

The Good News

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Popular SCAMP Begins Second Year July 25

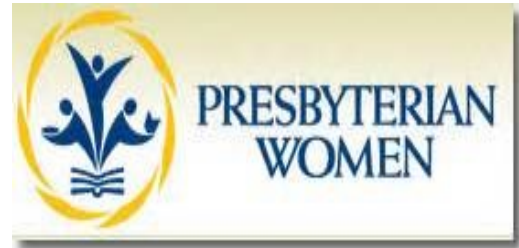
SCAMP 2016 is here for its second summer run starting Monday, July 25, and continuing through July 29. SCAMP, short for Summer Creative Art & Music Program, features a host of FPC and other community volunteers, some talented teachers, and over 30 eager children who will be entering first through sixth grade in the fall. All of the SCAMP slots have been filled.



Director **Walt Davis** proudly noted that nearly 20 adult teachers, assistants, and volunteers—led by Artistic Director **Kim Nolen Wheelock** and Floor Manager **Angela Roberts**—will guide the children through an arts rotation featuring creative visual arts, musical instrument instruction, choir instruction, and movement and dance instruction. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. on Monday. Children will be picked-up at 12:30 p.m. each day following lunch.

Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Women's Gathering

FPC's **Toni Deaton** and **Beverly Zvanut** are participating in this meeting and helping with some of its activities. The gathering will include women from all over Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas in Fort Worth on July 21-23 at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby. Dr. Rigby is a long time professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.



In addition to Dr. Rigby, attendees will attend two large workshop sessions and as many as four smaller sessions during the multi-day event.

FPC Gets a Letter of Thanks

Mission Committee chairman **Bettina Zvanut** reports that the committee has voted to give a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with the recovery from the earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan. They are also studying an offer from United Way to place a small Children's Library on the grounds of the church which will hold free books for the neighborhood children to take.



In between the time Bettina submitted this news and the printing of this newsletter, The Presbyterian Mission Agency has responded with a letter expressing

their thanks for FPC's donation. The letter can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the kitchen door.

In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	Diane Little	Gordon Hunter	Jace Carrington
Bruce Campbell	Sara Grace Pullen	Melba Blount	Amy Lopez
Billy Marshall	Joe Yeakley	John Paul Rhodes	Grace Byrd
Gayle Shumate	Gladys Gray	Family of Christopher Cosby	Pat Skauge
Family of Scott Williams	Missy Burns	Family of Dan Jones	Mildred Miller
Amanda Swanson	Gaye Furry	Family of Jean Follis	Preston Helton
Monty Howard	Loretta Kibler	Joyce McCord	
Family & friends of Jim Major		Joan Walvoord	

Death of Former FPC Member Noemi Goodwin Noted

Note: **Toni Deaton** recently reported a death and provided an address that some people in the FPC family might like to know about if they don't already. This is the first newsletter since then that the information could be included.

"Several days ago one of our long-time members, **Noemi Goodwin**, who had moved away to be near her family, passed away. Noemi was a vital part of our church for many years. At one time, she hosted a PW night circle Bible study once a month at her home for women who worked. She is survived by her two sons and their families. However, no one I talked with knew the address for her son David Bidwell. Some in our congregation may wish to send their condolences to the family."

Toni listed the address of Mrs. Goodwin's son, Robert, as follows: Dr. Robert Bidwell; 7715 Christina Avenue; Amarillo, TX 79121.

A search turned up the following obituary on a website for LaGrone Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors in Amarillo.

Obituary



Noemi Marroquin Goodwin, 91, went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 18, 2016. She was born on December 6, 1924 in Mexico City to Hazael and Ignacia Marroquin. She was a devoted homemaker, a loving wife, and a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church.

She married Robert Leland Bidwell on June 6, 1953 and he preceded her in death August 17, 1977. She later married Ralph William Goodwin on March 22, 1980 and he preceded her in death on November 15, 2008.

In addition to her devoted and loving husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her two sons, Robert M. Bidwell and wife Rosa and David M. Bidwell; five grandchildren, Joshua, Lara, Jordan, Gabriela and Xavier.

Assisting with Worship

Our worship leaders this Sunday (July 24) are: **Monty Howard**, Head Usher; **Sally Walker**, Candle lighter; and **Martha Clevenger**, Liturgist.

Next Sunday (July 31) our worship leaders will be **Wendell Linton**, Head Usher; **Cal Conner**, candle lighter, and **Neal Stewart**, liturgist.

These volunteers help make the worship service meaningful. Let them know how much you appreciate them. If you would like to help FPC in some other way, contact Rev. Rasco or the church secretary.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

Upcoming FPC Events

- Thursday, July 21,—Several SCAMP meetings will be held throughout the day.
- Tuesday, July 26, 5 p.m.—Commerce Food Pantry meeting

Is a committee meeting or church event on your schedule? Let us know!

Community Outreach—Learning to Use the Crockpot to Cook Easy, Inexpensive Meals

The Crock Pot Cooking Class was held once again on Thursday, July 14, in Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of the Commerce Food Pantry time. There were three people in attendance, and each learned how to cook tortilla soup in a crock pot from presenter **Bettina Zvanut**.

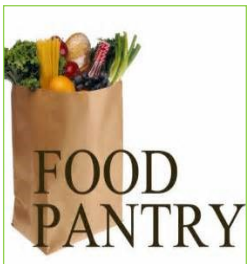
Each attendee received a recipe card and a bowl of tortilla soup. And since there were three crock pots to be given away in a drawing following the lesson, all three people automatically won a crock pot, as well as all of the ingredients to make tortilla soup!

