

# The Good News

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## Kiss the Pig Contest

It's a close race to see who will kiss Mason Howard's "Sir Little Bacon," the pig he is raising in agriculture class.



The brain child of Lily Selvaggi and Mason Howard seeks to raise money for an upcoming youth trip to SHYC, an annual get-together for Grace Presbytery high schoolers held at Austin College in Sherman in late January. So there is still plenty of time for you to cast your vote for either Dr. Rick Selvaggi, Joe Fred Cox, Sherry Johnson, or Rev. Krista Rasco. Whoever receives the most votes (remember, that is \$money) has to kiss Sir Little Bacon.

Four jars are in the FPC office during the week and in the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday.

Please tell friends and family about the fundraiser and make sure you vote to ensure your choice will be the one puckering up.

## Card of Thanks

Actually, it was an email, but Rev. Rasco sent us a thank-you. As you may or may not know, she attended a retreat at Mo-Ranch from Oct. 13-16. Here's her note:

*Thank you for the chance to be here at the Small Church Pastors Retreat at Mo-Ranch. Already I have gained so much in the way of knowledge, and practical applications, and I still have another whole day and half. Of course I am the youngest pastor, the next youngest pastor is at least 20 years older than I am. So you can just imagine what I am learning and basking in here. Not to mention the reverence of just being at Mo-Ranch. I have so much to be thankful for to God. For being able to do what I do, and serve the church that I am serving is a blessing I count every day.*

*Grace and peace,  
Rev. Krista Rasco*

## Sermon Focus

Rev. Rasco is happy to be back. She will continue a look at the Old Testament in her sermon on Sunday. She will be using **Exodus 33:12-23**. In these verses, Moses gets a rear-view glimpse of God's glory.

## Assisting With Worship This Week

A special thanks to Dee Ann Gorham for filling in for Toni Deaton last Sunday on the organ. Toni and Jim will be back with us this Sunday. Those assisting with worship this week are: Ric Estes, Head Usher; Lily Selvaggi, Candlelighter; and Walt Davis, Liturgist.

Thanks to all those who give of their time and talents to make worship at FPC more meaningful.

## Prayer requests

Nancy Green is back on our prayer list. She is having some complications that her doctors are working on. Another person on our prayer list is on the mend. Joyce McCord is at Legends in Greenville in Room 302, where she is undergoing physical therapy and seems in good spirits, according to Bettina Zvanut who visited her recently. Bettina says if you want to visit Joyce, the best time is usually after 3 p.m. when she is done with therapy

Please keep Joyce, Nancy and all those on our prayer list in your prayers. If you know of someone who needs to be on the list, please let us know.

## Upcoming FPC Activities and Meetings This Week

Teach the Preacher resumes on the next two Tuesdays, Oct. 21 and 28, at 9 a.m.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m.**, the Presbyterian Women will have a **“Trace and Cut”** session for making baby caps. Everyone is asked to bring equipment—scissors, pins, cutting mats, etc.

On **Saturday, Oct. 25**, those busy Presbyterian Women will head to Athens, Texas, for their **Fall Gathering**. Those going will meet here at 7 a.m. to form car pools. Women going to the retreat are asked to wear something orange and bring rolls of toilet tissue for donation to a “safe house. It’s all in support for victims of domestic violence.



All women are invited. If you travel by yourself, know that registration starts at 9:30 a.m.

Finally, next **Sunday (Oct. 26)** be sure to remember the **FPC Fish Fry at 6 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Those who can are asked to bring a side or desert for sharing.

## This Sunday’s Food Pantry Items

The third Sunday of the month calls for cereal or oatmeal. Everyone needs a good, nutritious breakfast to start the day. Your donation can help. You can place these items in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

An ever-growing need makes Commerce Food Pantry a very real mission to the people in our town and surrounding areas. FPC’s support of that mission is something we can all be proud of.



## Retrospective Features Works by FPC’s Thomas Seawell

For those of you who haven’t yet seen it, FPC’s and TAMUC’s **Thomas Seawell** is being honored with a retrospective show organized by the TAMUC Department of Art. It can be seen in the President’s Hallway at the McDowell Administration Building. You still have plenty of time to see an amazing show of art. The show’s title is **"Celebrating a Life in the Arts."**



Seawell’s 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.

*Thomas Seawell in his studio.*

### Other Area Activities This Month

- **Tuesday, Oct. 21, 5:30-9 p.m.**—TAMUC's Children's Learning Center and Morris Recreation Center will co-host Fall Fest at the CLC Pumpkin Patch.
- **Thursday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.**—TAMUC Department of Music presents the University Chorale in Concert in Finney Concert Hall.
- **Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**—Local businesses are sponsoring with the Chamber of Commerce here a Health and Wellness Fair in the Ben E. Keith Community Room at 2248 Live Oak in Commerce. This one day expo promotes healthy living and fun while providing health information. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 903-886-3950.



### Don't Forget

We are only as informative as you make us.

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.