

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

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- April 9 10:45 AM- Palm Sunday Worship Service with palm procession by the children
- April 13 Maundy Thursday
5:00 PM - light soup supper in Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - very special communion service in the Sanctuary
- April 14 Good Friday
The Sanctuary will be open from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM for self-guided prayer and meditation. People can come at anytime during that hour.
- April 16 Easter
7:30 AM - Early Easter Service at the home of Pastor Cagney
10:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt at church quad
10:45 AM - Worship Service
- April 23 10:45 AM Special Easter Cantata during worship



A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. This special offering will be received April 16, Easter Sunday.



Pastor's Ponderings

"Alleluia, He is risen!"

We are rapidly approaching the end of the introspective time of Lent and are entering into the Easter celebration. I was reading the recent *Outlook** and one article said, "If the church no longer seems to matter in the Western world, it is because Easter no longer matters to the church in the way it should." What does Easter mean to you?

It is much more than Easter bunnies, chocolate, and covered eggs. That article goes on to state that the resurrection isn't a matter of personal decision: whether or not you believe God has the power to resurrect Jesus does not open the gates of heaven. Christianity is not a matter of personal choice, but a matter of truth. Leslie Newbiggin, the past Bishop of Madras, India, said, "I believe Jesus rose from the dead, and therefore the question of the new Christian church in India doesn't arise. **In regard to fact, one is not optimistic or pessimistic. One is believing or unbelieving.**" One believes in the resurrection or doesn't.

To believe in the resurrection is to believe that Jesus died, rose bodily from the grave, and defeated death. That is something to celebrate! "The church did not shape the resurrection, the resurrection shaped the church." This resurrection should change each of our lives and change our church. The importance of this cannot ever be underestimated. Easter should still matter to us, and matter very much. It is this belief that propels us to go forward in all that we do!

Nanette

* "Easter Still Matters" by Samuel Son, *Outlook*, Vol. 99 No. 5, March 27, 2017.

Birthdays

- 4/03 Lucille Marshall
- 4/06 Elisiea Fountain
Eric Miller
- 4/07 Kelly Reed Lodgen
Vincent Alexander
- 4/08 Isabella Estes
Severina Estes
- 4/19 Paisley Kral
- 4/21 Shelly Kral
Ramiro Jaramillo
- 4/22 Charles Keenan
Mikayla Jaramillo
- 4/23 Brianna Jaramillo
- 4/25 Doyle Cannon
Craig Long
- 4/27 Cameron Banister
- 4/29 Stephanie Tackett



Anniversaries

- 4/15 Edna & Larry Breaux
- 4/21 Erin & Stephen Canik
Cathy & Travis Hoffpauir



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: Darrius Breaux; Keith Conrad; Virginia Conrad; Margy Clawson; Carolyn Colter; Nancy Crncic; Richard Duhon; Dora Dyer; Jody Flanagan; Ronnie Galloway (brother-in-law to Linda Latour and Edna Breaux); Carolyn Chingo; Cullen Nolan; Rev. Rudy Pace; Ted Roeling; Sarah Marshall; Sr. Jane Claire Simon, SSND; and Thomas Schwab.

Condolences to the family and friends of Lilia Jaramillo, Ramiro's mother.

Prayers for those serving in the military.

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

A **WORK DAY**—is planned on SATURDAY, APRIL 8th from 9:00 until 1:00.

That Saturday is the day before Palm Sunday. Let's all set aside this day to devote to our church in preparation for Easter Sunday and the Resurrection.

We need so many to help! Come and stay as long as you can—20 minutes is as important as 4 hours.

Thank you, Property Committee

Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church at 1801 Second Avenue in Lake Charles, LA will host a Men's Breakfast on April 15. The breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m.

Fabulous Friday will be held on Friday, April 21. The Horizons study will be presented by Mary Lou Burke at 10:30 a.m. in the Richardson Room. Lunch will be served in the Art Room for those attending. The Sewing Room is open for the Mission Stitchers at 1:30 p.m. for anyone who would like to help sew for missions or just stay to chat. Don't be surprised if you are put to work!

Opera Lovers meetings take place at the Cinemark Theatre, Prien Lake Mall, Lake Charles, LA at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to attend any of the opera events contact Mary Lou Burke.

***Saturday, April 22** - "Eugene Onegin" by Pyote Tchaikovsky.

The "Soul Feast" study will *not* meet in April. They will reconvene on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Dunn.



Mother Daughter Tea

This will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day with high tea and a variety of opera and musical theater scenes as entertainment, provided by the women of the McNeese

Vocal Department. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on May 7 from 2-4 pm. Dr. Carol Lines and Emmie will need all the help they can get with setting up, decorating, flower arrangements, and food preparations, so if anyone would be willing to help out see Emmie for details.