They were very pleased and said they intended to try to make soup, beans, and pot roast in the coming weeks. Two of the winners are pictured below—**Mrs. Georgia Gholston** and **Mr. Aubrey Kinchlow**.



Don't Forget Food Pantry Items

The **Commerce Food Pantry** serves families in need each week. Donations, both food and money, are a major source of its ability to help these people. Remember to help out the food pantry with a donation of food each Sunday.



1st Sunday—Peanut butter and/or jelly

2nd Sunday—Bag of pinto beans and/or rice

3rd Sunday—Box of cereal or oatmeal

4th Sunday—Cans of tuna, spam, chicken

5th Sunday—Cans of fruit: peaches, fruit cocktail





Bible Readings for this Sunday and Next Sunday

This Sunday (July 24) is the 10th Sunday after Pentecost.

Old Testament: Hosea 1:2-10 *The Family of Hosea / The Restoration of Israel*

Psalter: Psalm 85 *Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favor*

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 *The Lord's Prayer / Perseverance in Prayer*

Epistle: (and sermon focus) Colossians 2:6-19 *Fullness of Life in Christ*

Next Sunday (July 31) is the 11th Sunday After Pentecost.

Old Testament: Hosea 11:1-11 *God's Compassion Despite Israel's Ingratitude*

Psalter: Psalm 107:1-9, 43 *Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles*

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 *The Parable of the Rich Fool*

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11 *The New Life in Christ*



Feeding the Body and the Mind

FPC is one of two local sites hosting the United Way Summer Lunch Program which has provided not only lunches, but written activities, and free books. The Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers added a donation of ten books also.



READ AND FEED—Participants in the summer lunch program also take advantage of reading activities.



Petra Wants You!

Petra Strassberg wants you to come meet Tim and Barbara Blanton, who are visiting her from Honduras. Barbara is Petra's sister and Petra is hosting a wine and cheese party from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at her home, 3010 Charlinda Street in Commerce.

You can call Petra at 903-274-9444 for more information.

The Good News for August will go out around August 3. If you have news, pictures, or a story to share, the deadline is Aug. 1.



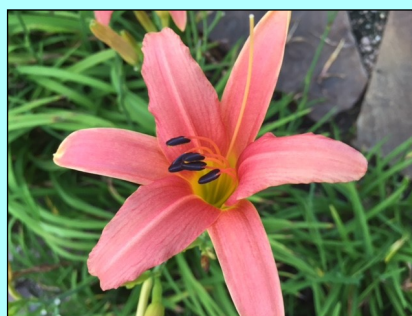
Summer Pictures Wanted

Do you have a picture that perfectly captures the essence of summer—at least the essence of your summer? Maybe you have a picture of a garden or a relative you don't get to see as often as you like but they came or you went to visit them and the visit was really nice. How about a trip you've taken? Email your picture(s) to fpc-commerce@embarqmail.com. Please provide adequate information, so our newsletter readers will know what they are looking at.



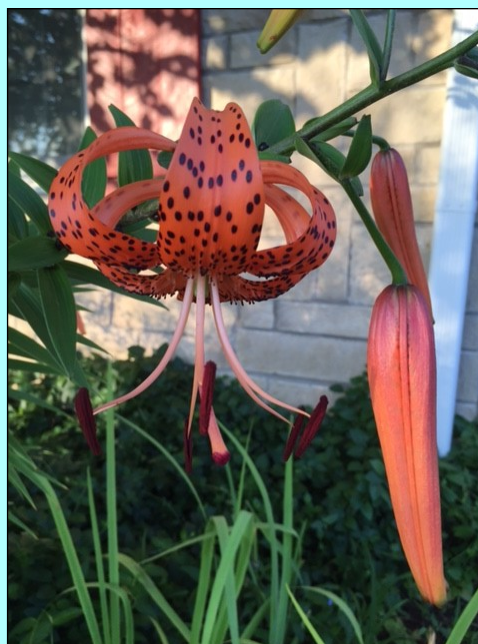
Summer Pictures

Dangerous Pet and Summer Flowers.



Tina Selvaggi sent us these pictures of beautiful flowers with the notation, "I think church members would enjoy knowing that

Francis Street's lilies are still living on!



*GOOD BOY! HERE'S A TREAT! This is a jaw dropping picture from **Wally and Barbara Tucker** taken during their recent vacation trip to Costa Rica. It seems they don't have enough dogs as pets (probably because the HUGE crocodiles ate them). The tucked-in arm at the bottom of the picture belongs to Barbara Tucker, who is sitting in a boat that is a little too close for comfort.*



Tina Fletcher Selvaggi's students are walking the labyrinth at Children's Hospital as part of their wellness class. The hospital chaplain hosted the event, which the students enjoyed - despite the heat.

Got a picture for
The Good News
that you would like
to share?
Email it to
fpc-commerce
@embarqmail.com

Upcoming Community Events

- **Tuesday, July 26, 6 p.m.**—The First Baptist Church invites you to come for cookies and stay for a showing of *War Room*, a powerful (and gritty) faith based film following a family through some challenging times. Zootopia will be shown for children too young to view *War Room*. A flyer is on the FPC bulletin board.
- **Saturday, Aug. 6, 9-11 a.m.**—Commerce Recycle Day is an opportunity to recycle by placing your recyclable materials in city containers on the TAMCU parking lot at Campbell and Walnut streets.



Did We Forget Something?

Don't Forget, You Have to Do Your Part

Maybe we forgot an event you are organizing for FPC or a committee report you wanted to get in *The Good News*.

Whatever you notice is missing, let us know. And if you forgot, remember to remember next time! We can't be informative without you and your input.