

The Good News

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Memorial Service for Geraldine Branom Tomorrow

A graveside memorial service for long time former FPC member, Geraldine Branom, will be conducted on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. at Rosemound Cemetery here. Branom passed away Sept.17. She is the sister to FPC's Frieda Branom. Please pray for Frieda and the extended Branom family.

Sermon Focus

In her sermon on Sunday, Rev. Rasco will be using **Exodus 32:1-14**. In these verses, Moses deals with the struggling Israelites who create an idol, a golden calf, in his absence.

Prayer requests

Continue to pray for Joyce McCord. She had surgery on Thursday evening. Also remember those on our prayer list. If you have someone you would like to have added to our prayer list, contact Rev. Rasco or the church secretary.

Church Activities and Meetings This Week

A congregational meeting will take place after the worship service on **Sunday, Oct. 12**. The meeting will serve several purposes. Nominations for elders, a new trustee, and nominating committee members will be taken. In addition, a vote will be taken to approve a change in the FPC By-laws.

On **Monday, Oct. 13**, at 10 p.m., the monthly Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet.

From **Oct. 13-16**, Rev. Rasco will be attending the Small Church Pastors Retreat at Mo-Ranch. She will get to hear more from Ann Philbrick (who has been leading the informational and training sessions for New Beginnings) and take a preaching workshop as well as participate in other retreat offerings.

Due to limited cell phone and internet reception, it may be a little more difficult to reach Rev. Rasco in an emergency. She will be checking voice mail, or she can be reached with a message by contacting the front desk at Mo-Ranch.

Because Rev. Rasco will be away, Teach the Preacher has been cancelled for Tuesday, Oct. 14.

This Sunday's Food Pantry Items

The second Sunday of the month calls for a bag of rice or beans. You can place these items in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

The Food Pantry serves an ever growing number of people whose lives are made better by the food they receive. The volunteers who man the Food Pantry each week and the donors who help provide the food deserve our thanks.



Assisting With Worship This Week

This is a reminder that there has been a **change** in number of people who are needed to assist in worship each week. The Worship Committee decided that the only time a Host Elder is needed is on Communion Sundays. The new Worship Leader Schedule is out for October, November, and December and reflects this change.

Those assisting with worship this week are: Scott Stewart, Head Usher; Matthew McFarland, Candlelighter; and Barbara Tucker, Liturgist. Also helping us on Sunday is Dee Ann Gorham: Guest Organist.

We can always use new faces helping us out. If you would like to help FPC with worship or in any other capacity, please contact Rev. Rasco or the church office.

Thanks to all those who help make worship a more meaningful experience.

Retrospective Features Works by FPC's Thomas Seawell

FPC's and TAMUC's **Thomas Seawell** is being honored with a retrospective show in the President's Hallway at the McDowell Administration Building on starting on **Wednesday, Oct. 15**. The opening reception is 5-7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The show's title is "**Celebrating a Life in the Arts.**" Seawell is a professor of printmaking and he has lately added painting to his prints. Retired from teaching art, his teaching career has spanned more than 50 years at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AR; SUNY-Oswego in Oswego, NY; and TAMUC - where he has taught printmaking classes as an adjunct since 1992.

The show, organized by the Department of Art here, an exhibition of Thom's prints and watercolors in celebration of his retirement.



Thomas Seawell in his studio.



One of the works on display at the retrospective show

Fanfare and Sculpture Garden for the Common Man

By Thomas Seawell

Other Area Activities This Week

Some of FPC's choir members will be participating in **TAMUC's Fall Music Festival on Sunday, Oct. 12**, in Downtown Commerce. The free event kicks off at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until 7 p.m.

The Fall Music Festival is sponsored by TAMUC's Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota organizations. Performances will range from elementary to university level. There will be food, games, and lots of music.

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The City of Commerce is sponsoring a **bus trip to the Texas State Fair on Thursday, Oct. 16**, for \$20 per person. Pick-up will be at 1 p.m. in Commerce at the Farmer's Market and at 1:30 p.m. in Greenville at the Wal-Mart. The bus will leave the Fair around 9 p.m. after the Starlight Parade. Contact Sherry Johnson (903-886-1123) or Sherry Green (903-457-2994) for more information.

Kiss the Pig Fundraiser Off to Good Start

The **FPC High School/Middle School class** has launched a **"Kiss the Pig!" fundraiser** in order to attend SHY-C in late January. SHY-C is a gathering of about 600 Presbyterian High School kids from our Grace Presbytery. They meet at Austin College for Bible study, singing, games, and worship.

Lily Selvaggi and Mason Howard idea has proved very popular. Four jars are filling up with votes (read that as dollar bills) for either Dr. Rick Selvaggi, Joe Fred Cox, Sherry Johnson, or Rev. Krista Rasco. One of these FPC stalwarts, whoever receives the most votes (remember, that \$money), will get to kiss Sir Little Bacon, the pig Mason is raising for his ag class.

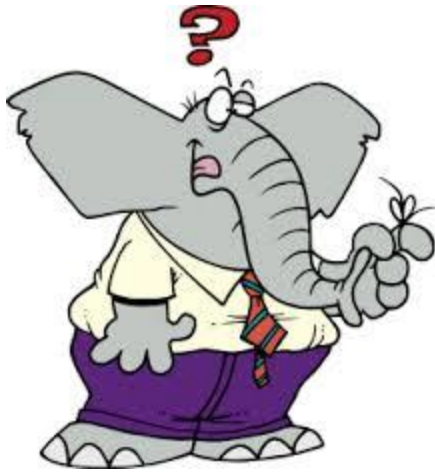


Joe Fred Cox got off to a quick lead, thanks to someone's \$20 bill, with Sherry Johnson a close second. But the race is tightening up and any of the four "victims" could still have to pucker up.

The jars will be in the church office during the week and at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays. Please tell friends and family about the fundraiser in case any of them have a preference on who will kiss the pig.

Later This Month

- Tuesday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.—Teach the Preacher resumes after a week off.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21, 5:30-9 p.m.—the TAMUC Children's Learning Center will host Fall Fest (co-sponsored by the Morris Recreation Center) at the CLC Pumpkin Patch. There will be lots of games for the little ones.
- Saturday, Oct. 25—Grace Presbytery's Fall Retreat for Presbyterian Women at the First Presbyterian Church in Athens.
- Sunday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m.—FPC Fish Fry! Yummy!



Forget Something???

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.

We can't print what we know about. Also, if you know of someone who would like to get our church newsletters, send us their email address and we will put them on our mailing list.