

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

Mark 1: 17

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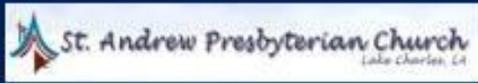
Anita Duhon, Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Musical Director-Emmie Lancon

September 2018

Nanette Cagney, Pastor
Assistant Musical Director-Bryce Louviere



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Present:

Louisiana Women: Leading Women

featuring a 3-course meal by chef Kevin Hodge

& plays, "Maggie" & "Rosa", by Carolyn Woosley from her 13-play cycle *Louisiana Women*



Margaret "Maggie" Dixon

&

"Rosa" Hart

both played by Joy Pace

Saturday, September 8, 2018 Doors open 5:30 Dinner 6:00 pm

Tickets \$40 each or a table of 8 for \$300

For Tickets or more info: www.itineranttheatre.com

or call 337-436-6275 or the church at 337-477-6166

**2018 PW Fall Retreat
October 12-13
Feliciana Retreat Center
Norwood, LA**

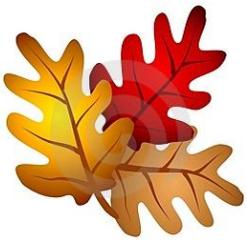
"Changing World--Changing Church"

led by Nanette Cagney | St Andrew Church | Lake Charles

For more information on the retreat and cost, please contact the church office
for forms to attend.

Just in time for Christmas. The Country Club Arts and Craft Fair will be held at St. Luke-Simpson Church October 12 & 13. Come browse all the items that the Mission Stitches and others will have for sale for those upcoming gift needs.





Pastor's Ponderings

Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24. "Astonishingly, Jesus offers crucifixion to those who would follow him. In a bold assertion of God's boundary-crossing grace, Jesus takes as his logo the grim killing tool of the world's superpower: 'Take up [your] cross' (v. 24). If you want to follow me, deny yourself; if you want to find your life, give up your life. Jesus dies in our place, but not to exempt us from the cost of discipleship." *Feasting on the Word*, Year A, Vol 4, p.24.

What does this mean to us today? How can we take up our crosses and follow Jesus? So often we seem to view the world through our own lens and we interpret everything according to "me." This seems contrary to this idea of finding our lives through giving up our lives. So often we hear of "taking up our cross" as being willing to suffer to "offer this up" to Jesus. How do we reconcile this with the idea that God wants to love us and bless us? Is suffering evidence of faithfulness?

Undoubtedly, our lives will be full of challenges as a consequence of our sinfulness. Yet, God's love is absolute. We do not suffer because we are disciples, yet when we suffer pain, illness, or persecution, we may offer this as a sacrifice because we always know that around the next bend lies the resurrection, when redemption is complete. The answer may lie in looking outside ourselves and being willing to do whatever it takes to live as faithful disciples, knowing that God's promise of redemption is true.

