

# The Good News

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## 32nd Annual Bois d'Arc Bash Arrives Sept. 22-23

There will be so much to do at Commerce's Annual Bois d'Arc Bash. If you are a golfer, a walker/runner, a parade participant or parade watcher, a bargain hunter, a music and/or food lover, or just simply a watcher, you will find something that suits you at the Bash.

Don't forget to help the Commerce Leadership Institute by buying a barbecue ticket. **Rev. Krista Rasco** is selling them, by the way. Also, if you like antique quilts, be sure and stop by the FPC booth and get a raffle ticket to win one or both of the quilts donated by **Jim Norwood**.

For a more complete listing of things to do and see get the September edition of the Commerce Chamber of Commerce's monthly magazine, the Commerce Connection. Or click [here](#).

## Krajca Named New Choir Director

**Micah Krajca** has been approved by the FPC Session at its meeting on Sept. 13 as our new choir director. Micah is known to most FPCers because for the past three years he has sung in the FPC choir. The TAMUC student, he will graduate in Spring, 2018, is recently returned from an exciting and prestigious summer music program, The College Light Opera Company in Falmouth, Mass.



"This church has been such a blessing in my life, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the choir in worship," Micah said.

He replaces Kim Wheelock, who announced in the Aug. 13 worship service that she would be moving back to her home church (First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine) to take on the position of children's choir director.

## Hurricane News



Two horrific hurricanes are keeping Presbyterian Disaster Assistance leaders very busy. Here's two stories about what is being done. Just click on the titles.

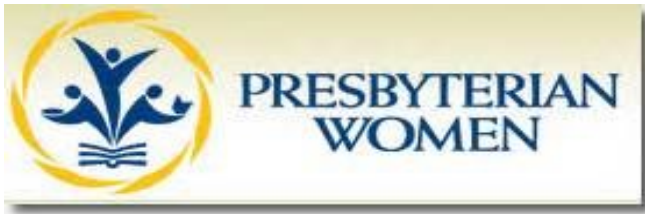
[Hurricane Irma report 1](#)

[Hurricane Irma report 2](#)

[Hurricane Harvey](#)

## Food Pantry Needs Large Paper Bags

You can help the Commerce Food Pantry by donating large paper bags to help put food in for those its clients. Especially coveted are paper bags with handles, like those you find at Braum's restaurants.!



**By Toni Deaton**  
**Moderator**

Fifteen people attended the annual PW Fall Luncheon held Saturday, Sept. 9, in Fellowship Hall. **Commerce Mayor Wyman Williams** was our guest speaker. He spoke about the proposed improvements for the Commerce downtown area and the area near the University which could make our community more visually appealing.

He showed slides of drawings of the proposed changes/improvements that would make our city safer for

both CISD and University students.

Two proposals that received the most comments were the "roundabouts" that could be engineered at the intersection of Culver and Hwy 50/24 and at the intersection of Hwy 50/24 and Live Oak Street. There was further discussion of the proposed bicycle paths and the reduced traffic lanes on Culver Street.

Everyone enjoyed learning more about the proposals, and a lively "Q and A" session followed the presentation. City Council member Gene Lockhart was also in attendance.



***Come join us. Our next meeting is Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.***



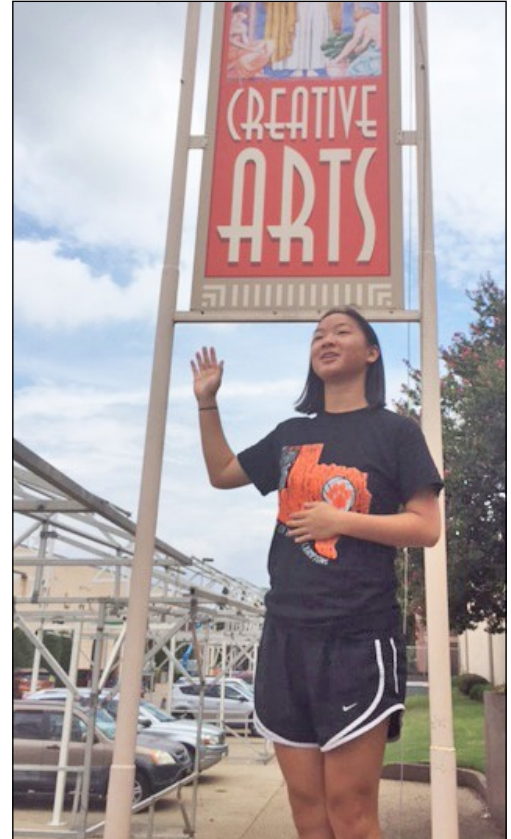


## Newsmakers

### Lily Wins at State Fair

**Lily Selvaggi** is known at FPC for her photography skills (she took SCAMP pictures again this year). But her renown as a photographer is spreading. She won first prize for two of her photographs at the State Fair of Texas this year.

Her proud mom, FPC's **Tina Fletcher Selvaggi**, showed off her pride for her daughter in the typical Selvaggi fashion by sending us a picture of Lily at the State Fair doing her best "to imitate Big Tex when he's having a good day!"



Big Lil

### *Gilles Family Farm—1916-2016 and Still Going Strong*

It is rare that a farm stays in the same family for 100 years. And it is cause for celebration when that milestone is reached. One such celebration in Wisconsin reached all the way to Commerce, Texas, recently.

More than 100 relatives, including FPC's **Nila Gilles McQuary**, and friends gathered at the Gilles farm in Cadott, WI, on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, to celebrate the 100th year of the farm being owned and operated by the same family.

