



The Good News

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SCAMP Is Here!

After much planning and hard work that is continuing as you read this, FPC's highly successful Summer Creative Arts & Movement (or Music if you prefer) Program is here at last. SCAMP 2018 starts Monday, July 16, and continues each day from 8 a.m. to noon through Friday, July 20.



When it opens, approximately 30 children, who will be entering first through the sixth grade in the fall, will be on hand. Many are repeaters—eager to enjoy a fun-filled week of singing, playing instruments, art projects, and creative movement taught by talented, dedicated workers. Each camper will get a SCAMP t-shirt to wear and lunch each day to go along with their memorable experiences.

This year, for the first time, someone other than **Walt Davis** is in charge. This year's SCAMP head is **Bettina Zvanut**. She has been busy planning a week-long experience and gathering a team to make it happen. SCAMP culminates with a big program on Friday that allows the SCAMPers to show their parents, grandparents, and/or guardians just what they have learned.

Lots of pictures will be taken and we'll be sure to pass some of them on through future FPC newsletters.

Ric Estes works on replacing draperies with modern window shades in the room where children will learn music and instrument skills during SCAMP.

Deaton and Knight Lead Special Hymn Sing Here on July 29, Public Invited

Two former church music directors, one from FPC and another from Greenville, are teaming up for a joyous service of old time hymns at FPC on Sunday, July 29. The public is invited to join the FPC congregation as we sing and listen to the old hymns as part of the worship service at FPC. The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Commerce is located at 1216 Monroe Street (on the corner of Monroe and Caddo streets).



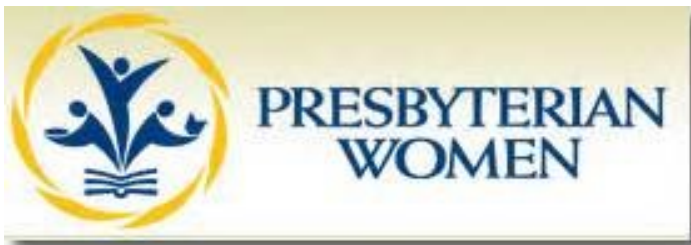
Jim Deaton

Joe Knight, you may not know. He is a close friend of FPC's **Jim Deaton**. The two, with Joe playing the piano and Jim playing the clarinet, will be our guides as we sing out the music we love. Knight is the former music director of Family Fellowship in Greenville. The former arranger and composer left Branson, Missouri, to take over the director of music position in Greenville in 1995. He led a strong music program at Family

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Joe Knight



Preparing for the Gathering

On July 12, **Brenda Estes and Toni Deaton** came together in Fellowship Hall and worked hard to produced a scrapbook page for Grace Presbytery's Presbyterian Women. The special effort is part of an audacious project representing Presbyterian Women



Brenda Estes and Toni Deaton show off their finished scrapbook page.

all across the country.

The page produced here and those produced



elsewhere representing Presbyteries throughout the United States will be displayed at the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, which will be held Aug. 2-5 in Louisville, Kentucky. Afterward, the pages will be put into a scrapbook.

The gathering will include attendees from many countries, as well as the U.S.

Toni and Bettina Zvanut are planning to attend this special event.

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Fellowship for 21 years.

Jim Deaton, a retired professor of music at TAMU -C here, served as director of music at FPC for 25 years before retiring from that position two years ago. He is still, however, very active here and still plays "gigs." In fact, he and Joe will be playing together at one such performance this Sunday, July 15, at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall.

Jim and Joe have worked together in the Bois d'Arc Dixieland Band, in various church services, in a university jazz education program, and in a 2015 presentation of a jazz trio recital at TAMU-C.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to worship God through the beautiful and familiar hymns we grew up on.

Request for Story Ideas

Each month, FPC publishes two newsletters. Sometimes the story pool is rich, Most times it is not. Even when there are a lot of stories, the pressure of deadlines keeps them short, or if time allows some are put in the queue for the next newsletter.

Sometimes we get an idea for a story, but it comes too late. Many times, the newsletter is filled up with boxes that are used over and over again. The information is needed, but it boils down to being a list.

Sometimes we get a good story idea, but input is needed to make it work. For instance, we started what we hoped would be a series of stories about how some FPCers came to the area and chose to attend here. We had one very nice story, but that was the last input we had, so we have been unable to follow up.

Do you have a story idea that can be developed and published without fear of a deadline? Let us know so we can make The Good News even better.

In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	Gordon Hunter	Bruce Campbell	Sara Grace Pullen
Melba Blount	Amy Lopez	Joe Yeakley	Grace Byrd
Gayle Shumate	Gladys Gray	Mildred Miller	Gaye Furry
Preston Helton	Catherine King Robertson	Bennie Neve	Ron Davis
Jan Burns	Audrey Hucks	Larry Ratliff	Jack Gray
Jean Angotti	Jim Calvert	Tammi Fucci	Adele Reeves
Brandon & Kate Pullen Hall	Bob Wilkins	Joe Dipiazza	Deryl McKenzie
Danny Spruel	Kristen Anderson	Family of Beverly Murphy	Family of Donald R. Smith
The Chang Family in Atlanta and China	Family of Freda Lambert	Family of Joyce McCord	
Family and friends of Gary Smith	SCAMP leaders and volunteers		

Upcoming Bible Readings

Sunday, July 15, is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 *David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem*

Psalter: Psalm 24 *Entrance into the Temple*

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 *The Death of John the Baptist*

Epistle (and sermon focus) : Ephesians 1:3-14 *One in Christ*



Next Sunday (July 22) Is the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a *God's Covenant with David*

Psalter: Psalm 89:20-37 *God's Covenant with David*

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 *Feeding the Five Thousand / Healing the Sick in Gennesaret*

Epistle(and sermon focus): Ephesians 2:11-22 *One in Christ*



Sunday, July 29, is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMN SING
(NO SERMON)



Assisting with Worship

The following people are assisting with worship the next three Sundays.

