

*And Jesus said to them,
“Follow me and I will make
you fish for people.”*

Mark 1: 17



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The stole is a liturgical vestment of various Christian denominations. It is often decorated with contrasting woven trim or braid and fringe is sometimes applied to the ends of the stole so that, when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of the Lord. During the liturgical year, the colors of our banners and the pastor's stoles change. The only day that we use red is Pentecost. This Pentecost stole shows the tongues of fire described in Acts 2.

The other colors used are green (for ordinary time), purple (Lent), white (Easter season, communion, baptism, weddings), and blue (Advent). Advent has traditionally been purple, but in recent years has changed to a more contemporary blue.



A symbol of the Resurrection is the butterfly. This butterfly stole is used primarily for Easter. This stole was designed by Julie Rodriguez Jones of Spanish Springs, Nevada. Jones is an artist whose artistic focus is liturgical art, astronomical art and other traditional subjects including graphic art.

She has developed some very respectable liturgical artworks; a series of banners and matching stoles. In her works “If They Kept Quiet the Stones Would Cry Out...” is handsomely depicted with a stone-like texture in earth tones; “Pentecost Tongues of Fire...” is dramatically created with a reddish fire-like imagery on black; “The Names of God...” is beautifully presented in a rich green with various names of God printed in various fonts; “The Vessel...” uses the imagery of a vessel being poured out representing God’s gifts to us being shared and then filled again; and “We Gather Together...” uses the brilliantly colored leaf motif to indicate people together asking for the Lord’s blessing. All of these are wonderful contemporary and useful icons. To read more about Julie Jones, go to [Clergy Stoles - Custom Church Banners - Fine Art](#)





Pastor's Ponderings

Although we are in the middle of a very hot summer, we are continuing to plan for the rest of the year. Our Back-to-School Party will be Saturday, July 28. Bring your children, grandchildren and their friends. The children always enjoy this fun time on the water slides!

September 8 will be our second Dinner Theater with the Itinerant Theater. This is **NOT** a fundraising event. This is an **OUTREACH** to our community. Hosting events like this, we gain exposure to a segment of our community that may otherwise never step foot on the grounds of St. Andrew. The first time we did a dinner theater, it was sold out. It was a very successful event so start spreading the news to your friends and family.

I am very happy that our attendance has remained steady this summer, even with family vacations. It is so important to maintain continuity in our worship time together!

Very soon we will be beginning new Bible studies. The new study for Presbyterian Women will be *God's Promise: I Am with You*. This study takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. This study does not delve deeply into manifestations of God's presence but rather on God's actual articulation of God's promise. We will see anew that God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophets; from the judges to the kings; before, during, and after the exile; into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age.

Nanette

BBQ WEST TICKETS- The BBQ West tickets being sold by the youth for camps and conferences have graciously been extended to August 31. The tickets are \$10.00 for half a chicken and any two side items. Dinners are to be picked up during store hours. **THANK YOU BBQ WEST.** The church office will have some tickets as will the church youth.



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: Edward Chavanne; Carolyn Chingo; Margy Clawson; Nancy Crcic; Dora Dyer; Jody Flanagan; Ken Gurley; Annette Harlow; Reta Kaspar; Ray Miller; Cullen Nolan; Ted Roeling; Sarah Marshall; and Thomas Schwab.

Prayers for those serving in the military. When you are ready to be taken off the list, please call the church office



Birthdays

- 7/01 Cathy Hoffpauir
- 7/06 Edna Breaux
Amy Dunn
- 7/07 Anita Duhon
Darby Swoboda
- 7/11 Jody Flanagan
Charlene Aguiard
- 7/15 Dante Breaux
- 7/19 Madison Marcantel
- 7/29 Kathy Jaramillo

Anniversaries

- 7/05 Linda & Jim Latour
- 7/17 Ginger & Charles Keenan

DINNER THEATER- Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 8! We will host a dinner theater in conjunction with the Itinerant Theatre. The last time we did this, it was a sell-out. Ticket price will be \$45.00. There will be two plays featuring Maggie Dixon (first woman editor of a newspaper in US - in Baton Rouge) and Rosa Hart (a legend in Lake Charles in theatre, books, LC Civic Center Theater is named for her!)

We'll need everyone from the church who is able to help wait on tables. Chef Richard Jones, along with Robin Bumgarden & Lori Soileau, will once again prepare a gourmet meal. There will be a practice for all servers on Friday night, September 7.



