



*And Jesus said to them,
"Follow me and I will make
You fish for people."
Mark 1:17*

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Elders for October: Mary Lou Burke and Jennifer Couvillion
Elders for November: Ginger Keenan and Craig Long

DECEMBER 11TH AT 11AM

The St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Choir Presents

Our annual Christmas Cantata:

The Glory of Christmas

BY LLOYD LARSON

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY AND EVERYONE WHO HAS A LOVE FOR MUSIC IN THEIR HEART TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S BIRTH! WE WILL BE JOINED BY ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR AND A DOZEN INSTRUMENTALISTS FROM THE AREA.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE ANYONE (INCLUDING CHILDREN!) THAT IS INTERESTED IN SINGING TO JOIN US IN THE CANTATA. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT TO TAKE PART IS A LOVE OF MUSIC.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING WITH US PLEASE REACH OUT TO STANDREWPRESMUSIC@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION!

WE REHEARSE WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM

The Cantata will be held December 11 in St. Andrew Presbyterian Fellowship Hall



Pastor's Ponderings

I'll start with a heart-felt THANK YOU to the congregation for making my birthday and Pastor Appreciation month so special! All the well-wishes, cards, gift certificates and the cake were much appreciated. I felt very loved. When I became pastor at St Andrew I was not yet 50. If you had told me that I'd be at St. Andrew celebrating my 65th, I would have been very skeptical! Yet, we celebrated my 65th birthday and another year as your "temporary, part-time" pastor!

We are rapidly approaching Advent. Thomas is doing a wonderful job planning the cantata with singers and musicians from St. Andrew and St. Paul Lutheran, as well as a pretty large instrumental group from Sulphur High School. Invite your friends and family to join us on **Sunday, December 11** for this musical production.

Our efforts to help with hunger in our neighborhood is ongoing. We encourage you to continue bringing items for the free food pantry out in front of the church. Every time we fill the box, it is empty the next day. I spoke to a homeless man who was walking down our sidewalk one evening. He stopped and thanked us for all we are doing.

We also continue to bring food items for Greater St. Mary and we can help Cindy Robertson with her outreach in Sulphur. We will also have opportunities for service as the Eddie house is rebuilt and the Amish come to town.

As we approach the end of the year, the Nominating Committee will be approaching people to serve on the Session for the 2023-2024 term. We have many important decisions ahead of us, so please pray about serving if asked. We will also be asking each person/family to make their financial pledges for 2023. We are \$30,000 behind where we were this time last year. Much of the deficit can be contributed to our rebuilding efforts and the lack of good faith payment by our insurer, but we are struggling. So, please pray about your pledge for next year as well.

On World Communion Sunday I spoke to the children about McDonald's Happy Meals. I explained to them that the church has a "Happy Meal" but it is called communion. It lasts longer and is more satisfying than plastic toys and french fries. Some adults said that they'd never view happy meals the same and then that evening McDonalds announced that they would start serving adult happy meals! Those happy meals cannot be compared to the church's happy meal though- the bread broken and the juice shared in remembrance of the sacrifice made by Jesus for each and every one of humankind.

Nanette



A big "thank you" to Rick and Jacob LeBlanc for their generous donation of Anita's office AC!



Prayers and Concerns

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who visited this past month. Also, remember in your prayers the many members and friends in need of support during the trying times of their lives Sandy Brister, the pastor at St. Andrew Leesville, her husband, and her mother; Nani Cagney; Phyllis Cagney; Linda Cannon; Edward Chavanne; Virginia Conrad; Nancy Crncic; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Pauline Hurst; Collin Jacobs (Anita's brother-in-law); John Kaspar; David Laird; Liam Lewis; Laura Ludwick; Cullen Nolan; Cindy Richardson; Judy Robertson; Thomas Schwab; Alivia Shamsie; EJ Smith; Sue Long's mother; Lucille and Pat Marshall's grandson, Ryder; Carol Bell's son, Patrick.

