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FPC in Action . . . Easter Breakfast



More Easter Pictures — FPC in Action



V O L N T E E R

all that's missing is U!

Hymn of the Month

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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	Mildred Miller	Gaye Furry
Preston Helton	Loretta Kibler	Donald R. Smith	Catherine King Robertson
Bennie Neve	Ron Davis	Jan Burns	Jackie Book
Audrey Hucks	Larry Ratliff	Martha Clevenger	Jack Gray
Jean Angotti	Joyce Isaacs	Jim Calvert	Tammi Fucci
Family of Judy Vanderpool	Adele Reeves	Jordan and Clelie Senne	Family of Janice Hale
Family of Madeline Sullivan	Brandon and Kate Pullen Hall		Family of Larry Tracy
Bob Wilkins	Joe Dipiazza	Barbara Tucker	Deryl McKenzie
Jane Cox	Danny Spruel	Kristen Anderson	Freda Lambert

Additions to Prayer List

We've had two additions to the FPC Prayer List since our previous newsletter.

Kristen Anderson, a nursing student at TAMUC, has been added to our prayer list. She is pregnant and has been put on bed rest due to a complication.

Freda Lambert, a friend of Keith and Nancy McFarland who has cancer, has also been added to our prayer list.



Assisting with Worship

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

April 15

Head Usher: **Monty Howard**
 Candle Lighter: **TBD**
 Liturgist: **Susan Reeves**

April 22

Head Usher: **Ric Estes**
 Candle Lighter: **TBD**
 Liturgist: **Barbara Tucker**

April 29

Head Usher: **Russ Garmon**
 Candle Lighter: **TBD**
 Liturgist: **Nancy Green**

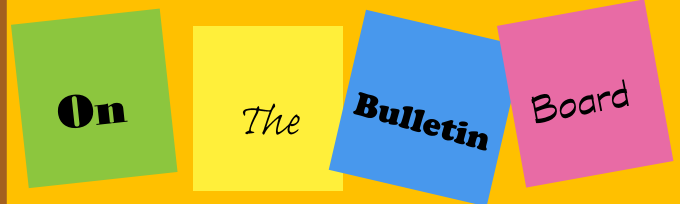
Please remember to let our worship leaders know how much you appreciate them. If you would like to help with worship in some capacity, please contact Rev. Rasco or the church secretary.



Spring Pictures



Don't you wish you had a pretty azalea like this one at the home of Nancy and Keith McFarland?



- **Commerce Community Garden**—a flyer inviting you to grow a garden by renting one of their plots at the FUMC.

Next Newsletter Deadline

The Good News for May will go out on Wednesday, May 2. Deadline for anything you need to be in that issue is Monday, April 30. If we don't know about it, it won't get in

Food Pantry News



Commerce's Food Pantries Work Together to Introduce New Senior Program

Just about everything changes over time. The Commerce Food Pantry, especially lately, has undergone positive changes that mean more and better food choices for those it helps.

One very recent change has been the addition of a new 19-cubic foot commercial freezer which recently arrived (see the previous edition of *The Good News*) and is now being used to add frozen meats to the Commerce Food Pantry's expanding list of food choices. Another exciting recent change is a cooperative effort between the Commerce Food Pantry and the Church of the Nazarene's Bread of Life Food Pantry to introduce a new food program for senior citizens who qualify.

Being able to offer this program is possible because of another change at the Commerce Food Pantry, its acceptance as a member of the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB). Initially, NTFB membership gave the food pantry the ability to buy food in bulk at low prices to restock the food it provides to those in need. It also provided a wider variety of fruits and vegetables than the pantry was able to obtain before membership.

The new program for qualified seniors (60+) is called the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and is a service of the NTFB in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas Department of Agriculture. It is also sometimes referred to as PAN, which stands for People and Nutrition. The program provides one box of approximately 30 pounds USDA commodities per month to those enrolled.

Here's how the program works. The Commerce Food Pantry takes applications at First Presbyterian Church each Thursday from 2 pm to 4 pm. To enroll in the program a senior must provide (1) Proof of age (Birth certificate, TX ID or driver's license); (2) Proof of residency (Utility bill, rent receipt, or recent correspondence) and (3) Proof of Income (Social Security award letter (SSI/SSDI), check stub, or pension.)

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Church of the Nazarene, 301 Hwy 224, Commerce, distributes the free CSFP food package once a month on the Friday after the first Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon. The next distribution days are May 4 and June 8. For more information, send an email to commercefoodpantry@gmail.com and don't forget to check out the Commerce Food Pantry Facebook page.

Some other positive changes at the Commerce Food Pantry.

We've mentioned recent changes that have improved the ability of the pantry to help those that have food needs. Some other changes have been in place for a longer time—changes that haven't received the proper recognition that they deserve.