➤ ATTENTION AGES 20-35

On Sunday, Sept 2 there will be a 2 PM matinee of The Mountaintop. Please try to make arrangements to clear your schedules this afternoon so the Millennial Group from St. Andrew can attend the theater together. The church will pay for the theater tickets and then we will go to Tony's Pizza (Dutch treat) for dinner afterwards. Invite your friends and/or bring a date. Let the Pastor know by Aug 27 whether or not you'll be able to join us.

So, mark your calendars now!



Back-to-School Party

Mark your calendars now! Saturday, July 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., there will be great times with water slides, hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts, and all the fixings. Bring your children, grandchildren, and their friends! Don't forget your child's swimsuit, towels, and sunscreen. There will be large tents for shade or you can eat in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jennifer Couvillion for more information and to offer to help in set-up, clean-up, and desserts.



Traditional Latin Cross

The design was inspired by the Lenten Bible Study "He Chose the Nails."

The Cross was created with spikes and backed with palm fronds. The Cross is encircled by a crown made from thorny vines.

Designed and Created by Melinda Sharp



O Comforting Fire of Spirit



O comforting fire of Spirit,
Life, within the very Life of all Creation.
Holy you are in giving life to All.

Holy you are in anointing
those who are not whole;
Holy you are in cleansing
a festering wound.

O sacred breath,
O fire of love,
O sweetest taste in my breast
which fills my heart
with a fine aroma of virtues.

O most pure fountain
through whom it is known
that God has united strangers
and inquired after the lost.

O breastplate of life
and hope of uniting
all members as One,
O sword-belt of honor,
enfold those who offer blessing.

Care for those
who are imprisoned by the enemy
and dissolve the bonds of those
whom Divinity wishes to save.

O mightiest path which penetrates All,
from the height to every Earthly abyss,
you compose All, you unite All.

Through you clouds stream, ether flies,
stones gain moisture,
waters become streams,
and the earth exudes Life.

You always draw out knowledge,
bringing joy through Wisdom's inspiration.

Therefore, praise be to you
who are the sound of praise
and the greatest prize of Life,
who are hope and richest honor
bequeathing the reward of Light.

Hildegard of Bingen



Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)

In an age when life expectancy was somewhere around forty, Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) lived a life that was remarkably long and incredibly productive. Carmen Butcher described Hildegard as an "Über-multitasking *Frau*" and authentic "polymath." The description fits. The Benedictine abbess founded two convents, conducted four preaching tours, penned at least 400 letters, wrote music and a morality play, supervised illuminated manuscripts, cared for her fellow sisters, and wrote three major theological tomes based upon her famous visions. All this despite her pronounced feelings of self-doubt, the lack of formal schooling, chronic illnesses that probably included depression and migraine headaches, and the subservient roles assigned to women by a male-dominated church and culture.

Hildegard was born the youngest of ten children to an aristocratic family that lived near Mainz. She started having what she later concluded were divine visions as earlier as age three. When she was eight her parents dedicated her to the religious life, and at age fourteen she entered the St. Disibod Abbey at Disibodenberg. Until her death almost seventy years later, she devoted herself to the life of a Benedictine nun. After keeping her visions to herself for decades, when she was forty-two Hildegard says that God told her to write what she had seen and heard: "So now you must give others an intelligible account of what you see with your inner eye and what you hear with your inner ear. Your testimony will help them. As a result, others will learn how to know their Creator. They'll no longer refuse to adore God." (Reprinted from *Journey With Jesus*, a weekly webzine for the global church, "O Comforting Fire of Spirit" selected by Dan Clendenin. Posted 13 May 2018.)



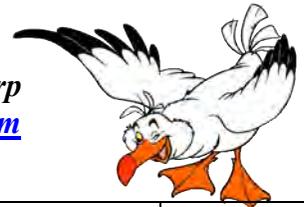


July Calendar

Elders on Duty:

David Laird, Craig Long, Wade Marcantel, Melinda Sharp

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:45am Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm Fresh Start GA & Gam-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm Into Action AA mtg (open)</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30pm New Hope GA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:30pm Mission Stitches</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:45am Worship Service</p> <p>5:00pm Stated Session</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Fresh Start GA & Gam-Anon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm Into Action AA mtg (open)</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30pm New Hope GA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:30pm Mission Stitches</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast at Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist church</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:45am Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm Fresh Start GA & Gam-Anon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Into Action AA mtg (open)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30pm New Hope GA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:30pm Mission Stitches</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am-1pm Back-to-School Party</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:45am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall w/luncheon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm Fresh Start GA & Gam-Anon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00pm Into Action AA mtg (open)</p>				