



*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
February Elders: Erin Canik and Ginger Keenan
March Elders: Mary Lou Burke and Linda Latour



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

Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace of the Lord be with them.



No Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 3/01 Skylar Angwafo
- 3/08 Grant Kral
- 3/16 Debbie Serra
- 3/20 Ryan Keenan
- 3/26 Gage Simon



Presbyterian Women February 2025 Session Report

Presbyterian Women meet monthly on the second Friday of the month for Bible Study and Fellowship. We call it Fabulous Friday because we can study God's word, fellowship together over a meal and in the afternoon sew together for mission outreach. We can choose to attend all three or attend one event whatever our schedules allow. It's fabulous!

On Feb 14th we completed Lesson Three "Food Justice" from our study book "Let Justice Roll". Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 14th. Lesson Four features Water Justice.

We approved a yearly budget of \$3500.00 with most of the money going to our 16 benevolences. We also approved sending \$100.00 to Presbyterian Relief for the Presbyterian Church in Pacific Palisades. We will send more later when the community has time to assess the damage.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service, March 5,
6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Presbyterian Women will host another social event for all the women and friends of the congregation. We agreed to hold a Bingo party (a special request) March 14th from 6 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded.

Watercolor Technique Workshop



Watercolor Techniques Art Class will be holding a workshop April 1 through April 3, using the whole Fellowship Building. The guest artist is Janet Rogers from Florida. She will be teaching new watercolor techniques when painting flowers, landscapes, and portraits. The workshop is filled. Watercolor Techniques Art Classes are held weekly with Nancy Melton instructing.

Your Session Hard at Work In February

St. Andrew session and congregation do such amazing things. Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on February 9. Below is summary of that meeting.

A packet containing the Clerk's Report to Presbytery, Committee Reports from NSG, OMG, Fellowship, Presbyterian Women, Property, Personnel, Finance/Stewardship, and Worship; and the proposed budget for 2025 was handed out prior to the meeting.

Clerk Anne Dye reviewed the Clerk's Report to Presbytery, which had already been submitted.

The written reports submitted by chairs of the session committees were received as information.

Diana Lewis reviewed the proposed budget for 2024, which had already been approved by the session

Thomas Logan gave a report on his progress in the CP program, in which he announced that he plans to finish the program in July and be ordained at the August Presbytery meeting.

On motion by Amy Stark and second by Mary Davis, Craig Long, Jerry Burke, and Edna Breaux were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2025.

The Stated Session Meeting for February was held on February 16. A summary of that meeting is below.

Electronic vote to approve the 2025 budget was ratified.

Thomas Logan gave the commissioner's report to Presbytery.

Statistical Report to Presbytery was approved by the session.

On motion by Property, Diana Lewis, Gentry Davis, Wade Marcantel, Jones Nji, and the Simon family were approved to be members of the Property Committee and Joe Dye was approved as consultant to the committee.

On motion by OMG, the session approved Ginger Keenan, Diana Lewis, and Leah Marcantel as members NSG and Sue Benge, Erin Canik, Cole Canik, and Tucker Canik as members of the Fellowship Committee. (Ginger Keenan is chair of Fellowship and Linda Latour is Co-Chair.)

On motion by Worship, the session approved Constance McIntosh, Craig Long, Sue Long, and Erin Canik as members of the Worship Committee.

On motion by Worship, the session approved serving communion during every worship service during Lent and Advent.

On motion by Jennifer Couvillion and second by Amy Stark, the session approved the Stewardship Letter as amended.

On motion by Personnel, the session approved adding Wade Marcantel as a member of the Personnel Committee.

Thomas Logan reported that he is required to complete a Psychological Evaluation to complete his CP training at a cost of around \$1200. According to tradition, St. Andrew pays the cost and is reimbursed 1/3 of the cost by Presbytery and 1/3 of the cost by the CP candidate. On motion by Amy Stark and second by Mary Lou Burke, the session approved paying the entire amount with the church credit card and then seeking appropriate reimbursements.

The Committees have also been hard at work:

Property -Chair, Mary Lou Burke; Co-Chairs Ginger Keenan and Linda Latour: Mary Lou Burke reported that Property contracted with National Networks to address issues with the phone system. The company will also install a firewall that will protect our equipment in the Fellowship Hall and Wright Building and will serve as a first responder when equipment breaks down. They will also handle issues with the cable company and printer providers.

