



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



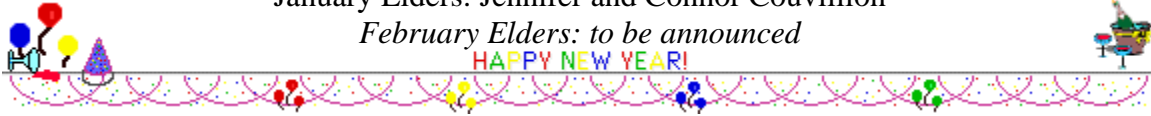
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 Thomas Logan-Music Coordinator Music Accompanist-Elisa Hevia
 Anita Duhon, Secretary/Newsletter Editor
 January Elders: Jennifer and Connor Couvillion



Your Session Hard at Work December

Thanks to the hard work of the session and their committees we are making steady progress towards rebuilding our Sanctuary. The roofers have stripped off all of the old shingles and put felt on the roof in preparation for new shingles.

The Property Committee continues to coordinate with the Building Committee. Architect Jeff Kudla met with the committee to discuss plans for the interior of the Sanctuary.

The Fellowship Committee coordinated a reception following the joint service with First Presbyterian Church of Lake Charles, with GA co-moderator Tony Larson filling the pulpit at St. Andrew. Also, on November 24, thirteen members from St. Andrew joined First Presbyterian, Westminster, and Point of Grace Churches for a Thanksgiving dinner at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Charles. Ginger Keenan and Mary Lou Burke provided pork roast and rice and gravy from St. Andrew.

The Worship Committee is making plans to make the organ usable again and to fix the sound system. The Christmas Cantata was performed on Sunday, December 22. It was a joint performance with the choir at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and was performed at 3:00pm, at their church.

A Stewardship Campaign is being planned for January.

The slates from the Nominating Committee are as follows:

For Elders for the class of 2026: Thomas Logan, Mary Lou Burke, Linda Latour, Erin Canik, and Sue Bengé.

For Deacons for the 2027 class: Melinda Sharp and Marlon Bourque. Edna Breaux is in the deacon class of 2026 and will continue to serve. Unfortunately, Linda Cannon had to resign as a deacon due to health concerns.

All of those listed above have agreed to serve. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the Called Congregational meeting on January 5 following worship. If you plan to nominate someone, please be sure to check with that person first. We would really like to have more deacons so as not to overload those who have volunteered.

Love in Christ,
 Anne Dye, Clerk of Session



Prayers and Concerns

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; Lucille Marshall; Liam Simon; Alivia Simon; EJ Smith; Carol Bell's son, Patrick; Rachel, Leah Marcantel's sister.

Prayers for peace and comfort for the family and friends of Vera Jo Olson, Diana Lewis' mother. Prayers for the family and friends of Wendell Marcantel, Wade Marcantel's father. Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace of the Lord be with them.

Birthdays

1/09 Nancy Melton
 1/17 Marlon Bourque
 1/23 Cole Canik
 1/24 Linda Latour
 1/29 Mary Lou Burke
 1/30 Collin Fountain

Anniversaries

1/05 Mary & Gentry Davis
 1/24 Diana & Robert Lewis

Pulpit Supply

1/05 Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder
 1/12 Craig Long Sacramental Ruling Elder
 1/19 Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder
 1/26 Reverend Constance McIntosh

The office is currently experiencing technical issues with the phone system and Suddenlink email. Technicians are addressing the problems. *The office phone does not record messages. The Suddenlink email and Microsoft program changes have caused the suddenlinkmail.com email address to not work in the office.* Please use the standrewpres53@yahoo.com email address. National Network has been contracted to work with the new wiring and phones. Thank you for your patience.

Called Congregational meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January 5.

The Directory/Phone Book will be updated soon. If you have any changes in address/phone/email, please email or call the office.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 pm.



For the past year, the Chapter BA of the PEO Sisterhood has been meeting occasionally in the Richardson Room. What is PEO and what do they do?

PEO is a philanthropic and educational non-profit organization that has been in existence throughout the world since 1869. It was started by seven women on the Wesleyan College campus. There are over 125,000 women members. The organization provides funding for a multitude of programs providing educational funds for women. The organization owns and operates Cottey College, a private college for women in Nevada, Missouri. In addition to the college, the organization offers Educational Loan Funds at 4% interest, grants for Continuing Education, funds for International Peace Scholarships, and Star Awards for outstanding High

School Students are just a few. Over \$432 million has been donated by the sisterhood for these outstanding educational programs for women.