Nanette



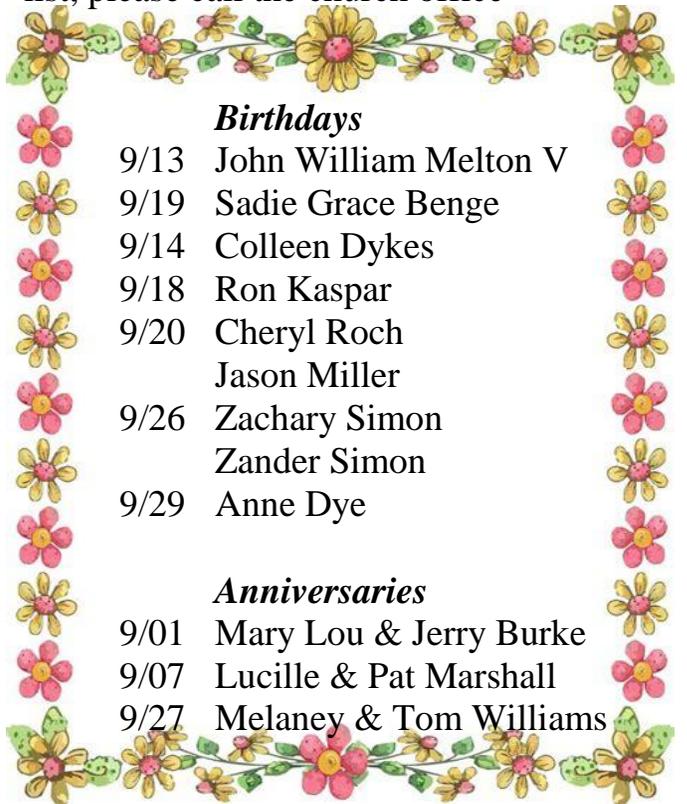
Prayers and Concerns

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: Edward Chavanne; Carolyn Chingo; Margy Clawson; Nancy Crncic; Dora Dyer; Jody Flanagan; Annette Harlow; Diana Lewis; William Ludwick; Laura Ludwick; Cullen Nolan; Ted Roeling; Sarah Marshall; Donna Rempart; Thomas Schwab; Aaron Simon; and baby Liam.

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. John Melton III ; family and friends of Craig Long's mother. A correction for condolences from August to the family and friends of Ken Gurley, Lisa Gurley's father. Prayers for those serving in the military.

When you are ready to be taken off the list, please call the church office



Birthdays

- 9/13 John William Melton V
- 9/19 Sadie Grace Bengé
- 9/14 Colleen Dykes
- 9/18 Ron Kaspar
- 9/20 Cheryl Roch
Jason Miller
- 9/26 Zachary Simon
Zander Simon
- 9/29 Anne Dye

Anniversaries

- 9/01 Mary Lou & Jerry Burke
- 9/07 Lucille & Pat Marshall
- 9/27 Melaney & Tom Williams



Fabulous Friday will be held on the third Friday of September (September 21) and October (October 19). Join other women of the church at 10:30 a.m. in the Richardson Room for the first lesson of the Horizon Bible Study; "God's Promise, I am With You." This is followed by the luncheon (feel free to bring anything to add to the menu); then 12:30 p.m. the Mission Stitchers will meet to continue getting ready for the craft show in October.



Hobo Hotel for Cats

will have a super fun day at St. Andrew on October 6, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for an armband that will let you enjoy all the fun and games! There will be a magician, bouncy house, cake walk and bake sale, slime making, face painting, pictures with heroes, and the purchase of the band allows you to have a lunch of hotdog, chips and drink, or Frito pie and drink.

Nathaniel

PHILIP COULD HARDLY WAIT to tell somebody, and the first person he found was Nathaniel. Ever since Moses they'd been saying the Messiah was just around the corner, and now, by God, if he hadn't finally turned up. Who would have guessed where? Who would have guessed who?

"Jesus of Nazareth," Philip said. "The son of Joseph." But he could hear his words fall flat even as he was saying them. It wasn't as if he'd said it was the head rabbi or somebody.

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel said. Or Podunk maybe? *Brooklyn*?

Philip told him to come take a look for himself then, but Jesus got a look at Nathaniel first as he came puffing down the road toward him, nearsighted and earnest, with his yarmulke on crooked, his dog-eared Torah under his arm.

"Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile," Jesus said. Nathaniel was sweating like a horse. His thick specs were all fogged up. His jaw hung open. He said, "How do you know me?" His astonishment made him stammer.

"Before Philip called you," Jesus said, "when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

It was all it took apparently. "Rabbi!" Nathaniel's long black overcoat was too tight across the shoulders and you could hear a seam split somewhere as he made an impossible bow. "You are the Son of God," he said. "You are the King of Israel."

"Because I said I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe?" Jesus said. There was more to it than parlor tricks. He said, "You shall see greater things than these." But all Nathaniel could see for the moment, not daring to look up, were his own two shoes, pigeon-toed in the dust."

You will see heaven opened," he heard Jesus say, "the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." When Nathaniel decided to risk a glance, the sun almost blinded him.

What Nathaniel did see finally was this. It was months later, years. One evening he and Peter and a few of the others took the boat out fishing. They didn't get a nibble between them but stuck it out all night. It was something to do anyway. It passed the time. Just at dawn, in that queer half-light, somebody showed up on the beach and cupped his mouth with his hands. "Any luck?" The answer was no in more ways than one, and they said it. Then give it another try, the man said. Reel in the nets and cast them off the starboard side this time. There was nothing to lose they hadn't lost already, so they did it, and the catch had to be seen to be believed, had to be felt, the heft of it almost swamping them as they pulled it aboard.

