

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

Mark 1: 17

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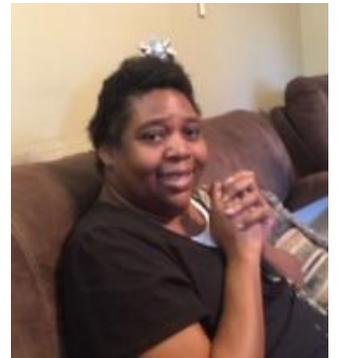
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Music Leaders-Kate Colby and Bryce Louviere



Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries' mission is to serve, provide for, and champion individuals with disabilities. Our congregation is so blessed to have the residents and staff of the Evergreen home in Sulphur, LA join our congregation for church services, picnics, luncheons, Christmas, Easter, and all other events. Social distancing did not stop us from the great fun we had driving by with the "Happy Birthday Parade."





Pastor's Ponderings

As I write this, we are in day 51 of quarantine and social distancing. We have been blessed with our ability to continue to worship and meet together albeit virtually. Still, the isolation is taking a toll on everyone and we wonder how long it will be until we return to "normal", whatever that may be.

Not many people that I know enjoy change and lack of control, yet these factors guide our lives these days. Our lives and the world around us are changing as we adapt to this silent killer virus and heaven knows, we have little, if any control over any of this. This degree of change breeds stress, so I hope that you are doing something to take care of yourselves in quarantine- walking, biking, reading, exercising- something that will be a stress-reliever for you.

Remember the words of Matthew 11:28-29, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." In olden times, animals were yoked together to share the load- the weight of the burden. In the burdens of our lives, even in a pandemic, we are yoked together- we are not alone. We can do so much more together than we can alone. The weight of life is less when we share the weight we carry. Standing together, we can face so much more than we can alone.

Together we can reach our community- our world- for Christ even now. That is part of what it means to be yoked together with Christ. The burden Jesus asks us to carry is the work of reaching the world with the Good News of grace in Jesus Christ. This is not a heavy burden because we are doing it together.

Remember to find rest for your soul in Jesus!

Blessings,
Nanette



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. Susan Benge's father; Sandy Brister, the pastor at St. Andrew Leesville, her husband, and her mother; Nanette Cagney; Edward Chavanne; Carolyn Chingo; Margy Clawson; Keith Conrad; Virginia Conrad; Mark Couvillion's brother, Jeff; Nancy Crnic; Jody Flanagan; Eileen Hacker; Sue Kantorczyk; Creighton Leblanc (Eva's brother); William Ludwick; Laura Ludwick; Cullen Nolan; Judy Robertson; Thomas Schwab; Carla Stewart; and baby Liam.

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



Birthdays

5/04 Gentry Davis
Lou Borque
5/05 Judy Landry
5/17 Madalyn Gordon
5/27 Jude Jaramillo

Anniversary

5/21 Amy and Joe Stark

From the Mailbox:

We are enjoying your service every week. Thank you for allowing us to be a part and sharing your love with the world.

Jackie Cummings
Port Allen LA

Corrected Address for the Address Book:

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New email for Linda Latour

Linda.latour51@gmail.com

Fabulous Friday will meet via ZOOM at 10:30 a.m. with Lesson Six: "Hold Your Marriages Sacred."

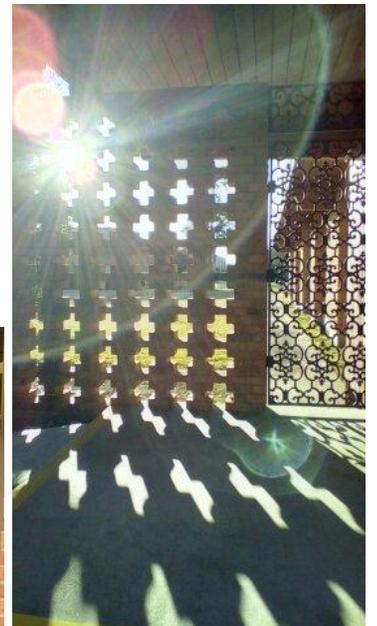
The 2020 Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering will be received throughout the month of May. You may send offerings in to the church office. Please note "Birthday Offering" on the memo line of the check.

The recipients are:

- ✳ **The Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children** — Assisted Living Facility, Davydovo, Russia.
- ✳ **GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia** to expand Access and Service Space, Northeast Georgia Presbytery.
- ✳ **Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota** for Northside Healing Space Expansion, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.
- ✳ **Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona** to upgrade the Childcare and Prekindergarten Facility, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon.

Church Attendance for April via ZOOM

4/05 75
4/12 80
4/19 80
4/29 65



“AND the BEAT GOES ON”

You may not know it, but St. Andrew is patiently awaiting the return of its congregation. There is a low hum all around. It is heard in the quietness of the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, and the Wright Building. The wind still brushes the chimes in the Meditation Garden, the flag still flutters. The dove has once again made her nest and patiently cares for her new brood. The sun still shines, the rain still comes, and the grass still grows. St. Andrew will await its congregation’s return with open doors.

Elders for May: Mary Lou Burke and Jan Laird

Face masks, made by Diana and Melinda, are available in the church office. They have several sizes to choose from. There is also a basket for donations for the Mission Stitches. If you mail in a check, please note what the check is for on the memo line.

May calendar is currently unavailable.