



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

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**Little Free Pantry**



## Pastor's Ponderings

John Haggai in *How to Win Over Worry*, said " [Y]esterday is a cashed check; tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is cash in hand so use it- invest it." This reminds me too of the familiar words of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, "[F]or everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the sun..." Time is fleeting, so how do we make the most of each day? We try to do things that last- that impact lives. We do this in our worship and study together, in our instructing the children, in our outreach to the community. Sometimes people have the misconception that if we aren't preaching loudly through speakers on street corners and hitting people over the heads with Bible, then we aren't doing valuable work. Nothing can be further from the truth. Each word of encouragement, each can of food, each time we hear the Word and put it into action, we are using our time wisely.

As the hot, hot days of summer end and a new school year and fall quickly approaches, we continue with the work we have been called to, even with the challenges we face- like rebuilding and litigation (by the way, our trial date for hurricane damages is December 5, 2022). On August 12, we will host 150 McNeese band members and staff for dinner. Between now and then, we will help the Racial Reconciliation Committee of the Presbytery of South Louisiana prepare and deliver 200 backpacks to students on the north side of Lake Charles. On July 31, we dedicated our Free Little Pantry in the front of our church and we stocked it. We ARE having an impact on our community. We are redeeming and investing our time, talents, and resources to impact lives. Thank you for being involved and supporting all that we do.

Nanette



## 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. Susan Bengé's father; 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; Judy and Mike Davidson; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Pauline Hurst; Collin Jacobs (Anita's brother-in-law); Sue Kantorczyk; David Laird; Liam Lewis; Laura Ludwick; Cullen Nolan; Judy Robertson; Thomas Schwab; Alivia Shamsie; EJ Smith; Anne Dye's mother; Sue Long's mother; Lucille and Pat Marshall's grandson, Ryder; Carol Bell's son, Patrick.

Condolences to the family and friends of Margy Clawson, Keith Conrad, Bill Ludwick, Barbara LeBue, Cheryl (Mark Couvillion's sister), and Melanie Kaspar (Ron and Reta Kaspar's daughter in law).

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.

## Birthdays

- 8/04 Terri Estes
- 8/07 Constance McIntosh
- 8/13 Jennifer Couvillion  
Codie Gilman
- 8/16 Joe Dye
- 8/17 Diana Lewis
- 8/18 Layken Kral
- 8/20 Jerry Burke

## Anniversaries

- 8/05 Judy & Mike Davidson
- 8/07 Courtney & Ronnie Fountain
- 8/19 Susan & Stephanie Bengé



## Mission in Action

Church members from St. Andrew, Greater St. Mary Baptist, and Westlake Hills Presbyterian in Austin, TX carried box after box of fresh fruit, vegetables, and clothing into the Pauline Hurst Mercy Center on Moeling St. This has been part of the faithful mission from Westlake Hills, as they have traveled monthly from Austin to Houston's wholesale market to Lake Charles. This is part of the Christmas offering from Westlake Hills for which we are all most grateful. Fresh produce is rare in food pantry life and the Mercy Center's clients do not take this for granted.

Friendships have developed and the Westlake Hills members who have made the journey have gone beyond asking why we would remain here, in the midst of weather threats. They now understand the strong pull of our unique area and they are committed to helping make life a bit easier for the hundreds of Mercy Center clients.

Thank you to Marlon, Louis, Mark, David, Wyatt, Nani, and Debbie for helping with this month's delivery. Our Austin friends will visit again August 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll need willing hands again!



## **Little Free Pantry now part of the SAPC Mission effort**

(Photos on Front Page)

That BIG box that looks like a small house in front of the Richardson building on Hodges Street is the culmination of two years of planning, and months of waiting through storms, pandemic and 'life' to become the St. Andrew Little Free Pantry. Constructed by Wade Marcantel, Leah Verret and family, installed and painted by Wade, Leah and our church youth, this promises to be an important addition to SAPC local missions. A very generous anonymous donor provided funds for the pantry as well as initial provisioning.

Our church family has always generously donated time, funds and goods to many activities that help others less fortunate or advance efforts toward better human understanding. Often our SAPC activities are done quietly. This Little Free Pantry is a visible statement of our community commitment.

Please read the following sections to find the role you would like to play in the success of our Pantry. It will take all of us to keep this Pantry stocked with items needed by our many 'clients.' We anticipate many McNeese students visiting the pantry, but once it is discovered there are families throughout the area who rely on the area pantries. They visit them all in order to make ends meet.

