



And Jesus said to them,

*“Follow me and I will make
You fish for people.”*

Mark 1:17

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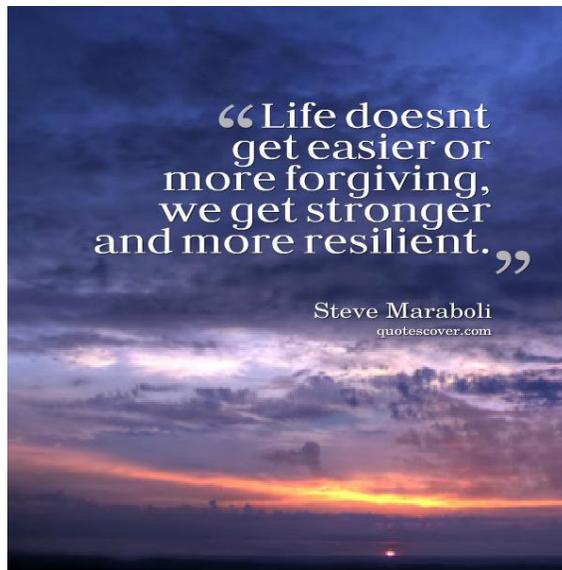
Nanette Cagney, Pastor

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Music Leader-Kate Colby

Elders on Duty for July: Mary Davis and Craig Long

Elders for August: Debbie Serra and Jan Laird



Disaster supplies arrived from Fernciff/Presbyterian Disaster Assistance/Church World Services. These supplies will be distributed across Lake Charles. Thanks to all volunteers.



Supplies were also delivered from the Presbyterian Church in New Iberia LA.



Valerie Merck Young, Synod of the Sun Executive, toured the Lake Charles area. Members of the Coordinating Team, Synod staff, and Interim Presbyter, Richard Williams, of South Louisiana, helped off-load groceries. This team also helped in the clean-up of a home under the Vessel Project in Lake Charles.



Pastor Pondering

It is summer and as the fog and restrictions of COVID are beginning to lift, folks are scattering. Many are taking the vacations that they postponed last year and need so desperately today. Some, with children too young to be vaccinated, are still being cautious, so their children remain safe.

It has been nice with some of us returning to in-person worship in the fellowship hall. It has been equally nice to be able to continue online for those who live far away or who can't join us in person. In the fellowship hall worship service, we still have restrictions in place as is still not safe to sing or go unmasked with our youngest in the room, but we are doing what we can. In an effort to make folks more comfortable gathering for in-person worship, beginning Sunday, June 27, we will have red, yellow and green wrist bands available for everyone in the fellowship hall. If you choose to wear a green band, it means that you are wide open and welcoming as many hugs as you can get. If you wear yellow, it means elbow bumps are preferable. If you choose to wear a red band, it means that we will respect your space and we'll wave. If anyone comes and is unvaccinated, including young children, please wear a red band. We'll see how this system works- for those who want hugs and for those who definitely don't! That can, of course, depend on whether or not you've had enough coffee that morning. Please be aware of and respect each others' preferences.

Hebrews 10:24- 25 tells us "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." I used to joke and tell people this was my favorite scripture- "let us consider how to provoke one another!" As always, it is best to read these things in context. The scripture encourages us to meet together to encourage each other. Now, we just need to determine how we can do this safely. Hopefully by the fall all restrictions will be lifted and we'll raise our voices in song once again.

I hope to see you every Sunday, but especially Sunday, July 11, in the fellowship hall as we will be baptizing Darrius Breaux's little girl, Natalia Cherie Breaux. This will be a special time of worship and celebration.

So, if you are traveling, stay safe. If you are staying close to home, we hope to see you soon.

Nanette

July 4th facts

-  Celebrates the existence of a new nation.
-  On the very first 4th of July in 1776, **America was home to only 2.5 million citizens.** Today, it is home to over 326 million.
-  The original draft of the Declaration of Independence went missing and remains lost to history.

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. Norman Andrews (Mary Davis' uncle); Susan Bengé's father; Sandy Brister, the pastor at St. Andrew Leesville, her husband, and her mother; Nani Cagney; Phyllis Cagney; Edward Chavanne; Margy Clawson; Keith Conrad; Virginia Conrad; Nancy Crncic; Jody Flanagan; Corey Fountain; Sue Kantorczyk; David Laird; Barbara Lobue; William Ludwick; Laura Ludwick; Cullen Nolan; Judy Robertson; Thomas Schwab; Melinda Sharp; Anne Dye's mother; Lucille and Pat Marshall's grandson, Ryder; Carol Bell's son, Patrick; and baby Liam.

Prayers for all those affected by COVID.

Prayers for those impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta; all educators/school administrators.

Prayers for our country and our leadership.

Contact the church office to add or remove a name from the Prayers and Concerns.

Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

7/06 Edna Breaux
Amy Stark
7/07 Anita Duhon
7/11 Jody Flanagan
Charlene Aguiard
7/15 Danté Breaux
7/16 Mary Davis
7/19 Madison Marcantel
7/29 Kathy Jaramillo

From the Mailbox:



Thanks so much for putting me on the newsletter list; it's always a pleasure to see familiar names! I've been very impressed at how much the congregation has done to help with hurricane recovery and now flooding. My cousin, Norma Dugan, had told me about the flooding, even before the newsletter arrived; I'm sorry you and all of Lake Charles have suffered so many disasters, so I wanted to help a bit.