If you would like to know more and have a special person you would recommend. Please visit the PEO Sisterhood Website for more information. <https://www.peointernational.org/> Fabulous Friday will be January 10th, 2025! We will meet in the Richardson Room at 10:30. Coffee and snacks are available beforehand.

We will be studying Lesson Three, Food Justice. As we give thanks for all the bounty, we have enjoyed this Christmas Season let's remember Psalm 65:

God provides.
 You crown the year with your bounty;
 your wagon tracks overflow with richness,

 The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
 the hills gird themselves with joy;

 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
 the valleys deck themselves with grain;
 they shout and sign together for joy.

After our study, we will gather together for a brown bag luncheon around 12:15 and afterward Mission Stitchers in the Wright Building.

PLEASE JOIN US!



The Memorial Garden was designed to bring beauty and peace to a place where one could relax; to remember those you love, the days' events, in a quiet atmosphere. Bricks surrounding the garden can be purchased by calling the office. More photos will be added to the website.





From the Mailbox:

Session approved sending Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, North Carolina \$500 to help in recovery.

“In the wake of Hurricane Helene, we have witnessed neighbors helping neighbors, countless acts of kindness, and an unwavering sense of faith. Your financial support has been a beacon of hope during this extremely challenging time.

Your generosity is a beacon of light and hope.

*Thank you!
Kay Layman”*



Session also approved sending \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for U.S. Hurricane Response.

“Your gift of \$500 on 11/1/2024 to the U.S. Hurricane Response helped ensure that PDA could walk alongside those rebuilding their lives after disasters, offer trauma care to those most in need, and support local partners in crisis response. Because of you, the Church’s mission of caring for “the least of these” has been lived out in transformative ways.

May your Advent season be filled with peace, joy, and the assurance of God’s love manifest in Jesus Christ.

*In gratitude,
Reverend Edwin González-Castillo
Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance”*



(St. Andrew Presbyterian Church hosted the Homeschool Music and Band Recital on December 7th)

Spring 2025 Homeschool Music and Band
Central School Suite #321
809 Kirby Street
Lake Charles
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337-513-7558

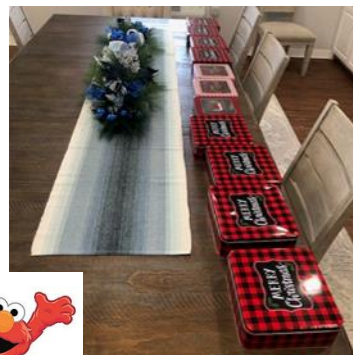
Music and More! 2nd/3rd/4th grade: general music class with introduction to instrumental music using bucket drums and recorders. Tuesday’s at 2:00-2:50 pm. Classes begin on January 14.

Beginner Band 5th – 12th grade: traditional band instruction on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, percussion (drums). Tuesdays at 3:00-3:55 pm. Classes begin on January 14.

Intermediate Band 5th-12th grade: traditional band instruction for the student with at least one semester of band instruction on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, percussion. You may choose from 10:00-10:55 am, 11:15 am-12:10 pm, 1:00-1:55 pm. Classes begin on January 15.



The women of St. Andrew held their traditional Christmas cookie exchange. Delectable cookies of all types lined the counter awaiting to be chosen. Recipes were also exchanged.





January Calendar
Elders for January: Jennifer and Connor Couvillion
Elders for February will be announced



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg	2 12:30-3pm Art class	3 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	4 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
5 11:00 am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder Called Congregational Mtg after worship	6	7	8 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	9 12:30-3pm Art class	10 Fab Friday 10am-Bible Study 12pm sack lunch 1pm Mission Stitchers	11 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
12 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Elder Training and Examination after worship Pulpit: Craig Long, Sacramental Ruling elder	13	14 PEO Mt Chapter BA 9:00am	15 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	16 12:30-3pm Art class	17 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	18 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
19 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Installation of Elders during worship Stated Session Mt after worship Pulpit Supply: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder	20	21	22 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	23 12:30-3pm Art class	24 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	25 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
26 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Fellowship Luncheon after Worship Pulpit: Reverend Constance McIntosh	27	28	29 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	30 12:30-3pm Art class	31 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	