



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

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August Elders: Leah Marcantel and Wade Marcantel
September Elders: Mary Davis and Ginger Keenan



Your Session Hard at Work-May, June, July

It has been a busy summer, and your session has continued to work hard to move St. Andrew forward into a bright future.

In May the session voted to:

*Accept the generous donation of the Couvillion family to provide interior and exterior security for Fellowship Hall, the Wright Building and possibly the sanctuary. This will include cameras, motion detectors, and monitoring equipment. The installation is nearly complete and will provide needed security for our church property. Many thanks to the Couvillion family.

*Allow Beverly Jones to rent Fellowship Hall to teach band to home-school students.

In June, the session voted to have Thomas Logan register St. Andrew to be a More Light Presbyterian Church, and to endorse the More Light Mission Statement below.

More Light Presbyterians' mission is to center and celebrate the lives, gifts, and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and beyond. We accomplish this by igniting the prophetic witness of our ministry partners and by cultivating relationships rooted in mutual accountability and care. Together, we journey toward God's promised liberation and flourishing for all creation.

The session approved the Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy, the Sexual Offender Policy, and the Sexual Misconduct Policy for St. Andrew, as required by Presbytery. More documents will be approved at future session meetings.

The session committees have also been extremely busy.

*NSG sponsored four students attending Camp Agape.

***The Fellowship Committee** provided food for several events, including Fellowship dinners, food for a reception following the memorial service for Pat Barron, and a Fellowship Luncheon and cake to honor the Angwafo Family, who moved to California.

*NSG celebrated Jack Verret's graduation from Barbe with a slide show and luncheon with food provided by the Fellowship Committee.

*OMG organized a group of eleven people to participate in the Pick-It-Up Calcasieu Event in May, repaired the Little Free Pantry when it was damaged by storms, and continues to stock the Little Free Pantry.

***Worship** planned a special worship service for Pentecost, including special music, special liturgy, and a special offering. The committee is looking into buying a piano for use in future worship services. They are also investigating the possibility of repairing the organ. Worship continues to supply everything needed to make our worship service go smoothly each week, including pulpit supply, communion elements, and much more.

***The Building Committee**, in conjunction with the Property Committee, has been working hard all summer with Architect Jeff Kudla. Mr. Kudla contracted Duhon and Pleasant Engineering to evaluate the viability of repairing our Sanctuary. In order to determine the extent of the damage the bricks had to be removed from the columns that support the glulam beams holding the roof up. Krauss construction was hired to do the demolition work. Duhon and Pleasant Engineering then did an in-depth evaluation and concluded that the Sanctuary is safe and repairable. Mr. Kudla has advised us that repairing the Sanctuary would be much cheaper than building even a small metal building to use as a Sanctuary. He is in the process of preparing a rough estimate of the cost of restoring the Sanctuary to pre-hurricane condition with an additional list of possible alterations/improvement, including prices. Mr. Kudla has been invited to attend a session meeting to present his findings. After the session has discussed the options at the August 11 meeting, Mr. Kudla is also willing to speak to the congregation on a Sunday after church.

These developments are exciting and a little overwhelming. We have big decisions to make for our future as we try to discern God's plan for our church. But there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Love in Christ
Anne Dye, Clerk of Session

The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries.

Thank Offering Current Recipients

NATIONAL SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Dakota Presbytery

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Anicetus Consulting

Welcoming of the Child

Waniyetu Consulting empowers young mothers by providing teaching and direction for their role as a parent.

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of the James

Voices of Jubilee

Crossing Borders Accompaniment

voicesofjubilee.org

Voices of Jubilee brings together incarcerated youth and their families with mentors who have experienced incarceration and others who want to help.

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of New Hope

SAFEchild

Technology at SAFEchild Advocacy Center

safechildnc.org

SAFEchild (Stop Abuse for Every Child) is the leading voice for child abuse prevention through evaluation, intervention and treatment in Wake County, North Carolina.

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

Central Florida Presbytery

Forward Paths Foundation, Inc.

Homes to Independence—Housing for Homeless Youth

forwardpaths.org

Forward Paths Foundation works to positively influence at-risk youth in Lake County, Florida, with the support needed to complete high school, attain a consistent work history and learn financial management skills

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

Presbytery of Carlisle

Peace Promise

peacepromise.org

Peace Promise offers advocacy, education, and economic empowerment to survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, area.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Office of Immigration Issues

Public Affairs Software

Platform for Grassroots Advocacy

pcusa.org/immigration

The Office of Immigration Issues helps PC(USA) churches by providing advice and resources towards a more just immigration system.

INTERNATIONAL

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Presbyterian Church in Congo (CPC)

Presbyterian Ministries with Vulnerable Children
Protecting Children in Greater Kasai

youtube.com/watch?v=oP6B9G3O4hw

Presbyterian Ministries with Vulnerable Children protects and cares for at-risk children in the DRC through outreach programs in congregations, neighborhoods, and schools.

HAITI AND SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA

Heartland Presbytery

Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope

Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village,

Kansas, fiscal sponsor

Surgicenter Ambulance

higginsbrothersurgicenter.org

The Higgins Brothers Surgicenter provides the only 24/7 trauma and surgical care available in Fond Parisien, a rural region near the Haitian-Dominican border



We offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who visited this past month. Remember in your prayers the many members and friends in need of support during the trying times of their lives: Linda Cannon; Virginia Conrad; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Linda Latour; Liam Simon; Alivia Simon; EJ Smith; Carol Bell's son, Patrick. Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace of the Lord be with them.

Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

8/04 Terry Estes
8/06 Christopher Salapi
8/13 Jennifer Couvillion
8/16 Joe Dye
8/17 Diana Lewis
8/18 Layken Kral
8/20 Jerry Burke



August Calendar
Elders for August: Leah and Wade Marcantel
Elders for September: Mary Davis and Ginger Keenan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10:00am Building Committee Mtg 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	1	2 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	3 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
4 11:00 am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Reverend Constance McIntosh	5	6	9am-1pm Lake Charles Music Academy (Last registration day) 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	8	9 Fab Friday Not Meeting this month	10 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
11 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Stated Session Meeting after Worship Pulpit: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder	12 	13 Dinner for McNeese Band	6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	15	16 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	17 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
18 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit Supply: Craig Long, Sacramental Ruling Elder	19	20	9am-1pm Lake Charles Music Academy 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	22 9am-1pm Lake Charles Music Academy	23 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	24 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
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