



THE GOOD NEWS

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Worship with us this Sunday!

"A Christian Community of Faith"

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

10:50 a.m.

Sunday Worship

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A Message From the Pastor

Dear FPC family and friends,

This Sunday (October 2nd) is World Communion Sunday, when churches from all over the world, from all sorts of denominations, will celebrate communion while promoting unity of the body of Christ. This Sunday is also the last Sunday that I will explore the connections between the works of Dr. Seuss and scripture. This week we will look at the connection of the book, Oh The Places You'll Go! and the Christian mission.

Have you ever wondered all the mission work that our church participates and does? Throughout October and November we will have a time during worship called "Minute for Mission" to hear about all that we have done, do, and look forward to doing! It's coming up to the end of the year but that doesn't mean FPCC has slowed down. So come and explore with your friends and family at First Presbyterian Church all the places we'll go!

One of the places we are going is an expansion of our ministry to children. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, here's one taken at our recent Rally Day service where we blessed the backpacks of children headed to school.

Any church is blessed by its children. Christ called for little children to come to him. His church can do no less.

FPC has recently started two new ministries geared

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

By Toni Deaton

FPC PW Moderator

• Trip to FPC-Ft. Worth, Tuesday, Sept. 20

Five members of our PW Circle traveled to FPC-Ft. Worth on Tuesday, Sept. 20, to hear Judy Siker tell how she developed the current Horizons PW Bible Study—***Who Is Jesus: What a Difference a Lens Makes.***

She started preparing for the study by looking at master art works through the ages to see how Jesus is depicted in the different cultures and eras. Many of these masterworks were shown during her powerpoint presentation.

She then turned to ancient historians to find any mention of Jesus in their writings (these were rare) and then looked to the four gospels for the emphasis in each one.

Mark – the humanity of Jesus

Matthew – the genealogy of Jesus (Jewish slant) and the “long-awaited Messiah”

Luke – the rejected Prophet

John – God Incarnate

The author also briefly spoke about movies depicting the life of Christ — *The King of Kings* (1961), *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (1965), *Godspell* (1973), *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977), and *The Passion of the Christ* (2004). She mentioned other movies may have “Christ-like” characters—*Cool Hand Luke* (1967), *Shawshank Redemption* (1994), *The Matrix* (1999) and *The Lion King* (1994).

The symbols found in Christian art were also points for study and reflection: *Chi Rho*, fish, anchor, cross, the peacock, and Jesus as the Good Shepherd. She reminded everyone that these images served as the “Bible” for the illiterate. Images of Jesus’ halo reminded all that He is the *alpha* and *omega*, the beginning and the end.

Following Judy Siker’s presentation, a delicious luncheon was served. Those attending from FPC-C were **Martha Clevenger, Toni Deaton, Brenda Estes, Helon Razniak and Bettina Zvanut.**

• Circle Meeting: Monday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m.

I will present the lesson and Brenda Estes is

hostess. All women are invited to attend this meeting in Fellowship Hall.

• PW Fall Gathering, Saturday, Oct. 15

Flower Mound PC in Flower Mound is hosting the PW Fall Gathering which begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 2 p.m. Grace Presbytery PW officers will be installed at this meeting. Keynote speaker is Rev. Angie Mabry-Nauta who is the Development Officer for the Presbyterian Pan American School. She will share information about this 104-year-old mission that blends evangelism and education for high school age youth.

Our PW group will meet in the church parking lot around 7:15 a.m. to drive to Flower Mound. All ladies are invited to attend. Please call me if you have any questions about this event.



Fort Worth meeting attendees from FPC were Helon Razniak, Toni Deaton, Brenda Estes, Martha Clevenger, and Bettina Zvanut.

Selvaggi Introduce Mosaic House at Fall Luncheon

By Bettina Zvanut

Guest speakers for the Presbyterian Women’s Fall Luncheon were FPC’s **Tina and Lily Selvaggi**, who gave an informative presentation on Mosaic Family Services and its Mosaic House. The organization was founded in 1993 to meet the needs of women refugees, as well as women and girls who are survivors of human trafficking.

The Mosaic House, located in East Dallas, provides temporary, safe housing for these women and children. Although there are volunteers who donate hours at the residence, there are other ways to be involved in this mission.

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Addition to Our Prayer List

Catherine King Robertson is the latest addition to the FPC Prayer List. She has had a return of cancer of the liver. Please pray for her and all the others on our list.

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 Rollins	Family and friends of Diane Little	
Odeana Stewart	Donald R. Smith	
Catherine King Robertson		

If you have anyone you would like to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Mosaic House (continued from page 2)

If you would like to help Mosaic House, the following items are needed: oscillating fans, feminine products, women's undergarments, and household cleaning supplies. Items may be dropped off at the church or you may give them to **Tina Selvaggi**, who will see that they go where they are needed.