Joe Dye reconnected wires to the sump pump that drains the property to Hodges Street. The present drainage is unsightly and becoming dangerous. Jeff Kudla will have engineers look at the property and give us a recommendation. Khoury Kraus (Kraus Construction) will then give us two quotes: one for the ditch and one for the gradient. We do not want the water draining into the sanctuary.

Joe Dye and Kade Kral repaired the back fence, which had a section pulling away from the main fence.

Joe Dye discovered that the roofers nailed into the conduit and in so doing took out 1/2 of the electrical service in the sanctuary. This issue was discussed with Jeff Kudla. He will follow up with Morcore to correct the situation. No invoice has been received or paid.

Building Committee - Annette Harlow, chair of the Building Committee, sent this update from Architect Jeff Kudla: Working on getting a survey for the drainage project. I hope to have it this week. With it, I can figure out how to make that field drain.

The renovation is in line for production of the drawings. I think we will start on it the week after Mardi Gras. Once we get into that and have more on paper, I will reach out to Mark Couvillion for his input.

OMG - Connor Couvillion, Chair, Sue Benge, Co-Chair: Connor Couvillion that the committee is working on contacting and creating relationships with Evergreen, Missing Piece (an ABA program for autism), and The Verandah assisted living facility.

NSG - Jennifer Couvillion, Chair; Erin Canik, Co-Chair. NSG continues to manage Church School for children and youth and is planning a movie and pizza night for the youth.

Fellowship - Ginger Keenan, Chair, Linda Latour, Co-Chair: Ginger Keenan reported that the Fellowship Committee continues to cook the for the Fellowship luncheons and other events.

Worship - Thomas Logan, Chair, Amy Stark and Erin Canik, Co-Chairs: Thomas Logan reported that Pulpit Supply has already been planned through March. The Committee is also planning for our Special Offerings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter.

Finance and Stewardship - Mary Davis, Chair, Thomas Logan Co-Chair: Mary Davis gave a detailed written account of our finances. After receiving the report, the session discussed the Stewardship campaign and ways for the church to produce more income and increase giving. Thomas Logan reviewed the Stewardship letter he had written.

Personnel - Amy Stark, Chair, Sue Bengé Co-Chair: Amy Stark gave an oral report to the session summarizing the timeline on how we arrived at this point on hiring a CP.

Presbyterian Women - Mary Lou Burke reported that the Fabulous Friday Bible Study and Mission Stitches are going well. PW approved a yearly budget of \$3500.00 with most of the money going to their 16 benevolences. PW also approved sending \$100.00 to Presbyterian Relief for the Presbyterian Church in Pacific Palisades. PW plans to send more later when the community has time to assess the damage.

PW agreed to host another social event for all the women members and friends of the congregation. The event will be a Bingo party (a special request) March 14th from 6 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded.

As you can see above, volunteers are needed to join the committees. Please consider carefully and prayerfully volunteering your time joining a committee. All you have to do to join is talk to the chair of the committee that interests you, and you can be added to the committee. We need everyone's participation during this busy and exciting time in the life of our church.

Love in Christ,
Anne Dye, Clerk of Session

Sunday, March 9



Pulpit Supply

- 3/02 Reverend Constance McIntosh***
- 3/09 Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder***
- 3/16 Craig Long, Sacramental Ruling Elder***
- 3/23 Cindy Robertson, MSW***
- 3/30 Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder***



Missing Piece
AUTISM AWARENESS
& Family Fun Day

\$10 Bands Sold At Gate For Unlimited Access To Activities

MARCH 29, 2025
12-4 PM | West Cal Arena, Sulphur La

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FACE PAINTING FUN JUMP MUCH MORE!

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March Calendar

Elders for March: Mary Lou Burke and Linda Latour
Elders for April: Jennifer Couvillion, Linda Latour, and Amy Stark



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 12:30pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
2 11:00 am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Reverend Constance McIntosh	3	4 Office Closed	5 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:00pm Al-Anon	6 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	7 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	8 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
9 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Stated Session Mtg after worship Pulpit: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder	10	11 9:00am PEO mtg in Richardson Room	12 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	13 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	14 Fab Friday 10:30am Bible Study 12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Mission Stitchers 6:00pm PW bingo Night	15 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
16 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Craig Long, Sacramental ruling Elder	17	18	19 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	20 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	21 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	22 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
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30 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Fellowship Luncheon Pulpit: Thomas Logan, ruling elder	31 Set Up for Art Workshop					