

The Good News

Mid-Month Edition

No. 17

September 16, 2016

Published twice monthly by the First Presbyterian Church of Commerce, Texas

FPC Launching Children's Music Ministry

FPC is expanding its children's ministry with a new music program that begins this Sunday, Sept. 18. The new Children's Music Ministry is the brainchild of our new choral director, **Kim Wheelock**, who also was the artistic director for SCAMP 2016. The new program is a continuation of some of SCAMP's offerings. . The program will start at 9:30 a.m. and goes until 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Although the time slot is short, Kim is very excited to have this opportunity. In her words, it is a chance "to lead children in their faith through the wonderful arts of music and movement."

"The children will be led in worship through the creative arts of movement and music as they

create, explore, and learn hymns and contemporary worship songs and how to play them on instruments," Kim explained.

All of the children will be encouraged in this special time together to explore new arrangements and melodies. And while the 30-minute allotment may not

seem like a lot, Kim plans to pack a lot into that time. In addition, children will be given "opportunities to express their love of Jesus during church services through musical pieces that they have a hand in creating."

"Through music, the children will learn scripture in a memorable, meaningful way, through movement, the children will express themselves creatively and with joy; and through God, all things are possible," Kim said.

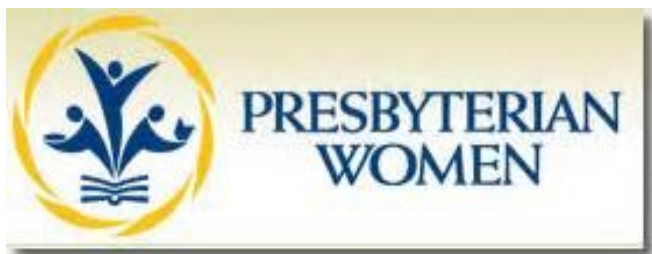


Bois d'Arc Bash 2016

This year's annual Bois'd Arc Bash in Commerce is fast approaching. Set for Sept. 23-24, the Bash will have all the things you've come to enjoy. A listing follows shortly. However, this year's Bash is unique in that its entertainment will include one of the top competitors in the wildly popular "America's Got Talent"

television show. **Kadie Lynn** will perform on stage Saturday night from 8-10 p.m., culminating what is sure to be another great celebration weekend in Commerce.

From golfing and dancing, to running and riding and enjoying all kinds of food and music, there will be much to see and
(continued on page 5)



Annual Fall Luncheon

The PW annual Fall Covered-dish Luncheon was held on Saturday, September 10, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Nineteen members and guests attended. PW Officers for 2016-2018 were installed by Pastor Krista Rasco.

It was a pleasure to welcome our Grace Presbytery PW Moderator, **Pam Dotson**, who traveled from Kemp, TX, to join us. She gave a brief statement in support of *The Innovator*, the quarterly Grace Presbytery PW newsletter, to encourage everyone to read it in order to be informed of many ideas and mission opportunities available for all PW groups. She also encouraged us to submit articles from our local PW. She invited us to attend the Fall Gathering scheduled for Saturday, October 15, at Flower Mound PC in Flower Mound.

Guest speakers at our luncheon were **Tina and Lily Selvaggi**. Tina told us about Mosaic Family Services, a Dallas organization that provides housing for women refugees and immigrants, as well as women and girls who are survivors of human trafficking or domestic abuse. Many of the women housed there also have children who are in need of various types of educational services. Not all of the residents speak English. Tina's graduate occupational therapy



Pam Dotson, pictured above with FPC's Brenda Estes, was the event's special guest. She is the PW moderator for Grace Presbytery.

students at Texas Woman's University also volunteer at the residence. Lily, who served as a camp counsellor this summer, told about her experiences. As a young Asian woman, Lily provided a different point of view of the various needs of the children.

Those attending the luncheon were **Paula Adams, Martha Clevenger, Jane Cox, Kay Davis, Toni Deaton, Pam Dotson, Brenda Estes, Janet Fuller, Nancy Green, Beverly Housewright, Ann Julian, Nancy McFarland, Krista Rasco, Helon Razniak, Susan Reeves, Yvonne Rollins, Lily Selvaggi, Tina Selvaggi, and Bettina Zvanut.**



Rev. Krista Rasco (at left) installed the Presbyterian Women's new officers during the luncheon. The officers for 2016-18 are (pictured left to right) Toni Deaton (moderator); Helon Razniak (co-moderator), Brenda Estes (treasurer), Nancy McFarland (missions chairman), Martha Clevenger (secretary), and Bettina Zvanut (historian). Not present was Nila McQuary, circle chairman.

