



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

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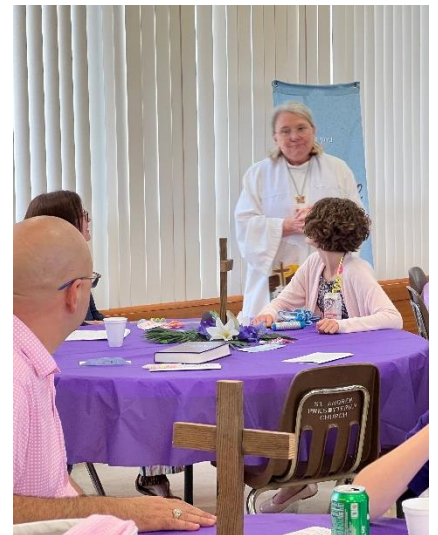
Ministry Intern, Cynthia Robertson
Music Accompanist-Elisa Hevia

Anita Duhon, Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Elders for April: Carol Bell and Amy Stark

Photo Op



Easter Morning was filled with the Easter Story being read, Easter Egg hunt, and a beautiful worship service.



Cade's BIG catch



Connor and his teammate won first place in Television Production while representing SOWELA Technical and Community College at the state Skills USA competition. They will compete at the national level in Atlanta in June.



Wyatt played in a basketball tournament last weekend (April 17). His team, the Red-eye Pelicans, won 3 of their 4 games.



Sue and Stephanie took the Evergreen ladies to Indian Creek Campground to the Strawberry Festival in Independence LA.



Decorated fans in the Art Room.



He is risen!

Easter Sunday was filled with friends, family, the Easter story, the egg hunt, and the joyous repeating of ‘He is risen!’

Our celebration was happy and filled with energy. Many thanks to Jennifer and all who made the Easter egg hunt possible. Diana, your Easter story for the children is a cherished tradition. Thomas and the choir provided a beautiful musical message, and we thank Constance for reminding us that Easter Sunday and its message fills us with joy and hope.

Let’s not forget this message as we keep our Fellowship Hall filled in the Sundays ahead.

Debbie Serra

*St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
A Matthew 25 Church*

Friends, we are now an official Matthew 25 church...but before you become concerned about what that means and how that will affect you be assured that we have been a Matthew 25 church for quite a few years. It is now a movement within the Presbyterian Church, and it has been given a name...and we were early adapters.

The movement focuses on Matthew 25:31-46 which is the parable of the sheep and goats in which Jesus makes clear that what we do matters to God...and how we treat others is important to God. Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty are the three building blocks of this movement. If you’ve been a long-time St. Andrew member you will find these points very familiar.

However, we do not rest on our successes in coming this far. Your session has pledged to be a Matthew 25 church, we will be listed as such in Presbyterian information and we must work to renew our efforts in these areas every day.

So...you will be hearing and reading about Matthew 25 events and activities in the months to come. We hope you’ll embrace this movement as you’ve been doing for the past decade or so.

Debbie Serra

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; Nancy Crnic; Jody Flanagan; Pauline Hurst; Collin Jacobs (Anita’s brother-in-law); Liam Simon; Alivia Simon; EJ Smith; Lucille’s grandson, Ryder; Carol Bell’s son, Patrick.

Condolences to the family and friends Phyllis Cagney. Condolences to family and friends of Sue’s mother, Lucy Miller Foreman

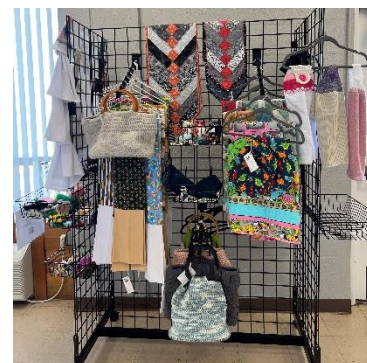
Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace of the Lord be with them.

Prayers for all educators/school administrators.

Gift ideas for a good cause

Looking for a Mother’s Day gift, something different for a newborn or a special child’s toy? Look no further than the Mission Stitchers display in Fellowship Hall. You’ll find fantastic one-of-a-kind items from crocheted purses to quilts and fun knit toys. All proceeds from sales go to a variety of missions voted on by the Mission Stitchers. Need something special you think the ladies might have an interest in making? Just ask!

Contact Diana Lewis when making a purchase or if you have questions.



*PW Celebrates Sabbath
Friday, May 19th 11:30 am*

In our recent Bible Study, Celebrating Sabbath, the author talked about the joy of celebrating a meal inviting others to join in. The dishes are created with the laugh principle. The acronym “LAUGHS” is the basis for the food preparation. The letters stand for:

- L – local
- A – affordable
- U – uncomplicated
- G – good
- H – healthy
- S – seasonal

What are some of the seasonal foods we like in the springtime? There are many. They include asparagus, berries of all kinds, chives, chickpeas, fresh lettuces, fava beans, herbs, new potatoes to name a few.

**Presbyterian Women invite you to join us.
We will be responsible for bringing dishes
that laugh.**

Anniversary

5/21 Amy and Joe Stark

Birthdays

- 5/04 Gentry Davis
- 5/04 Lou Bourque
- 5/17 Madalyn Gordon
- 5/27 Jude Jaramillo


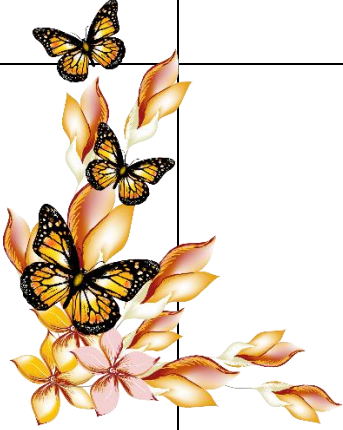




May Calendar

Elder for May: Ginger Keenan
Elder for June: Eveline Angwafo and Thomas Logan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	4 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	5 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	6 12:30pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
7 11:00am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM)	8	9	10 6:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	11 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	12 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	13 12:30pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
14 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM)	15	16	17 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	18 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	19 10:30am PW Bible Study 11:30am PW Celebrates Sabbath Friday with PW luncheon 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	20 12:30pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
21 11:00am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Stated Session Mtg after Worship	22	23	24 6:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	25 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	26 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	27 12:30pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
28 11:00am Worship Service (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) Fellowship Luncheon After worship	29 Memorial Day 	30	31 6:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice			

Secretary is out of office from May 8 through May 19



Each year, the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering awards grants to up to five programs. Primarily making possible capital improvement projects, the Birthday Offering supports domestic and international ministries, focusing on areas such as agricultural development, childcare, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence, or women's concerns. Contact anyone in the Presbyterian Women's group for more information.