

The Good News

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Remembering FPC's Kenneth McCord

This Sunday's flowers are provided by Joyce McCord in loving memory of her husband, Kenneth McCord. When you see Joyce, say thanks and share a memory of Kenneth.

Sermon Focus

Rev. Rasco will be using Judges 4:1-7 this week to focus on a strong woman of the Bible, Deborah, the only female judge of the struggling people of Israel.

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday

There will be a community thanksgiving worship service on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at the Disciples of Faith Church, located at 1015 Bois d'Arc in Commerce. Those attending are asked to bring finger foods or snacks to share with others after the service.

Assisting With Worship This Week

Those assisting with worship this week are: Ric Estes, Head Usher; Lily Selvaggi, Candlelighter; and Tina Selvaggi, Liturgist.

When you see these folks, don't forget to thank them for their service.

Mark Your Calendars

Special reminder—Calendar Change: The Worship Committee has moved the Chrismon Tree Decoration up from Saturday, Nov. 29 to **Tuesday, Nov. 25**, at 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome.



Upcoming Events

- Monday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. – *PW "Trace and Cut" Session*. If you would like to be a part of the PW mission project of making baby caps for the newborns at Hunt Regional Medical Center, please come to the fellowship hall to help trace and cut out caps. Bring your scissors! All are welcome.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. – Teach the Preacher.
- Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22—Grace Presbytery Meeting, Canyon Creek Presbyterian in Richardson.
- Saturday, Nov. 22. – Ladies' Day Out. All women are invited to join the PW for our trip to Farmersville for shopping in the downtown area and lunch at the Sugar Hill Café. We will gather in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and leave from there.
- Saturday, Nov. 22. – Youth campout at the Selvaggi house.

Food Pantry News

Commerce Elementary School had a school wide food drive, producing over 700 cans and other items of food that arrived this week. Special thanks go out to Belinda Miller who helped coordinate that effort. Campbell ISD's FCCLA (*Family Career and Community Leaders of America*) students also worked hard and collected over 300 pounds of food that also came in this week.

As we noted in our last newsletter, the holiday season is a busy time for the food pantry and thanks to schools like Commerce Elementary and Cambell, the food pantry continues to meet that need.

Here at FPC the third Sunday of the month at FPC calls for a a box of cereal or oatmeal. If the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas is at work in your heart and you'd like to donate something else, that's fine. Place your items in the box at the back of the sanctuary. As always, thank you for your donation.



Volunteers needed

Hunt County Shared Ministries (FISH) still needs volunteers to help distribute an estimated total of over 1,600 food baskets during the holiday season. Here in Commerce, the Thanksgiving distribution will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, to those families who registered and qualified for the program. The Christmas distribution will, of course, take place in December.

If you would like to volunteer for distribution or for food basket assembly (which will take place at the GEUS loading dock area in Greenville, or if you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, call Hunt County Gives (the name of the program) at 903-455-0545.

Community News

Community Thanksgiving Dinner—Not to be confused with the Hunt County distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets mentioned above is the Community Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the First United Methodist Church and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (with help from the Commerce faith community) that will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, at the First United Methodist Church, 1709 Highway 50 (across from the Texas A&M-Commerce campus).

Note: Volunteers needed to make this effort a success. You can volunteer to provide transportation to the church for people who can't get there or deliver the meal to those who are homebound. Or you can pitch in with serving and cleanup at the church. If you would like to help with this project contact, the FUMC office at 903-886-3220



Candlelight Tour of Christmas Homes for senior citizens—Sherry Johnson will be taking a group of senior citizens to Jefferson on Dec. 11 for this special and colorful tour. "We will pick up in Commerce at the Farmers Market at 10:30 a.m. and return back to Commerce/Greenville after the festivities have ended," she said.

There is a flyer on the church bulletin board. You can also call her at 903-886-1123 to obtain more information, including cost.

FPC Keeps Getting Better

If you have the eyes and ears of a Sherlock Holmes and you've been by the church, you may have noticed two new improvements. We won't tell you what they are until next week, but here's a clue: Look high and you might miss them. You can chime in with your answer. If you still haven't discovered them, we'll reveal them next week.

Presbyterian Women's Mission Project

Our Presbyterian Women are making Christmas CD's available to support the Birthday Offering and Living Waters of the World (LWW). LWW trains and equips volunteer teams to provide clean water in needy areas throughout the developing world and the Birthday Offering supports up to five different projects each year that meet a critical need for persons who are truly hurting or disadvantaged.

The women are offering two different CDs which feature Christmas songs and carols that are sure to brighten your holiday season. The songs, both vocal and instrumental, have been arranged and performed specifically for the Presbyterian project. Those receiving a CD are encouraged to donate \$15 for either for Christmas gifts. Last year more than \$100,000 was raised. Last year's recording, "Legacy Christmas—Treasured Carols of the Kirk," will again be available as "Legacy Christmas—Nativity Carols and Hymns." Both contain many familiar holiday songs.



Said Helon Razniak, "We hope members of the congregation will join this endeavor to support God's work of providing for the poor and needy and at the same time enhancing your holiday listening pleasure."

Free Subscription Offer Ends Nov. 30

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If there is a catch, it's that you have to enter your name and addresses (including email) online. Go to the website and use this link: [Free 1-year subscription to Presbyterians Today](#)

Then click on Yes, I'd like to sign up. You'll get directions to start your new subscription.

BMOC

FPC has great people. One of them is a BMOC—Big Man On Campus. At least we think so. Mason Howard is known for a lot more than the pig he’s raising in ag class (which happens to be the object of future affection by one of four folks who are helping the youth here raise money for an upcoming trip). He helps regularly as a candlelighter here at FPC. And he plays French horn in the Commerce High School Band. We can’t tell you everything about him, but for now—last but not least—he’s a fan of James Bond.



One of his fans sent us the following photo showing him at the Oct. 31st Commerce High School football game in his Halloween costume. That’s right. He’s 007 himself.

As the admirer who sent this picture said, “Doesn’t he look dashing?” The use of the word dashing could be a British nuance, but we think it just designates someone who is old enough to fully appreciate the meaning of the word.

Mason, we couldn’t agree more. You do look dashing.

Don’t Forget

Did we miss something that you forgot to tell us about. Remember, we are only as informative as you make us.



We forget, too. Let’s work together. Just get your information as early as possible to make our Friday publication date. We can’t print what we know about.

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