



*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
Elders for October: Carol Bell & Ginger Keenan

Congregational Dinner

You are invited to a very informative supper on **Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 pm**. There will be a PowerPoint presentation of the damage to the sanctuary, with Mary Lou as Emcee. An important questionnaire will be handed out as we care about your opinion. Lasagna, salad, bread, desserts, and drinks will be provided the Fellowship Committee.

Sincerely,

Your Property Committee at work



Your Session at Work

Your Session met twice in September. At the Stated Session meeting on September 10, the Session reviewed information submitted by the Property Committee, which had met via Zoom with Paul Grier with the Presbyterian Giving Analysis Foundation and Richard Williams, our General Presbyter, to talk about how to move our church forward in the rebuilding process. The meetings were very informative and helpful, giving us needed information for our September 13 meeting. Property has also been extremely busy with maintenance and repairs at our church.

Also, at the September 10 meeting, the Session heard from other committees. Outreach and Mission Group (OMG) has been busy with feeding the McNeese Band, repairing the storm damage to the Little Pantry, and working with Nurturing Spiritual Growth (NSG) and our church youth to fill backpacks with school supplies and put them in the Little Pantry. NSG is also planning a bowling event in October for our youth to enjoy.

The Worship Committee reported that they are working on plans for Advent, the Christmas Cantata, and of course obtaining pulpit supply and liturgists to ensure our weekly worship service runs smoothly.

On September 13, the Session met with the Building Committee and the Property Committee in a Called Session Meeting to hear their findings and discuss where to go from here. Richard Williams, General Presbyter, was also in attendance. After much discussion, the Session voted to submit our information to the Presbyterian Giving Analysis Foundation so they can help us determine long term assets and costs to see what type of rebuilding we can sustain with our projected income. The Session also voted to move forward with hiring the firm of Imperial Engineering, who already provided a preliminary report, to complete further diagnostics on the condition of the Sanctuary including an investigation of whether the building is still viable, a scope of work, potential architects, and any other information we need. When contacted, Imperial Engineering reported that they do not have the specialized equipment to investigate whether the foundation is still viable for rebuilding, and that to their knowledge nobody in town has the proper equipment. Options will be explored for having an in-depth assessment of the Sanctuary.

Busy but exciting times in the life of our church!

Anne Dye

Clerk of Session





Garage Sale
Saturday, October 7
7am-11am



in the Fellowship Hall
 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
 4020 Hodges Street across from the
 McNeese Women's Softball Field.

Find those special treasures to purchase
 and help the Mission Stitches continue their
 Mission work

WHEN YOU GET YOUR COFFEE AND DONUTS,
 CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE
 KITCHEN! YOU WILL FIND CURRENT NEWS,
 A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR LAY READERS, AND
 OTHER SURPRISES. DON'T MISS IT!



Christmas Cantata News!!!

It's ALREADY Christmas Cantata season! I have some big ideas on how to make the cantata as (or more) successful than last year! The cantata is called "A New and Glorious Morn" by Lloyd Larson. Below is a link to YouTube if you would like to listen to it!

Rehearsal of the cantata started Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30. We will start with the cantata then transfer to our regularly scheduled worship music so you may be excused if you are only singing for Christmas. If you or anyone you know is interested in singing with us, please reach out to me here or at standrewpresmusic@gmail.com!

AS ALWAYS, if you have a song in your heart that you know needs to be released, please join us at any time to sing with us. You don't have to be an experienced singer; we would love to welcome your voice no matter how big or small it is. Have a blessed week and I hope to see you at a rehearsal soon!

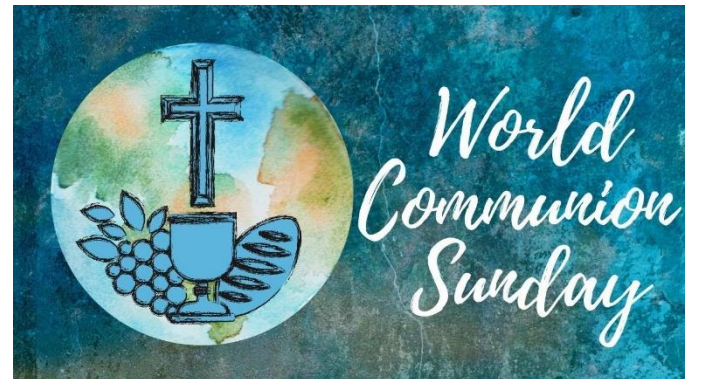
Yours in Christ,
 Thomas Sexton Logan



Nurturing Spiritual Growth Committee is working to have a youth group event in October. The event will be announced soon in Sunday worship.



The Worship Committee is working to fill pulpit supply for October. Updates will be posted on the Pulpit Supply/Liturgist sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen.



World Communion Sunday is October 1,
 2023



Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received during worship service on October 1.



St. Andrew Presbyterian Mission Stitches
is having a

QUILTER'S FAT QUARTER SALE

With dressmaking fabrics and quilting cottons

October 21 from 9am-3pm

In the Wright Building (back of the property)
 at St Andrew Presbyterian Church
 4020 Hodges Street, Lake Charles LA



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: Darius Breaux; Linda Cannon; Virginia Conrad; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Collin Jacobs (Anita's brother-in-law); Liam Simon; Alivia Simon; EJ Smith; Lucille's grandson, Ryder; Carol Bell's son, Patrick.

Condolences for the family and friends of Cynthia Richardson (Gilly Richardson's wife). 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.



Anniversaries

- 10/10 Sue & Craig Long
- 10/11 Reta & Ron Kaspar
- 10/18 Tiffany & Aaron Simon
- 10/21 Constance McIntosh & Johnny Briggs



Birthdays

- 10/01 Mark Couvillion
- 10/04 Melinda Sharp
- 10/09 Chrispin Salapi
- 10/11 Carol Bell
- 10/15 Jeremiah Breaux
- 10/16 Louis Boyd
- 10/21 Linda Cannon
- 10/23 EJ Smith
- 10/24 Nana Adeoye
- Joe Stark
- 10/25 Jan Laird
- 10/31 Zane Simon



October Calendar

Elders for October: Carol Bell & Ginger Keenan
Elders for November: Eveline Angwafo & Jennifer Couvillion

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) Lit: Marilyn Dunn Peace & Global Witness Offering received	2 	3	4 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	5 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	6 12:30 pm Mission Stitches	7 7:00am-11:00am PW Garage Sale in Fellowship Hall 12:00pm-6:00pm Al-Anon Workshop in Fellowship Hall
8 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Lit: Mary Lou Burke	9	10 9 am-noon PEO in Richardson Room 6:00pm Congregational Supper and Mtg	11 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	12 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	13 12:30 pm Mission Stitches	14 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
15 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM)	16 	17	18 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:00 pm Property/Building Committees meeting 6:30 pm Choir Practice	19 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	20 Fab Friday 10:30 am New Bible Study starts 11:30 am PW Sack Lunch 12:30 pm Mission Stitches	21 9:00am-3:00pm PW Fat Quarter Sale in Wright Building 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
22 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Cindy Robertson, MSW	23	24	25 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	26 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	27 12:30 pm Mission Stitches	28 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
29 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Thomas Logan Lit: none needed Fellowship Luncheon after Worship	30	31	