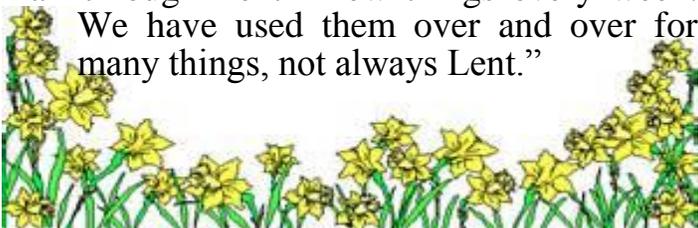
You never know

From Mary Lou's friend, Margaret Boothby, from Grass Valley United Methodist Church:

"I did indeed find your newsletter and am overjoyed to have shared that project with you!! And there's more to the story that happened just this weekend: we were visited at church by a couple plus two darling little girls from Saudi Arabia, though the family is originally from Pakistan. They are Methodists and were in GV for something which I don't know about. Anyway, they sat right down in front and stayed afterward to talk to some of the people including the pastor. They shared that they were quite taken by the altar cloth which I made for the Cross Project and actually asked if they could have it! I had gone home, so a phone call came with the request to which I gladly said yes. So that altar cloth has gone to Saudi Arabia to be in the home of Pakistani/Saudi Christians where Methodist services are held, much against the wishes of the Saudi government. I was leery of getting them into trouble at Saudi customs, but the mother said she would put the cloth in with her dresses and didn't think they'd have any problems. I had actually made two of those cloths, one for our Lay Minister who had been a great help to Dale, and she has agreed to let us use hers for Lent this year. I think I still have the patterns for the crosses so will probably make another for next year. It is very true that you never know where your "bread cast upon the waters" will end up! Didn't ever think it would be in Saudi or Louisiana either for that matter.

Thanks for the information and I hope your project goes well. It is fun to put the crosses up as they are finished and turned in all through Lent - new things every week.

We have used them over and over for many things, not always Lent."



"Academic Fall Signing Day" was held at McNeese on Tuesday, March 21. This is a time when incoming Fall college freshman can check out what McNeese has to offer. Many campus affiliated organizations and campus ministries were present. St. Andrew was represented by the PCF/M table, complete with fabulous representation for St. Andrew. Nanette, Lori, Robyn, and Thomas, attended the event to talk to the incoming freshman and their families about St. Andrew.



McNeese State University Performing Arts

Rehearsals & Recitals held in the sanctuary are open to the public, free of charge.

- 4/24 5:00 p.m. – Tyler Brumbeck (Tenor)
Dress Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. – Kevin Delaney (Baritone)
Dress Rehearsal
- 4/25 6:00 p.m. (open)
- 7:00 p.m. (curtain) Kevin Delaney
(Baritone) recital



2017 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

God Provides

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates Presbyterian women's history of mission giving. It was launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS). Since that time, it has become an annual tradition and has funded nearly 100 major mission projects

that continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2017.

In 2017, we will offer our prayers and financial support to the following recipients:

•*First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative*

CUBA

PW's only international grant for 2017, your gift will help build, fund, stock with supplies and staff six medical clinics located in Presbyterian churches in impoverished rural Cuba. The clinics will supply food and medicine to some of the neediest people of Cuba.

•*The Family Justice Center Safe Haven for Domestic Violence*

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Family Justice Center is the only domestic violence shelter that serves victims of abuse in the counties of Georgetown and Horry. Their current capacity of 11 people is not enough and they need to expand. Your gift will help them build a new shelter that will be able to serve 30–35 individuals in ten suites.

•*Navajo Water Project*

NEW MEXICO

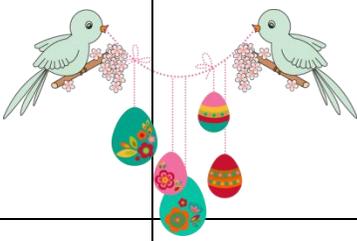
Your gift to the 2017 Birthday Offering will provide running water systems to 40 families who live on the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. Instead of storing water in pots, pans and 55-gallon drums, households will have cisterns, pumps, sinks, and showers. Access to water is an issue of social justice, health and sanitation.



Our yellow brick road will be red brick, leading to a Memory & Meditation Garden and not the Emerald City. Each brick bought will be laid in the Garden. This is a long term project. It is hoped to have 200 bricks sold by July. Half of the money from each brick is going into a fund to offset many of the upcoming expenses that are soon to be had. For more information you can contact Diana Lewis or the church office. Flyers are available to be mailed. Will you be a part of "our red brick road" and follow where it leads?

April Calendar
Elders on Duty in April:
Ramiro Jaramillo and Gentry Davis
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Lenten Study 10:45am Communion Worship	3 6:00pm PCF/M 6:30pm Fresh Start GA & Gam-Anon	4 6:00pm Into Action open AA	5	6 12:30-3pm Art Class 5:45pm Renewal Group 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm New Hope GA	7 1:30pm Mission Stitches	8 9am-1pm Church Workday
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