Prayers for all those affected by COVID.

Prayers for those impacted by Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Ida; all educators/school administrators.

Prayers for our country and our leadership.

Condolences to the family and friends of Anne Dye's mother.

Condolences to the family and friends of Sue Kantorczyk.

Birthdays

- 10/01 Mark Couvillion
- 10/03 Nanette Cagney
- 10/04 Melinda Sharp
- 10/11 Carol Bell
- 10/15 Jeremiah Breaux
- 10/16 Louis Boyd
- 10/21 Linda Cannon
- 10/23 Ethan Smith
- 10/24 Nana Adeoye
- Joe Stark
- 10/25 Jan Laird
- 10/26 Greg Roch
- 10/31 Zane Simon

Anniversaries

- 10/10 Sue & Craig Long
- 10/11 Reta & Ron Kaspar
- 10/13 Kathy & Ramero Jaramillo
- 10/18 Constance McIntosh & Johnny Briggs

Memory & Meditation Garden Bricks

Anyone can order bricks in "honor of" or "in memory of" a person or pets. Contact the church office for more information.





Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO) sisters enjoy hosting luncheon at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

The PEO Sisterhood is an international philanthropic and educational organization founded by women for women. Founded in 1869 by 7 women, its membership is now over 230,000. Its primary focus is to provide educational opportunities for female students worldwide as well as sisterhood and fellowship.

The organization owns and supports Cottey College, an independent college for women, located in Nevada, MO. In addition, the organization provides educational opportunities through scholarships, grants, awards, 2% educational loans and stewardship programs at the college. Since its inception, over 150 years ago, what started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has now helped more than 119,000 women pursue educational goals by providing more than \$398 million in grants, scholarships, awards, and loans and the stewardship of Cottey College.

Lake Charles has three chapters, and all are actively involved in supporting and recruiting recipients for its various philanthropies. The chapters meet monthly. Contact the PEO website for information about all the educational opportunities or speak to a PEO member.



Mission Opportunities

St. Andrew offers many mission opportunities for every member (and their friends!) No problem if you aren't a carpenter, have difficulties getting out but still want to help. Want to have an active mission project or have children you would like to share the idea and practice of mission? We have you covered!

- Cynthia Robertson Parker serves meals to homeless people in her home EVERY Sunday evening. If you would like to make a casserole, a pork shoulder, a special family recipe that serves many please consider making something and bring it to the St. Andrew kitchen and put it in the freezer carefully marked SUNDAY HOMELESS MEALS. Cookies and other freezable desserts are always welcome as well!
- Starting in NOVEMBER: Amish work crews will begin construction on the Eddy home (the St. Andrew home we are helping build following its total destruction in Hurricanes Laura and Delta). The work crews need rides to and from the Lincoln St. building site. In addition, the kitchen crews will need rides to and from grocery stores during the time the Amish are with us. Please watch the newsletter and emails for updates on transportation opportunities and other Lincoln St. updates.
- Our Austin friends continue their faithful delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables to the Moeling St. Mercy Center, generally around noon the third Saturday of the month. We always need help unloading their vehicles. Please watch the newsletter and emails for the date and time of the next delivery. (particularly good activity for our youth)
- Our Little Free Pantry is an incredible success. We could fill it several times a week and it will be found empty right away. The need is real! Please read the article about items most needed in pantries. Items may be brought to church anytime and placed in the cart in the Wright building or in the large cabinet in the choir room.

Thank you for your faithful support of our friends and neighbors in need. Watch for upcoming opportunities as we start entering the holiday season.