July 15

Head Usher: Walt Davis

Candle Lighter: TBD

Liturgist: Susan Reeves

July 22

Head Usher: Ric Estes

Candle Lighter: TBD

Liturgist: Brenda Estes

July 29

Head Usher: Russ Garmon

Candle Lighter: TBD

Liturgist: Nancy Green



Newsmakers

We almost missed it. In a recent meeting of the Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers Association, as reported by FPC's **Ann Jillian** in the June edition of the Commerce Connection, FPC had a big presence.

It was the final meeting as president for **Bettina Zvanut**. She installed new officers for the upcoming year, included second vice president **Ann Jillian**, and secretary **Nancy Green**.

Bettina has new duties as the group's legislative committee head and **Toni Deaton** is tasked with keeping the group informed about healthy living.

Food Pantry Donation Items

The Commerce Food Pantry typically serves between 30-40 different families in need each week—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—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). If you have any spare paper bags, please consider donating them at any time.

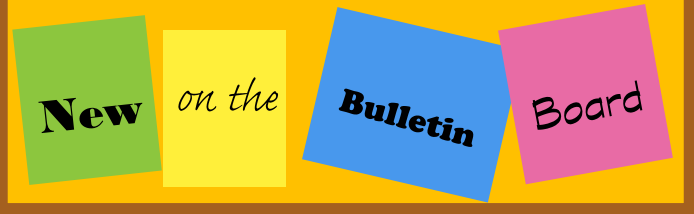
Upcoming Community Events



- **Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1-6 p.m.** at Commerce High School—Back to School Bash, a free event to Commerce ISD students and families providing information, health and dental screenings, hair cuts, door prizes, and much more. (See flyer on the bulletin board next to the FPC kitchen).



"Looks like Lily (Selvaggi) is going to survive basic training." This photo sent to us by Lily's mom seems to bear out the words she sent with it.



♦ A flyer for Commerce ISD's Back to School Bash to be held Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 1-6 p.m. at Commerce High School. See also "Upcoming Community Events" elsewhere in this issue.

♦ A Thank-You Card in appreciation to the FPC congregation for its love and support of Joyce McCord through the years, the use of the church for her funeral service, and to the ladies of FPC for the lunch provided for the family after the service.

♦ A letter of thanks to FPC for its support of Presbyterian Mission's Special Offerings, noting FPC's donation to One Great Hour of Sharing.

♦ A homemade flyer from Melissa Crowe seeking help for her sick mother.

♦ If you know of an able-bodied, willing to work person, take a look at a flyer from a recruitment company seeking people willing to work up to 70 hours a week outside on construction of a solar farm. It offers higher than average pay and lots of overtime.

Upcoming FPC Events



- **Saturday, July 21—Presbyterian Women CT Meeting**, at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth
- **Sunday, July 29, worship service**—Hymn Sing led by Jim Deaton and Joe Knight

Next Session Meeting—Wednesday, Aug. 8, 6 p.m.



Newsletters for Presbyterians

Want News from Grace Presbytery?

You can sign up to receive regular newsletters online by going to www.gracepresbytery.org. In the meantime, click on the following link and see the latest Grace eNews [now](#).

How About Synod of the Sun?

The **Synod of the Sun** is a higher governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

It includes 11 Presbyteries (including Grace Presbytery), 843 congregations (including FPC-Commerce) and approximately 157,000 members. The Synod is headquartered in Irving, Texas.

You can sign up to receive Synod of the Sun's newsletter by going online to www.synodsun.org. In the current newsletter are articles about the recent General Assembly in St. Louis, a Presbytery Leadership Summit in August, and more.

A Different Kind of Camp Experience

In the summer, many children go to camps of all kinds. These experiences (indoor or outdoor) provide lifelong memories. While FPC in Commerce has its popular SCAMP—Summer Creative Arts & Movement Program (see above), First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth also has a camp for children that is unique. It provides an equally valuable, but vastly different experience for those who attend.

Rick Jones with the Presbyterian News Service explains how the camp gives its attendees “a front row seat to persons living on fixed incomes.” His article appears online on the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Today's PCUSA News for July 3. To see it online, go to www.presbyterianmission.org/news-communications or click [here](#).

Got a picture for *The Good News*?



We can always use good, well-focused pictures that FPCer's can relate to and enjoy.

Email it to fpc-commerce@embarqmail.com

Make sure it can be cropped if necessary and enlarged without becoming fuzzy. And be sure to include information that tells who and what the picture is all about

Deadline for the next Good News is

Wednesday, July 25, for the August edition.

Did We Forget Something?

Maybe we forgot an event you are organizing for FPC or a committee report you wanted to get in *The Good News*. Whatever it is, let us know. If you forgot, remember to remember next time!