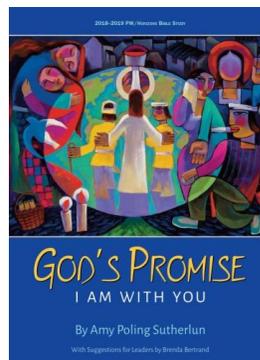
Peter saw who the man was first and heaved himself overboard like a side of beef. The water was chest-high as he plowed through it, tripping over his feet in the shallows so he ended up scrambling ashore on all fours. Jesus was standing there waiting for him by a little charcoal fire he had going. Nathaniel and the others came ashore, slowly, like men in a dream, not daring to speak for fear they'd wake up. Jesus got them to bring him some of their fish, and then they stood around at a little distance while he did the cooking. When it was done, he gave them the word. "Come and have breakfast," he said, and they all came over and sat down beside him in the sand.

Nathaniel's name doesn't appear in any of the lists of the twelve apostles, but there are many who claim he was also known as Bartholomew, and that name does appear there. It would be nice to think so. On the other hand, he probably considered it honor enough just to have been on hand that morning at the beach, especially considering the unfortunate remark he'd made long ago about Nazareth.

They sat there around the fire eating their fish with the sun coming up over the water behind them, and they were all so hushed and glad and peaceful that anybody passing by would never have guessed that, not long before, their host had been nailed up on a hill outside the city and left there to die without a friend to his name.

John 1:43-51; 21:1-14

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God's Promise: I Am with You

2018–2019 *Horizons* Bible study

By Amy Poling Sutherlun
with Suggestions for
Leaders by Brenda

Bertrand

The 2018—2019 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*, 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.

2018 Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering



Since 1888, Presbyterian women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The Thank Offering funds programs that provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women, and so much more.

In March 2018, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 83 applications submitted for grants from the 2017 Thank Offering. Sixteen of the projects were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States. Four of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries. A few of the ministries are listed below for 2018.

SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, Denver Presbytery, Good Neighbor Garage, Hands of the Carpenter, Golden, Colorado

The Good Neighbor Garage (GNG) supports the transportation needs of low-/fixed-income single mothers and widows. Donated cars are repaired and provided to women who do not have a reliable car. To receive a car, women must prove they live on a fixed income and that they can afford licensing, insurance, gas and maintenance. GNG provides maintenance services and holds clinics on car care and ongoing car maintenance. Women are employed as mechanics and serve on the board.

www.handsofthecarpenter.org

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Shower the People, Arroyo Grande, California

Shower the People will provide access to mobile showers for people who are homeless in South San Luis Obispo County. Seventy-nine percent of South County's homeless live on the street, in encampment areas, in cars and in abandoned buildings. There are no shower facilities available for these individuals. Access to showers promotes a sense of dignity and self-esteem for the individual, as well as conferring the health benefits of cleanliness. This grant will provide funds to purchase the mobile shower unit/transport vehicle and to initiate services.

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS, Transylvania Presbytery, Finding Freedom Through Friendship—Expansion into Egypt, Outskirts of Cairo (Garbage City), Egypt

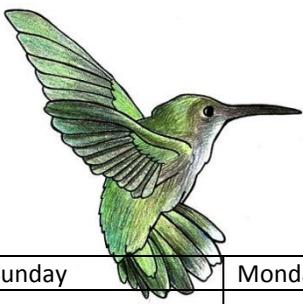
This program is a health program that seeks to provide hope, dignity and security to women who are the heads of household of destitute families. Health and nutrition education are the primary foci of this grant. Shelter and improved economic skills will provide households with long-term sustainability and improve families' quality of life. www.finding-freedom-through-friendship.org



World Communion Sunday October 7

The Peace & Global Witness Offering: Domestic Violence Awareness
A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The

remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



September Calendar

Elder on Duty:

Amy Dunn

To see the newsletter in color go to www.standrewpres.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:45am Worship Service 2:00pm Little Theatre Group	3 6:30pm Fresh Start GA & Gam-Anon	4 6:00pm Into Action AA mtg (open)	5	6 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm New Hope GA	7 12:30pm Mission Stitches	8 5:30pm Doors open for Dinner and theatre
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