Sent in by Debbie Serra-Outreach and Mission Group



Ministry Intern, Cynthia Robertson

Cynthia Parker Robertson, MSW is the Southwest Louisiana Disaster Coordinator for

the Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana, Founder and director of micah 6:8 mission, third year student at Iona School of Ministry in Navasota, TX (sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas)

In 2016 I moved back to Sulphur to be with my mother as she ages. I looked for a place to volunteer and through that work I realized that there was a great need for God's love to be felt in the northwest area of Sulphur, known as Portie Town. A house was bought in the community and started micah 6:8 mission to serve the community. We provide folks

with mercy through the Blessing Box in front of our office. The box is filled daily. As I started looking at why the storms are getting stronger and more frequent, I began to understand the effect of pollution and industry have on the climate and the loss of land we are experiencing in Louisiana. My firm belief is that God created everything that is, and that we as Christians are called to work to protect and enhance God's plan for creation, both human and environment.

I am doing my internship for my third year at St. Andrews Presbyterian and prayerfully discerning where God is calling me to ministry. I appreciate Pastor Nanette for giving me the opportunity to be with you all until May and am really looking forward to my graduation in June 2023. We will see where God leads after that!

Eddy House Rebuild/The Lincoln Street Project
(Articles sent in by Pastor Nanette)

AT LAST! Work on the rebuilding the Eddy house, will start soon in December.

We have been hearing about this project for over a year and we are excited to see it get started! The existing home of Gerald Leday and Barbara Eddie will be completely torn down (there was no way to save it) and then rebuilt using resilient rebuilding standards. We are excited the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance gave a \$7500 grant for this project. PDA gave the Presbytery of South Louisiana another \$5000 grant for building supplies which they also committed to this build. Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church from Austin has committed \$10,000 from their 2021 Christmas offering along with volunteer teams. The estimated cost to rebuild is \$150,000.

In the aftermath of the hurricanes, there is a movement to encourage all rebuilding to be "resilient rebuilding." There is a certification in the necessary techniques, which Fuller Center builders have completed. If a home is rebuilt to these standards, the home will be able to withstand strong hurricanes. Their homeowner's insurance will also be less because of the quality of build.

We will keep everyone informed of the progress being made. At some point we'll call for volunteers to help with the house.

I do hope we are able to have volunteers from our churches helping fill those most desperately in need with hope. It has been a long haul, and it is nowhere near complete.

On another topic, Restore Louisiana, which is the program handling the HUD funding is starting to sort through the surveys and to select homes to be repaired with those funds. The problem is that only people who have a FEMA designation of heavy or major damage from FEMA will be able to be helped. As FEMA did not do in person inspections on many, many homes, and lots of homes have inaccurate designations, there are lots of people in desperate need who will not be able to access these funds, as FEMA has closed appeals. HOWEVER, Congressional Appeals are possible. I would like us to help with those. I went to a FEMA training and have some tools to help us do that now. If you have folks who are computer savvy and would be able to help with this, please let me know. No need to go to any homes, it will all be done over the phone and on their computers. So many of our elderly population are not tech savvy and they have been unable to access the needed help from FEMA. If you have anyone who would be willing to help with that, please share this email address with them. If they will give me their name and phone number, I will call them and tell them more.



Eight Days of Hope (EDOH)- from Cindy Robertson

EDOH is coming to LC in December. They will bring an estimated 1,500 volunteers. In conjunction with the other churches in the area we are hoping to get at least 800 local volunteers to help with the effort. Rev. Harris's son Braylon (head of SWLA Responds) has a bet with the head of **EDOH** (!). The Episcopal bishop for this area has generously allocated \$10,000 to donate toward the purchase of materials for those 8 days, all of which will be used in our area (any leftovers stay). The hope is to get our churches involved in volunteering (we are a member of SWLA Responds) even after the event is over.

They are going to do Service Sunday on December 4 after church services are over. It would be awesome to get our people involved that Sunday. **EDOH** will need some help prior to them coming here. One is with taking phone calls from folks who need assistance filling out the online application. They will set up a Google phone number, so no one's number will be exposed. The volunteer must be able to talk on the phone and be on their computers. The form is easy to complete.

