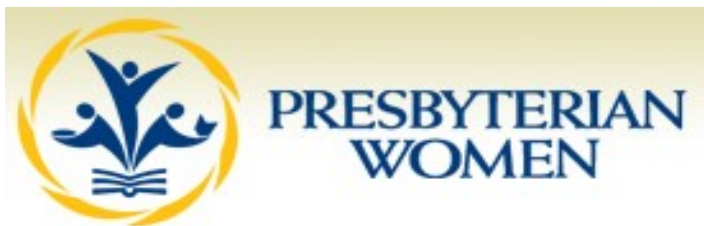
## Skittle Prayers

- Green: Name something you love about your family. Pray for them.
- Yellow: Who was your favorite teacher? Pray for all teachers.
- Orange: What do you like best about church? Pray for your church.
- Purple: What is your favorite thing God has made? Pray for creation.
- Red: Who do you know that needs help? Pray for them.

No matter where you go or who you are with, I wish you all traveling mercies. Don't forget to send back pictures!

***Grace and peace be with you all,***

***Rev. Krista Rasco, pastor***



The Presbyterian Women's Circle of FPC-Commerce is sponsoring a "Parents Night Out" on Friday, June 1, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Mothers or fathers in our church who have young children and who want to take advantage of this event should call the church office in advance to sign up for their night out.

The church office needs this information by Wednesday, May 29, to make final arrangements.

### Upcoming Community Events



### Get Tickets Now for Quilt Raffle Benefitting Commerce Food Pantry

A beautiful, hand-made, red, white and blue patriotic quilt will go to the winner of a raffle benefiting the Commerce Food Pantry on July 1, during the Bois d'Arc Bash Fourth of July Celebration.

The large quilt (90 x 77 inches) was made and donated by the *Cotton Blossoms Quilt Circle*. The group is part of the *Cotton Patch Quilt Guild*.

Tickets (\$1 or six for \$5) can be purchased from members of the Commerce Food Pantry Board and at participating organizations and merchants here in Commerce.

### Candidate Forum June 3

You are invited to a **Candidate Forum** which has been scheduled for Sunday, June 3, at 3 p.m. in the Champion Community Center located at 1007 M.L. King in Commerce.

Republican and Democratic candidates in five key national, state, and local races have been invited.



Hi Friends,

This morning we got Lily's address for the next four years. It won't be valid until June 28. We are told that for basic cadet training there are some restrictions on mail. White envelope, white paper, nothing that plays music or has glitter! Plain Jane. No care packages during BCT.

I assume they will tell us when or if that changes.

I am sure Lily would love to get mail - thanks for thinking about her.

Cadet Lily Selvaggi

PO Box 5484

USAF Academy, CO 80841

*Tina*



*Air Force Academy Bound—Rev. Rasco and new grad (and Air Force cadet) Lily Selvaggi pose for a picture at the Baccalaureate Service held May 13 at Mount Moriah Church here in Commerce.*

## Summer Learning Opportunity for HS Students

Applications are closing soon (deadline June 1) for the 2018 **Lux Summer Theological Institute** at Presbyterian-related Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. This FREE, two-week opportunity from July 15-29 will explore "**Caring for God's Creation: Thinking Theologically about Ecology and Justice.**"



The Lux Institute is an opportunity for high school students to participate in a living-learning community through study, worship, community engagement, service, recreation, and vocational exploration. All expenses for the two-week program are covered, with the exception of travel. Free shuttles from the Chicago airports to Monmouth College are provided.

Time is short. Click on the following link to learn more and apply for the [Lux Summer Theological Institute for Youth](#).

You may also want to contact: the Lux Institute Director, Rev. Jessica Hawkinson, at [jhawkinson@monmouthcollege.edu](mailto:jhawkinson@monmouthcollege.edu)

## June Calendar

### Worship Schedule

- 3** Morning Worship service 10:50 a.m.  
*Sermon focus on Mark 2:23-3:6.*
- 10** Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
*Sermon focus on Mark 3: 20-35.*
- 17** Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
*Sermon focus determined by guest pastor.*
- 24** Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
*Sermon focus determined by guest pastor.*

### Other June events

- 1** **Friday, 6-10 p.m.**—Parents Night Out, sponsored by FPC Presbyterian Women
- 11** **Monday 10 a.m.**—PW Circle meeting to clean up kitchen
- 13** **Wednesday, 6 p.m.**—Session meeting
- 26** **Tuesday, 6 p.m.**—Food Pantry Board meeting

*Note: Pastor Rasco will be on vacation from June 15-26.*

## Life Celebration for Jackie Book

Petra Strassberg's mother, 92-year-old Jacqueline (Jackie) Storrs Book, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 25, at Wesley Oaks in Sulphur Springs. She will be cremated so there will not be a funeral or grave side service. Petra and her sisters will take their mother's ashes to Calvert, Texas, so they can be buried next to Jackie's husband and her parents.

A Life Celebration will be held Thursday, May 31, from 2-5 p.m. at Petra's home at 3010 Charlinda Street here in Commerce. If you need directions please, call Petra at 903-274-9444.

The link below will take you to a video Petra made about her mother's life.