In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	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	Pat Skauge	Mildred Miller	Amanda Swanson
Gaye Furry	Preston Helton	Loretta Kibler	Joyce McCord
Joan Walvoord	Brad Collins	Friends & family of Diane Little	
Odeana Stewart	Donald R. Smith		

Addition to Prayer List

Donald R. Smith, ex-husband of **FPC's Nancy Smith** is the latest addition to the FPC Prayer List. He is at home in McKinney with stage 4 kidney disease. He is undergoing dialysis. Please pray for him and all those on our prayer list.

Assisting with Worship

Our worship leaders this Sunday (Sept 18) are: **Mason Howard**, Head Usher; **Matti Ritchie**, Candle lighter; and **Keith McFarland**, Liturgist.

Next Sunday (Sept. 28) our worship leaders will be **Neal Stewart**, Head Usher; **Sally Walker**, candle lighter, and **Martha Clevenger**, liturgist.

If you would like to be a worship leader like these volunteers or if you would like to help FPC in some other way, contact Rev. Rasco or the church secretary. Don't forget to let our worship leaders know how much you appreciate them.



FPC Treasurer's Report

By Susan White

Income for the months of January through August totaled \$87,105.18. This is 5.85% below the budget for eight months of the year. Giving through the summer months was much closer to budget than the last two years. Thank you to those who made a special effort to keep giving through vacations!

Expenses for the eight months through August were \$85,871.56. This is 7.19% below our budgeted expenses. Year-to-date income has exceeded expenses by \$1233.62. The budgeted income and expense for each month is \$11,564.92.

Upcoming FPC Events

- **Sunday, Sept. 18**—FPC's new children's music program begins.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20, 8 a.m.**—Our Presbyterian Women will have a group leaving the parking lot to go to the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth to hear Judy Siker speak about her Bible Study book, "Who Is Jesus?" Siker's book is being used by our PW Circle for its current Bible study.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 27, 5 p.m.**—Food Pantry meeting
- **Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.**—Christian Education meeting

Upcoming Community Events

- **Mondays, Sept. 19 and 26, 6 p.m.**—GriefShare at First Baptist Church in the Church Parlor.
- **Friday, Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m.**—Bois d'Arc Bash Golf Tournament at Sand Hills Country Club.
- **Friday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m.**—Bois d'Arc Bash Street Dance
- **Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24**—Commerce celebrates with its 31st Bois d'Arc Bash downtown and at various venues nearby. Among the many things to enjoy are a Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast, Motorcycle Bash Ride, a carnival, a fun run and about 150 or so vendors, and, of course, a parade and lots of food and music.



Bettina Zvanut Inducted into the DAR

How long does it take to get into the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)? It can take a long time to establish a family link back to the founding of our country. Just ask FPC's **Bettina Zvanut**, who made news when she was inducted into the Brigadier General Edward Bulkley Chapter of the DAR on Aug. 27.

The induction took place during the chapter's meeting at Webb Hill Country Club just outside of Wolfe City.

Bettina's induction was overseen by Holley Izard, the Registrar for the chapter and its chaplain, Sonya Spenser Coker, administered the oath.

"I was the only inductee," said Bettina, "and it took a year and a half to prove that my fifth great grandfather, Issac Barto (Barto is my maiden name) was a Patriot in the Revolutionary War. His grandson Johannes Bordeaux Barto was in the War of 1812. The Bartos were from Berks County, Pa. which had a lot of Patriots who wanted to throw out the British.



Bettina Zvanut (left) is inducted into the Daughters of the American Revolution by DAR chaplain Sonya Spenser Coker.

Success of DMA Program Has FPC Link

The *Dallas Morning News* sang the praises of a *Dallas Museum of Art* program designed to make children with autism more comfortable in the museum setting. A DMN story in its epaper is the latest to tout the museum's quarterly Autism Awareness Family Celebrations, which get a big boost from a partnership with Texas Woman's University and its occupational therapy students.

And that partnership is the result of FPC's **Tina Fletcher Selvaggi** and her research emphasis on "the impact of art making on clients and caregivers receiving occupational therapy, and on improving access to cultural arts and entertainment venues for visitors with special needs." (Quote taken from the *Occupational Therapy* page on the TWU website.)