Two of these older changes have been an increase in the donations of fresh eggs and a new source of bread. They have come solely through the generosity of giving people. A variety of donors have made eggs an important part of the food pantry's offerings. The other welcome addition is the sharing of Panera Bread by the **New Life Congregational Methodist Church**, located at 911 Jernigan Street in Commerce. Thanks to these donors as well as each of the individuals, groups, and organizations who continually echo the work of Jesus in faithfully helping the food pantry feed the hungry.

Quilt Raffle to benefit Commerce Food Pantry

A Red, White, and Blue Quilt made by the Cotton Blossoms Quilt Circle will be given away on July 1, at the Bois d'Arc 4th of July celebration sponsored by the Commerce Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Commerce Food Pantry Board members and at various merchants and events between now and July 4th. Tickets will also be sold at the *We Care Fair* on April 14 at Farmers' Market in Commerce.



new baby arrival



Congratulations to **Eric and Hui Clevenger** on the birth of their first baby, **Olivia Louise Clevenger**, born March 24, in Atlanta. Proud grandmother, FPC's **Martha Clevenger**, was there for the birth and saw everything!



Born to be a model? Baby Louise shows off not just how beautiful she is, but how nice the baby caps are which FPC's Presbyterian Women's Circle makes for new babies here.

Commerce Community Garden Invitation for Plots

A number of plots (organic and traditional) are available at the Commerce Community Garden located behind the First United Methodist Church on Hwy. 24. The cost is \$35 and includes water.



For information call Dr. Royce Lee, biologist and garden manager, at 903-366-6047.

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<https://twitter.com/fpcccommerce>
www.fpc-commerce.com

Upcoming Community Events



Next Saturday, April 14, is the **We Care Fair** from noon to 5 p.m. at the Commerce Farmers Market on Bonham Alley. This free event is aimed at "bringing families face-to-face with helpful resources in their community".

In addition to community information, there will be free hot dogs, giveaways, music and more.

The Commerce Food Pantry is participating, at Booth #15. Volunteers are needed to share information about the food pantry, help recruit new volunteers, and sell raffle tickets for a Red, White and Blue Quilt.

Paula Blow and Opal Pannell are working the first shift from 12 to 1 p.m., but there are openings for the rest of the afternoon. Please use SignUpGenius to sign up. Or, feel free to reply contact Angela Roberts at (972) 765-6547. The following link will take you to SignUpGenius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4daea62ea5fc1-wecare>

SCAMP FUNDRAISER!!



YOU ARE INVITED TO A BARBECUE LUNCH

APRIL 22ND AT 12:00

**AT THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED

**TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THE
SUMMER**

**ART AND MUSIC CAMP FOR CHILDREN
CALL FOR DIRECTIONS**

903-886-3783

Upcoming Bible Readings

**Sunday, April 15, is the
Third Sunday of Easter**

New Testament: Acts 3:12-19 *Peter Speaks in
Solomon's Portico*

Psalter: Psalm 4 *Confident Plea for Deliverance
from Enemies*

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7 *Children of God*

Gospel (and sermon focus): Luke 24:36b-48 *Jesus
Appears to His Disciples*

**Sunday, April 22, is the
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

New Testament: Acts 4:5-12 *Peter and John
Before the Council*

Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24 *Love One Another*

Gospel: John 10:11-18 *Jesus the Good
Shepherd*

Psalter (and sermon focus): Psalm 23 *The
Divine Shepherd*

**Sunday, April 29, is the
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

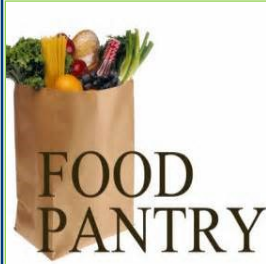
Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21 *God Is Love*

Psalter: Psalm 22:25-31 *Plea for Deliverance from
Suffering and Hostility*

Gospel: John 15:1-8 *Jesus the True Vine*

New Testament (and sermon focus): Acts 8:26-40
Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Don't Forget Food Pantry Items



Remember to help out the food
pantry with a donation of food
each Sunday.

1st Sunday—Saltine crackers

2nd Sunday—Ranch Style Beans

3rd Sunday—Spaghetti sauce
(in cans)

4th Sunday—Spam or chili without beans

5th Sunday—Canned pineapple, etc.

Mo-Ranch Camp Open House, April 21

If you are thinking of sending your children or grandchildren to summer camp, Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country is having a free Camp Open House on Saturday, April 21, from noon to 5 p.m.

It is a come and go event, giving you a chance to see and learn about the camps at Mo-Ranch. The whole family is invited to take a tour, meet staff members and enjoy FREE camp activities on April 21, from noon to 5 p.m.

Mo-Ranch is a Presbyterian assembly/conference center located west of Hunt in the Texas Hill Country at the North Fork of the Guadalupe River. No reservations are required. For more information about the Camp Open House, please contact Mo-Ranch by calling 1-800-460-4401 ext. 253 or go online to www.moranch.org.

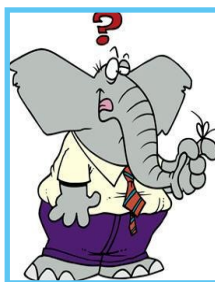


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time!**