Mother-daughter team presentation—Tina and Lily Selvaggi discuss Mosaic House on Sept. 10.

Take a Book, Leave a Book

By Bettina Zvanut

Our Church recently received a gift of a Little Library from the United Way of Hunt County. Frances Dalby, director of United Way, was very interested in supplying books to the neighborhood in which our church resides.

When the mission committee heard the idea and saw the picture of the proposed design, they voted to recommend it to the Session. The Golden K Kiwanis in Greenville built the Little Library, Mrs. Antoinette Greenlee of A&J Steel Reinforcing paid for the materials.

The United Way supplies the books, although anyone in our church can add to the stock. I hope you will take time to visit the Little Library and enjoy it. I think it looks like a little hobbit house!



United Way's Frances Dalby paused for this picture as she stocked FPC's Little Library with books. Children are encouraged to take a book home to read and return it when they are finished.

Photo by Bettina



October Hymn of the Month

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Family Vacation



FPC's Helon Razniak (above, right) recently visited with three of her grandchildren: (from left to right) Thomas & Isabelle Baumler and Alex Story. Alex is going to Marine Boot camp in November. He is donating his hair to Locks of Love for cancer patients.

Got a picture for *The Good News* that you would like to share?

Email it to [fpc-commerce @embarqmail.com](mailto:fpc-commerce@embarqmail.com)



Rally Day

Sept. 11's Rally Day event was a big hit. Above, the "Music Crew" poses at breakfast. At left, Jeremy Conner is a children's magnet. Below, Rev. Rasco and Choir Director Kim Wheelock discuss the new children's music program.



Bois d'Arc Bash



Commerce's Bois d' Arc Bash always has an FPC flare. This year's event was no different. Above left, FPC's Wally Tucker (top) and Jim Deaton (bottom) jam on the music stage.



Newsmakers

New Arrival

Congratulations to **Scott and Kimberly Stewart**, who have adopted a beautiful baby boy. **William Garrison Stewart** is home.

The family is being recognized with a baby shower at 2 p.m. this Sunday in Fellowship Hall.



Election and Fish Fry on Oct. 9

They aren't connected, but if electing FPC elders makes you hungry, you are in luck. On Sunday, Oct. 9, you'll get a chance to do both

Following the worship service that day, FPC will hold a congregational meeting to elect its newest group of elders. These important people work together to provide the guidance and leadership that allows FPC to meet its responsibilities as a Presbyterian church in today's ever changing world.

After some home time, you can come back and indulge your craving for fried fish and all the fixings at 6 p.m. Bring the family and maybe a friend or two.

The meal is sponsored by the Membership Committee. You are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Don't Forget Food Pantry Items

The Commerce Food Pantry serves many families in need each week. Donations are a major source of its ability to help these people. Remember to help out the food pantry with a donation of food each Sunday.

1st Sunday—Peanut butter

2nd Sunday—Bag of pinto beans and/or rice

3rd Sunday—Can of chili or beef stew

4th Sunday—Can of tuna, spam, or chicken

5th Sunday—Can of fruit: peaches or fruit cocktail



Please note there are some slight changes in the requested donation items to emphasize protein.

A Message From the Pastor (Continued from page 1)

especially for children—our Little Library and our new children's music program, which is actually an extension of SCAMP, our summer arts program. May we continue to grow our ministries to children so that we can grow in God's blessings. And a special thanks to those parents who share their children with us.

***Grace and peace
be with you all,
Rev. Krista Rasco***



First Presbyterian Church
Staff, Session, and Committees

Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Krista Rasco
 Clerk of Session.....Wally Tucker
 Music Director.....Kim Nolen Wheelock
 Pianist.....David Vergara
 Nursery AttendantCarolyn McFarland
 SecretaryRoger McKenzie

Session Members

2016

Ric Estes
 Rick Selvaggi
 Scott Stewart

2017

Walter Davis
 Helon Razniak
 Petra Strassberg

2018

Martha Clevenger
 Jordan Conner
 Wally Tucker
 Bettina Zvanut

Session Committees

Worship:

Chair.....Helon Razniak
 Co-Chair.....Martha Clevenger

Christian Education:

Chair.....Walt Davis
 Co-Chair.....Jordan Conner

Membership and Pastoral Care:

Chair.....Ric Estes
 Co-Chair.....Bettina Zvanut

Mission/Evangelism:

Chair.....Bettina Zvanut
 Co-Chair.....Petra Strassberg

Buildings and Grounds:

Chair.....Scott Stewart
 Co-Chairs.....Wendell Linton
 Rick Selvaggi

Stewardship and Finance:

Chair.....Jordan Conner
 Co-chair.....Scott Stewart

Personnel:

Chair.....Wally Tucker
 Co-Chairs.....Brenda Estes
 Keith McFarland

Upcoming Bible Readings

This Sunday is the final Sunday of Rev. Rasco's Dr. Seuss-themed Sermons. It will be based on "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"



This Sunday (Oct. 2) is the
 20th Sunday After Pentecost
 & World Communion Sunday

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-6 *The Servant's Mission*

Psalter: Psalm 89:11-18 *God's Covenant with David*

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 *The Commissioning of the Disciples*

Gospel: (sermon focus): John 14:25-27

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Next Sunday (Oct. 9) is the
 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1-7 *The Ingathering of the Dispersed*

Psalter: Psalm 66:1-12 *Praise for God's Goodness to Israel*

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 *Teach Sound Doctrine*

Gospel (sermon focus): Luke 17:11-19 *Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers*

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**We would
 like to use them!**

Thanks to all those who help lead worship, our elders and committee members who work to improve FPC, and volunteers who make our events successful.

If you would like to fill a larger role in the life of FPC, please contact Rev. Rasco or someone you see working hard for FPC.

Thanks!

To those people who have responded so generously to Jane Cox's call to help the Commerce Food Pantry. You know who you are. Together with the volunteers who work each week getting food to those who need it, you keep making it possible to be a blessing to the community and its people.

October Worship Leaders

October 2

Host Elder:..... Ric Estes
Head Usher:..... Rick Selvaggi
Candle Lighter: Jack Walker
Liturgist: Tina Selvaggi
Elements: Bettina Zvanutt

October 9

Head Usher:..... Bob Johnson
Candle Lighter: Evie Conner
Liturgist: Wally Tucker

October 16

Head Usher:..... Nancy McFarland
Candle Lighter: Cal Conner
Liturgist: Keith McFarland

October 23

Head Usher:..... Monty Howard
Candle Lighter: Sally Walker
Liturgist: Bettina Zvanut

October 30

Head Usher:..... Wendell Linton
Candle Lighter: Cal Conner
Liturgist: Neal Stewart

October Dates to Remember

Happy Birthday to:

- 1—Jody McIntier
- 2—Jim Norwood
- 2—Wendell Linton
- 5—Paula Ballew
- 7—Pierce Taylor Wells
- 13—Toni Deaton
- 22—Amber Estes Porterfield
- 24—Ennis McIntier
- 30—James Rhodes

Happy Anniversary to:

- 2 – Sherry & Bob Johnson
- ? – Joel & Leeza McIntier
- 11 – Deborah & Lance Wells
- 19 –Wendell & Charlene Linton

Is our birthday and anniversary information up-to-date? Report any errors, please.

October Calendar

Worship Schedule

- 2 World Communion Sunday
Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sermon focus on John 14:25-27
- 9 Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.,
Sermon focus on Luke 17: 11-19
- 16 Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sermon focus on Luke 18:1-8
- 23 Morning Worship Service, 10:50 a.m.
Sermon focus on Luke 18:9-14
- 30 Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
*Sermon focus on either Luke 18:15-17
or Luke 19:1-10*

Other October events

- 2 Sunday, 2 p.m.—Baby Shower for Scott and
Kimberly Stewart in FH
- 6 Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.—Stated Grace
Presbytery meeting at
FPC in Kilgore
- 9 Sunday, noon—Congregational meeting to elect
elders
6 p.m.—FPC Fish Fry in FH
- 10 Monday, 10 a.m.—PW Circle meeting
- 12 Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Session meeting
- 15 Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Grace Presbytery PW
Fall Gathering in Flower
Mound
- 25 Tuesday, 5 p.m.—Commerce Food Pantry board
meeting
- 26 Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.—Christian Education
committee meeting

Got Good News?

Our next mid-month edition of The Good News will be published on Oct. 18. Deadline for submissions is Friday, Oct. 14. Don't be late with your news and pictures.

**Got a picture that evokes
fall? If you would like to
share, send it to us. .**



How to Make a Difference This Christmas

Shopping begins in December for the annual Hunt County Clothe-A-Child campaign. The highly successful event has been providing new clothing to needy children since 1989.

Belinda Miller, counselor at Commerce Elementary School, has sent out letters requesting support to provide each child in need with \$50 worth of new clothing purchased at the local Wal-Mart store. Last year, 895 children were helped in Hunt County, including all 212 children in Commerce.

If you would like to help, send your tax-deductible donation to: Hunt County Clothe-A-Child, Belinda Miller, Commerce Elementary School, 3315 Washington, Commerce, Texas 75428. You can also phone her at Commerce Elementary School, 903-886-3757, if you would like to help shop for the children.

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intentionally. It was reserved for your
news. Did you forget to send it in?



Friday night lights. Commerce high school game.

Photo by Monty Howard