Representing the McQuary limb of the family tree were Nila, her son Danny and wife Debbie, their son Dustin and wife Gigi; daughter Janice and husband Jeff and their daughter Rachel and her soon-to-be husband Daniel. Nila's son John, who lives in the Houston area, had to cancel plans to come because of Hurricane Harvey.

A wonderful time was had by all.



Above, a sign marks the celebration. At left, McQuary side of the Gilles family tree poses for a picture. An aerial view of the family farm is on the following page.





**100-Year-Old Gilles Family Farm**



## Hymn of the Month

Page 726— *Will You Come and Follow Me*



### Bible Readings for this Sunday and Next Sunday

**This Sunday (Sept. 17) is the 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gospel: Matthew 18:21-34** *Forgiveness / The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

**Psalter: Psalm 114** *God's Wonders at the Exodus*

**Epistle: Romans 14:1-12** *Do Not Judge Another*

**Old Testament: Exodus 14:19-31** *Crossing the Red Sea*



**Next Sunday Sunday (Sept. 24) is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16** *The Laborers in the Vineyard*

**Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45** *God's Faithfulness to Israel*

**Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30** *Paul's Present Circumstances*

**Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15** *Bread from Heaven*

## Upcoming Community Events



- 19 Tuesday, 6 p.m.—Commerce Community Cares Kick-off Dinner at Ben E. Keith Community Center
- 22 Friday—Bois d'Arc Bash Golf Tournament

- 22 Friday—Commerce Leadership Institute Barbecue Fundraiser—Buy your barbecue from FPC's own Rev. Krista Rasco.
- 23 Saturday morning—Commerce Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast
- 22-23 Friday and Saturday, all day—Commerce's Annual Bois d'Arc Bash

## How Did You Get to FPC?

*Not all of FPC's members are lifelong area residents. We are trying to keep going a series of articles about our members who took an unusual path to the Commerce and/or its surrounding area and thus to FPC.*

*It is a clever story idea that was suggested by Nancy Green. We need you to help us keep this going. Let us hear from you so we can make you a part of our series. Just contact the church secretary.*



Fall arrives next week! So crank up your camera (or phone) and start those fall pictures coming in!

## QUILT RAFFLE !!

**SPONSORED BY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
DURING THE BOIS D'ARC BASH**

**SEPT. 23RD FROM 8:00-4:00**



Grandmother's Fan was constructed in Burleson, Texas by Dr. Jim Norwood's grandmother, Gertrude Gully. He remembers helping to card the cotton for the stuffing when he was a small boy.

80in x 83in, 6ft 8in x 6ft 11in  
The backing is gold colored material.



Grandmother's Pride was constructed in New Mexico by Jim's mother-in-law, Myrtle Barlow. She made the quilt in the 1940's.

67" x 82 " 5'7" x 6'10"

has a flower pattern.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or  
5 tickets for \$20.

Proceeds support the  
Mission/Projects of FPC's  
Presbyterian Women.



### 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	Pat Skaug	Mildred Miller
Gaye Furry	Preston Helton	Loretta Kibler	Donald R. Smith
Catherine King Robertson	Bennie Neve	Ron Davis	Janice Sigur
Aaron Senne	Jan Burns	Kristen Rueb	Jordan Moore
Janice Hale	Dub Holcomb	Family of Bob Lube	Family of Chris Hubbert
Jackie Book	Martha & Don Reynolds	Ruth Green	Audrey Hucks
Larry Ratliff	Martha Clevenger	Jack Gray	

### **Additions to Prayer List**

Jack Gray, a long-time friend of FPC's Keith and Nancy McFarland, has been added to our prayer list. He recently fell and broke his hip to add to other health problems. He is scheduled for what will be a complicated surgery. Please keep him and all those on our list in your prayers.



A long-time prayer list name, that of Billy Marshall, was removed because he passed away recently.

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, contact the church secretary.

### **Assisting with Worship**

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

#### **September 17**

Head Usher: ..... Ric Estes  
Candle Lighter: ..... TBD  
Liturgist: ..... Tina Fletcher Selvaggi

#### **September 24**

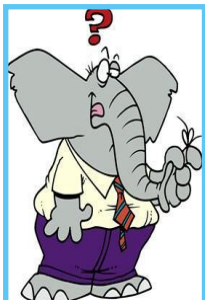
Head Usher: ..... Scott Stewart  
Candle Lighter: ..... TBD  
Liturgist: ..... Susan Reeves

*Please remember to let our worship leaders know how much you appreciate them. If you would like to help with worship in some capacity, please contact Rev. Rasco or the church secretary.*

### **What's Happening at Grace Presbytery**

Grace Presbytery has a lot going on. For the young and the young at heart, you'll probably find something that interests you. Click on the following link to see the latest edition of the [Grace eNews](#).

### **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!**

### **Contest Winner Is . . .**

In our previous newsletter, we had a contest to see who recognized the hard-working hands in a picture we posted. The hands belonged to Bettina Zvanut as she toiled in the greenery surrounding FPC. The first person who guessed correctly was the winner. That winner is . . .

*Helon Razniak*

Helon, it turns out has got almost a photographic memory when it comes to hands.

The church secretary is currently pondering what your prize is. He said it is somewhere between a week in lovely Pyongyang, a 2045 Buick Ezmeralda (used), or an antique quilt raffle ticket.

# RALLY DAY!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Rally Day breakfast held Sunday, Sept. 7. Here are some pictures of that event, courtesy of **Tina and/or Lily Selvaggi via Toni Deaton..**



**Don't Forget FPC's Annual  
Ice Cream Social  
This Sunday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall.**