Tina, an associate professor on the TWU campus in Dallas, has her occupational therapy students present during these Autism Awareness Family Celebration. According to the DMN epaper article, the students help children who "are overwhelmed or just need some quiet time. The TWU students bring tumbling mats, tents, weighted vests and Pilates balls — items that an occupational therapist might use with a child on the autism spectrum."

In addition to the Dallas Museum of Art, Dr. Fletcher and her students also participate in learning and research efforts at the Dallas Zoo and the Dallas Children's Theater.

For the complete article, which includes directions on how to learn more about the Dallas Museum of Art's programs for autistic children, use the following link: <http://www.dallasnews.com/lifestyles/health-and-fitness/health/20160912-dallas-museum-of-art-s-access-programs-help-children-with-autism-explore-be-themselves.ece>

V O L U N T E E R
all that's missing is U!



Bible Readings for this Sunday and Next Sunday

Rev. Rasco continues her Dr. Seuss theme this month with sermons utilizing "What Was I Scared Of" on Sept. 18 and "The Lorax" on Sept. 25.

This Sunday (Sept. 18) is the 18th Sunday after Pentecost.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 *Thanksgiving and Encouragement*

Psalter: Psalm 23 *The Divine Shepherd*

Gospel: Matthew 26:36-39 *Jesus Prays in Gethsemane*

Old Testament (and sermon focus): Joshua 1:1-9 *God's Communication to Joshua*

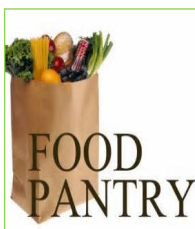
Next Sunday (Sept. 25) is the 19th Sunday After Pentecost.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *The Ministry of Reconciliation*

Psalter: Psalm 96:10-13 *Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment*

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 *The Man With an Unclean Spirit / Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House*

Old Testament (and sermon focus): Ezekiel 17:22-24 *Israel Exalted at Last*



Don't Forget Food Pantry Items

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



2016 Bois d' Arc Bash (continued from page 1)

do as always. There will be a street dance, a carnival with rides for adults as well as children, and, of course, a BIG PARADE.

We don't guarantee this listing is comprehensive and complete, but look for what we've mentioned and some things we haven't in the listing of events below.

Friday, Sept. 23

- **7:30 am-5:30 pm**—25th Annual Golf Tournament, Sand Hills Country Club,
- **5-8 pm on the square**—Commerce Leadership Institute (CLI) Barbecue Sack Supper,
- **6-10 pm**—Carnival in Farmer's Market,
- **8-10 pm on the Square**—Street Dance!

Saturday, Sept. 24

- **7:30 am**—Superhero 5K Run/Walk
- **8 am**—Community Cares Motorcyle Bash Ride (gather by City Park at 7:30 am)
- **7:30-10am**—Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast
- **9am-6pm**—Vendor Booths Open
- **9am-6pm**—East Texas Model Railroad Club Open House, , 1512 Pecan (inside behind the gym)
- **10 am**—Bois d'Arc Bash Parade, (lineup at 8 am at City Park)
- **11 am-10 pm**—Live Music!
- **11 am-midnight**—Carnival,
- **12 noon**—Aglaia Club Duck Race, (Bonham alley)
- **5-8 pm**—NE Texas Int'l Food & Wine Society Wine Tasting



First Call for Fall Pictures



Do you have a picture that perfectly captures the essence of fall—or something interesting you captured in the fall? Maybe you have a picture of a fall garden or a relative you visited or who came to see you. Maybe a picture of a trip you took. Email your picture(s) to fpc-commerce@embargmail.com. Please provide adequate information, so our newsletter readers will know what they are looking at. Meanwhile, here are some final summer photos taken by Lily Selvaggi that anyone should be able to appreciate.



Nature Showing Off

Lily Selvaggi captures the beauty of God's creation in these photos, all taken around Commerce recently. The first (above left) is a sunset on Highway 24. Above right, Lily was certainly in the right place at the right time to catch a stunning rainbow over Commerce Elementary School. Last, but not least (at left) is photo taken in the Selvaggi's back pasture. It almost makes you want to stay outside and never go in the house.

Deadlines for The Good News

The October monthly newsletter will come out on Sept. 30. Please have any stories or pictures turned in as soon as possible, but no later than 10 a.m. on Sept. 29. Also note that we cannot guarantee that every item submitted will make it into the issue. For instance, we did not have room or time to put pictures of Rally Day into this edition. Look for them in the next newsletter.