If you have a chance, give my warmest greetings to Marilyn Dunn and Mary Lou Burke, and thank Nanette for all her wonderful work at St. Andrew. My best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

Joan

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Sisters and Brothers In Christ, Please accept my donation to your work in Lake Charles. Love and Prayers, Sharon Darden, Member of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX

WHAT PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE

But what exactly is this peace we say we seek?

By Carl Horton / *Presbyterians Today*



If you ask a Presbyterian to define “peace,” you’ll get lots of answers, and they’re mostly all correct. Peace is tranquility and

calm and quiet and respect and all those things that we ask of our children, at least for a few blessed moments every now and then. Peace is well-being, wholeness, health, safety, security, civility and all those things we expect from our communities. Peace is diplomatic treaties, international accords, global conventions, mutual aid, disaster relief and all those things that create understanding among nations. Peace finds its expression in many ways, takes on a variety of forms and is evident in both the most intimate and expansive parts of life. And as people of faith, we believe peace — in all its expressions and forms — is a gift from God.

Peace is a dominant biblical theme, mentioned 400 times in the King James Version and 250 times in the New Revised Standard Version. In the Hebrew Scriptures, peace appears as the word *shalom*. In the New Testament Greek, the word for peace is *eirene*. Both words suggest positive relationships with God, well-being among humanity and harmony with the created order. Over and over again, Scripture provides clear images and visions of peace, urging believers to not just receive peace as a divine gift, but to pursue it as a way of life. In so doing, we become “peacemakers,” and are called “children of God.”

Over the past century, Presbyterians have been bearers of peace, often in response to pain, brokenness, conflict, oppression and injustice. When faced with national and global events, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its predecessor denominations have determined that the church has needed to do more. In the Depression era of the 1930s, the United Presbyterian Church formed the Department of Social Education and Action. Following World War II, in 1945, Presbyterians were instrumental in writing the charter for the United Nations and establishing a continuing Presbyterian presence there. The next year, in 1946, Presbyterians opened a denominational office in Washington, D.C., ensuring that the voice of the church would be heard in the public square. In 1975, in the aftermath of another war and with the new reality of nuclear weaponry, the church determined that it would “reassess the concept of peacemaking,” leading in 1980 to the adoption of a report to the 192nd General Assembly titled “Peacemaking: The Believer’s Calling.” This would lead to the formation of a denomination-wide peacemaking program.

Over the subsequent 40 years, peace has been something that we’ve recognized as the work of the church at all levels. We’ve nurtured and equipped Presbyterians of all ages to engage in the practices of peacemaking, recognizing that our formation as peacemakers is an essential part of our lifelong faith formation. And yet, sometimes the peace we seek as Presbyterians is not easy. Sometimes it demands change, sacrifice and a disruption of the status quo. Peace can often be countercultural and might even call into question the church’s own culture, systems and structures. It can speak truth to power and take on the principalities of the world. And while Jesus may have been able to say “peace” and the storms would subside, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that many times people say, “‘Peace, peace,’ when there is no peace.” Indeed, peace is not peace if it is achieved for some and not for all.

In recent months, the words “no justice, no peace” have been seen and heard in demonstrations across our country. From Portland to Kenosha, those words and their variation, “know justice, know peace,” have shown up on yard signs and in storefront windows. Peacemakers and justice seekers are again utilizing one of the nonviolent tools in the peacemaker’s toolbox: peaceful protest. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his sermon “When Peace Becomes Obnoxious” said that “Peace is not the absence of tension, but the presence of justice.” He described a peace that accepts injustice as “an obnoxious peace” and said he wanted no part of it.

For Presbyterians, peace is more than an idea or a declaration. It is the work we do, and it requires both compassion and justice. As peacemakers, we are both compassion-bearers and justice-seekers, meeting the needs of the world around us and righting the wrongs that, still today, impede justice for all.

Carl Horton is a PC (USA) teaching elder and is coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program in the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Carl Horton, “What Presbyterians Believe,” *Presbyterians Today*, June, 2021.

Food Pantry donations

for July-square paper napkins
for August- paper towels



¹⁰For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹I know the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

Psalm 50.10-11

July Calendar

Elders on Duty: Mary Davis and Craig Long

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	2 Cook for Summer Food Program	3 Deliver Summer Food Program
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11 11:00am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Baptism of Natalia Cherie Breaux 5:00pm Session Mtg on ZOOM	12	13 6:00pm Into Action AA mtg (open)	14 6:00 pm Al Anon mtg	15 12:30pm Mission Stitchers 	16 Cook for Summer Food Program	17 Deliver Summer Food Program
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The office will be closed Tuesday, July 6, through Wednesday, July 20.



Throughout the summer “**The Vessel Project**” volunteers will be cooking in the St. Andrew kitchen on Friday, and delivering meals on Saturday. The program is funded by a grant from **Synod of the Sun**.