### **All 'HANDS ON' for July 31 Pantry Blessing**

During our regular service, Sunday, July 31, there was a special blessing for our new SAPC Little Free Pantry. At this time, everyone had an opportunity to add their colorful handprint to the pantry and add their name or a special message. In addition, items were brought to place in the pantry during the service. For a list of items and suggestions please continue reading. And, if our children and youth would like to bring toys or books that would be outstanding.

If you were unable to join us July 31<sup>st</sup> there will be other opportunities to add your handprint. Please contact Leah Verret to make arrangements.

### **You and the SAPC Little Free Pantry (what goes into a pantry and how can I help)**

A visit to a Little Free Pantry can mean the difference between having a meal or necessary household staple and hunger. Our pantry joins others throughout the area to help families in need. The following are suggestions as we start our pantry. As it becomes a regular stop for people, we will be able to discern necessary items in addition to some fun treats we can provide.

Please bring your Pantry items to the cart or wagon in the hallway to Anita and the pastor's offices.

Items may go into the Pantry immediately or be stored in the storage cabinet.

- We could use a wheeled wagon with sides or a wheeled cart for the hallway and transport. Please contact Linda Latour if you have one.
- If you are out of town or unable to participate in person, please feel free to send a donation clearly marked for Little Free Pantry.
- A Little Free Pantry is a long-term mission commitment. Please consider Pantry items on your regular shopping trips. We have adequate storage for items and plan to keep the Pantry nicely stocked.

### **Pantry Suggestions**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SUMMER HEAT WHEN SELECTING PANTRY ITEMS**

- Nonperishable food....ramen (we all remember college!), rice, pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cooking oil, flour, salt, herbs, spices, sugar, tea, coffee, baby food, cookies, crackers, water, cereal, pop tarts....and other items that will not degrade in the heat (if we receive bulk items like rice we will repackage in smaller units)
- Infant items.... diapers, food, wipes, formula if you can find it...pacifiers, whatever items you can think of including toys
- Hygiene...shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, body soap, clothes detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, hair clips, feminine hygiene, adult diapers, toilet paper, wipes, deodorant, new socks, undergarments, etc.

This is just a beginning. Feel free to innovate! In the coming months we can let you know what has been requested, what isn't being picked up and offer other ideas. If you have experience with Pantries, please share your ideas with Linda Latour or Eveline Manka, co-moderators of Outreach and Mission.



Again, please watch for updates in the newsletter or special emails. We welcome ideas and suggestions as we inaugurate this important mission activity.



## August Calendar

*Elders on Duty for August: Annette Harlow and Jan Laird*  
*Elders on Duty for September: Eva Leblanc and Craig Long*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Campus Ministry Mtg-TBA	3 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg	4 6:30pm Choir Practice	5 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	6 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
7 11:00am Worship Service w/communion- (also on ZOOM) (Children stay in worship)  5:00pm Session Meeting	8	9 PEO Meeting-TBA	10 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg	11 6:30pm Choir Practice	12 12:30pm Mission Stitchers  McNeese Band Dinner: To Be Announced	13 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
14 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (also on ZOOM)	15 	16	17 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg	18 6:30pm Choir Practice	19 12:30pm Mission Stitchers  McNeese Band Dinner-TBA	20 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
21 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (also on ZOOM)	22	23	24 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg	25 6:30pm Choir Practice	26 10:30am Richardson Rm/with sack lunch  12:30pm Mission Stitchers	27 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon  Burke Anniversary Party in Fellowship Hall-TBA
28 11:00am Worship Service (also in ZOOM) (Children stay in worship)  After worship, Fellowship Luncheon	29	30	31 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg			

### COMING UP!

- ✚ On Friday evening, August 12, St Andrew's OMG (Outreach and Mission Group) will host 150 McNeese State University band members and staff for dinner. Stay tuned for more information.
- ✚ St Andrew NSG (Nurturing Spiritual Growth Group) will work with the Presbytery of South Louisiana's Racial Reconciliation Committee to provide backpacks for students in north Lake Charles. This will include backpacks for preschool, elementary, middle, and high school students.

Our children and youth will help assemble and deliver these bags. The backpacks have been ordered and we will move quickly when they are delivered to St Andrew.

- ✚ New Presbyterian Women's study-The 2022-2023 Presbyterian Women's Bible study from Horizons, "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." Dates and times to be announced.
- ✚ "Bowling in August" is being organized by the Nurturing Spiritual Growth Committee for the youth. Date and time to be announced.
- ✚ A Garage Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall by the Presbyterian women to support their many mission projects. **Note: There is NO room for any storage of items, items need to be brought in when the sale is being set up.**