<https://youtu.be/1I2HTNA9tvU>

## In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

**Our Troops**  
Melba Blount  
Gayle Shumate  
Preston Helton  
Jan Burns  
Jean Angotti  
Family of Judy Vanderpool  
Family of Madeline Sullivan  
Joe Dipiazza  
Freda Lambert  
Family of Jackie Book

Gordon Hunter  
Amy Lopez  
Gladys Gray  
Catherine King Robertson  
Audrey Hucks  
Joyce Isaacs  
Adele Reeves  
Deryl McKenzie  
Family of Beverly Murphy

Bruce Campbell  
Joe Yeakley  
Mildred Miller  
Bennie Neve  
Larry Ratliff  
Jim Calvert  
Jordan and Clelie Senne  
Brandon and Kate Pullen Hall  
Danny Spruel  
Family of Donald R. Smith

Sara Grace Pullen  
Grace Byrd  
Gaye Furry  
Ron Davis  
Jack Gray  
Tammi Fucci  
Family of Janice Hale  
Bob Wilkins  
Kristen Anderson  
Joyce McCord

*If you have anyone you would like to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.*





- A flyer about the upcoming Commerce Food Pantry Quilt Raffle Drawing on July 1 at the Bois d'Arc Bash Fourth of July Celebration. Get your raffle tickets now.

## **First Presbyterian Church** **Staff, Session, and Committees**

### Staff

Pastor ..... Rev. Krista Rasco  
 Clerk of Session ..... Wally Tucker  
 Music Director ..... Micah Krajca  
 Pianist ..... David Vergara  
 Nursery Attendant ..... Carolyn McFarland  
 Secretary ..... Roger McKenzie

### Session Members

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Martha Clevenger	Brenda Estes	Nancy Green
Jordan Conner	Tina Fletcher	Bob Johnson
Wally Tucker	Russ Garmon	Neal Stewart
Bettina Zvanut	Lily Selvaggi	

### Session Committees

**Worship:**  
 Chair ..... Martha Clevenger  
 Co-Chair ..... Nancy Green

**Christian Education:**  
 Chair ..... Bettina Zvanut  
 Co-Chair ..... Nancy Green

**Membership and Pastoral Care:**  
 Chair ..... Brenda Estes  
 Co-Chair ..... Tina Fletcher Selvaggi

**Mission/Evangelism:**  
 Chair ..... Bob Johnson  
 Co-Chair ..... Bettina Zvanut

**Buildings and Grounds:**  
 Chair ..... Russ Garmon  
 Co-Chair ..... Neal Stewart

**Stewardship and Finance:**  
 Chair ..... Jordan Conner

**Personnel:**  
 Chair ..... Wally Tucker

*Note: Some committees do not have co-chairs.*

## **June Worship Leaders**

### June 3

Host Elder: ..... Russ Garmon  
 Head Usher: ..... Brenda Estes  
 Candle Lighter: ..... TBD  
 Liturgist: ..... Bart Green  
 Elements: ..... Wally Tucker

### June 10

Head Usher: ..... Jordan Conner  
 Candle Lighter: ..... TBD  
 Liturgist: ..... Arlene Allen

### June 17

Head Usher: ..... Ric Estes  
 Candle Lighter: ..... TBD  
 Liturgist: ..... Barbara Tucker

### June 24

Head Usher: ..... Scott Stewart  
 Candle Lighter: ..... TBD  
 Liturgist: ..... Toni Deaton

## **Food Pantry Donation Items**

The Commerce Food Pantry typically serves over 120 families each month. Donations remain an important source of its ability to help these people. Remember to help out the food pantry with a donation of food each Sunday.

Here are suggested donations. There is a box just inside the sanctuary for your donation.

- 1st Sunday**—Saltine crackers
- 2nd Sunday**—Ranch Style Beans
- 3rd Sunday**—Spaghetti sauce (in cans)
- 4th Sunday**—Spam, chili without beans
- 5th Sunday**—Canned pineapple

In addition to the above, the Commerce Food Pantry is always in need of grocery paper bags with handles (Braun's paper bags are perfect).



Deadline for mid-June newsletter items is June 13.

## June Dates to Remember

### *Happy Birthday to:*

- 3 - Brian Miguel Majera
- 5 - Eric Clevenger
- 7 - Mason Howard
- 8 - Sean McIntier
- 8 - Julian Rasco
- 8 - Carol Lee Parrish
- 10 - Rebecca Dickerson
- 11 - Robert (Bob) Johnson Jr.
- 13 - Walt Davis
- 16 - Linda Roosevelt
- 25 - Keith McFarland
- 27 - Deborah Deaton Wells
- 27 - Joyce McCord
- 30 - Tina Fletcher Selvaggi

### *Happy Anniversary to:*

- 8 – Amber & Jay Porterfield
- 12 – Nancy & Keith McFarland

*If we forgot you or got a date wrong,  
contact the church secretary.*

## Upcoming Bible Readings

**Sunday (June 3) Is the  
Second Sunday after Pentacost**

**Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-20** *Samuel's Calling  
and Prophetic Activity*

**Psalter: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** *The Inescapable  
God*

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12** *Treasure in Clay Jars*

**Gospel (and sermon focus): Mark 2:23—3:6**  
*Pronouncement about the Sabbath / The Man  
with a Withered Hand*

**Sunday (June 10) Is the**

**Third Sunday after Pentacost**

**Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8:4-20** *Israel  
Demands a King / Israel's Request for a King  
Granted*

**Psalter: Psalm 138** *Thanksgiving and Praise*

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1** *Treasure in Clay  
Jars / Living by Faith*

**Gospel (and sermon focus): Mark 3:20-35**  
*Jesus and Beelzebul / The True Kindred  
of Jesus*

## FPC Is Online!

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[www.fpc-commerce.com](http://www.fpc-commerce.com)



**Got a summer picture? Let us show it off!**

**Don't  
forget!**

**We can't inform  
people fully without  
your help. If you  
have something you  
want people to know**

**about—a picture, an accomplishment or  
brag, a meeting notice, a trip you've  
taken recently, etc., please let us know.**

**Call or email (we prefer email) the  
church office with your news.**