In the near future they will need people to do site visits (in pairs). This isn't taking measurements or defining work, it is doing a site walk around to verify the need. They would like one part of the team to be someone with some basic knowledge about home building (about as much as a homeowner who has hired contractors would have, so not an expert by any means) and one person to be the pastoral care portion of the team, to listen and minister through their willingness to listen and their empathetic responses. They will have folks coming in after that to take measurements, etc. This is just to lay eyes on the site and the folks needing help.

Here is the link to their website: [Home - Eight Days of Hope](#) and links to all this information are on there.

EDOH XVIII: Lake Charles, LA
December 3 - December 11

EDOH is traveling to Lake Charles, LA, this Christmas season to help rebuild homes after the damages from Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta, an ice storm, and flooding! This area was hit with storm after storm from 2020 to 2021. We are excited to return to this area to help families with home repairs and bring the HOPE of Jesus to them during the holiday season!

EDOH XVIII will take place from Saturday, December 3 to Saturday, December 10 in Lake Charles, LA. Our team needs volunteers of all skill-sets to help paint interior and exterior of homes, work on carpentry, electrical, and plumbing projects, and more!
Click the link below to register now! [Register Now!](#)

Here is information about volunteering from the website. I highlighted in yellow what our folks will be most able to do I would imagine.

What kind of work will we be doing?

The primary work will be the rebuilding of damaged homes due to flooding and wind damage. This includes roofing, electrical wiring, insulation, flooring, drywall, carpentry, and painting. We are also in need of people who have mechanical and plumbing skills. Beyond home restoration there are many support jobs which include data entry, transportation, laundry, cleaning, and lunch delivery service. There is something for everyone's skill set!



A letter is attached for those that want to help in transporting the volunteers. Volunteer forms will also be on the coffee table. Contact Anita at the church office if you would like to have the information forms for those that want to help, sent to you.

Dear Women in Ministry sisters,

Several of you asked how to connect church members to this volunteer opportunity. The Amish volunteers who will be staying again at University UMC are in need of 3 to 8 volunteer drivers PER DAY. They are currently scheduled to be with us for 19 weeks beginning November. Drivers on the morning shift are ready to roll at 7:15 am for the volunteers to load supplies on the trailer (already attached to the vehicle they will drive). Drivers on the evening shift must pick up volunteers at their worksites at 5pm to return them to the church. It is ideal when drivers can volunteer for the entire day, and important that at least the first time they volunteer they stay the whole day. Leaders need transport from site to site through the day and many runs to the hardware store and the dump are necessary to keep 30 to 50 volunteers steadily deployed.

Attached you'll find the driver forms from Phil as well as the calendar that shows when the Amish will be here (work/driving days in yellow beginning November 1).

Please encourage other friends and neighbors to become drivers as well! To get a new driver signed up, get their name, phone number, and email address to Ken Findley at opafin@suddenlink.net

Gid Yoder asked me to remind all drivers to join them for breakfast and/or dinner on your volunteer days: 6:00 am and 6:00 pm! All meals are prepared and served in the pavilion behind the church.

Blessings this day,
Angela

Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.
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October Calendar

Elders for October: Mary Lou Burke and Jennifer Couvillion
 Elders for November: Ginger Keenan and Craig Long



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am-12pm PW Garage Sale 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
2 11:00am Worship Service w/communion- (also on ZOOM) (Children stay in worship)	3	4	5 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	6 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	7 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	8 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
9 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (also on ZOOM) 5:30pm Session Meeting	10	11	12 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	13 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	14 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	15 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon 2pm-4pm Youth Autumn Bowl at Petro Bowl
16 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (also on ZOOM)	17	18	19 6:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	20 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class 5pm-9pm Breaux Baby Shower(all of Fellowship Hall area)	21 12:30pm Mission Stitchers Office Closed	22 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
23 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (also on ZOOM)	24 Office Closed	25	26 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	27 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	28 11:30am Richardson Rm/with sack lunch 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	29 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
30 11:00am Worship Service (Also on ZOOM) (Children stay in worship) After worship, Fellowship Luncheon	31					