

The Good News

Weekly Edition

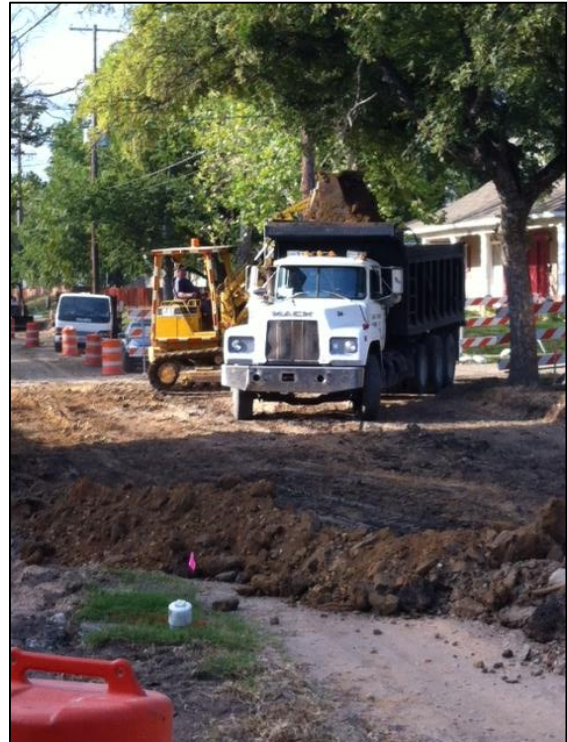
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Road Work

Road work on Monroe Street has progressed to our front door. No completion date is known at this time, but grading is underway. There will be several steps that need to be completed before actual paving can begin. The pictures below were taken today.



Updates for Beverly Housewright and Elizabeth Davis Mazzocco

FPC member Beverly Housewright had her surgery this week. She is expected to go home today. Some of our members will be taking some meals to her at home.

Funeral plans have been announced for Elizabeth Davis Mazzocco, who died suddenly on Wednesday after a brain hemorrhage. Sally Faires, sister to Elizabeth, sends word that the funeral will be at Douglass Funeral Home on Pleasant Street in Amherst, Massachusetts. The family visitation will be on Monday afternoon, followed by the service, and the burial will take place on Tuesday morning.

If you would like to send a card, Sally Faires' address is 2342 Stillwater Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75181.

Sermon Focus

In her sermon on Sunday, Rev. Rasco will be using **Exodus 17:1-7**. In these verses, God once again produces a miracle by providing the Israelites water from a rock.

Prayer requests

Rev. Krista's grandmother has taken ill, but seems to be recovering. Please pray for her to continue to get better. Rev. Rasco and her family have also been subject to illness this week. Katelyn, who was stricken first, seems to have recovered, so the prognosis is good for Jason and Krista who apparently picked up Katelyn's bug. Please support the Rasco family and Krista's grandmother with prayer.

Church Activities and Meetings This Week

Teach the Preacher, which provides an opportunity to discuss the previous week's sermon and take a look at the upcoming one, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 9 a.m.

Meetings will take place after the worship services on Oct. 5 and Oct. 12. Leaders in our participation in the New Beginnings program will meet on Oct. 5. There will be a congregational meeting on Oct. 12 to nominate elders.

Grace Presbytery Meeting

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Grace Presbytery will hold its monthly meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Longview. Go to the Grace Presbytery website for time and docket information.

This Week's Area Activities

Tonight (Friday, Sept. 26) is a fundraising barbecue that supports Hunt County Shared Ministries (FISH). The event is at Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenville. Lunch and dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5:30-7:30 p.m., respectively.

On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27, Commerce's annual Bois d'Arc Bash is back. Our Food Pantry volunteers will have a part in it—handing out free water. Events include a pageant (held Sept. 20), a golf tournament, a barbecue dinner, and plenty of music—including a "Community Concert in the Park." There will also be a pancake breakfast, vendor booths, and, of course, a parade.



This Sunday's Food Pantry Items

The fourth Sunday of the month is can do time. It is time to bring canned meat (tuna, Spam, chicken) for the Food Pantry. You can place these items in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Commercial/Fundraiser Time

• **Need a New Mattress?**--FPC's **Mason Howard and Lily Selvaggi** are helping the Commerce High School Roaring Tiger Band raise money. If you need a new mattress, you can help them, the band, and yourself. The mattress sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the CHS Band Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Mason or Lily for more information. All mattresses are new with full factory warranties. Several brands and many styles are available.

Assisting With Worship This Week

The following are helping with the worship service on Sunday (Sept. 28): Monty Howard, Host Elder; Bob Johnson, Head Usher; Matthew McFarland, Candlelighter; and Keith McFarland, Liturgist.

Providing special music are a quartet of young folks—Catherine, Mily, Jon, and James. Go up to them before or after the service and get to know them—and their last names.

As always, thanks to this group and to our music maestros—Jim and Toni Deaton. Please let them know how much they are appreciated.

If you would like to be a part of the worship service like these folks, or if you have something you would like to do in support of our ministry, contact Rev. Rasco or call the church secretary. And don't forget to go up to them and say thanks.

Speaking of those assisting in worship, there has been a **change** made in the process that schedules these helpers. The Worship Committee met recently and eliminated some redundancy. It was decided that the only time a Host Elder was needed was on Communion Sundays when they recruit elders to serve communion. The Worship Leader Schedule which is out for October, November, and December reflects this change.



Don't Miss the Boat. . . .

Remember, we need get your information as early as possible to make our Friday publication date. So if you have some news or information that needs to go out, please let us know as soon as possible.

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