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SHARED MINISTRY TASK FORCE

In an effort to ensure the continuation of the Greater Presbyterian Church's presence within the Lafayette Community, a Task Force with representatives from both Grace Church and First Church has been established recently. The Task Force's stated mission is to seek out common core values, visions and missions between the two struggling churches and find ways to mutually support each other and/or find ways for partnerships to promote the common goal of spreading the gospel of Christ. All avenues for assisting each respective church will be explored and no alternatives will be dismissed until a thorough evaluation of what system of mutual cooperation and support will best move both of our churches forward with the least impact on each individual church's missions and congregations. As progress is made, updates to each congregation will be made through each respective church's representatives on the Task Force. We, the Grace Church's Task Force Representatives, are excited about the opportunities in which this mutual collaboration can and will result.

GRACE CHURCH'S REPRESENTATIVES

David Jones
Margaret Boone
Tim Conner



On **Sunday, August 13th**, First Presbyterian Church will be joining us for our **10:30 a.m.** Worship Service. Please come and help us welcome all our visitors that morning. After worship, lunch will be provided in the Grace Fellowship Hall. David Jones will be frying fish for lunch. If anyone would like to contribute money or a dessert, please call Margaret Boone at (337) 981-2475. There will also be a sign-up sheet at Grace this Sunday. If you plan on attending, please sign your name so that we may have an idea of how many people will be in attendance for lunch.



Sunday Worship Schedule

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Refreshments

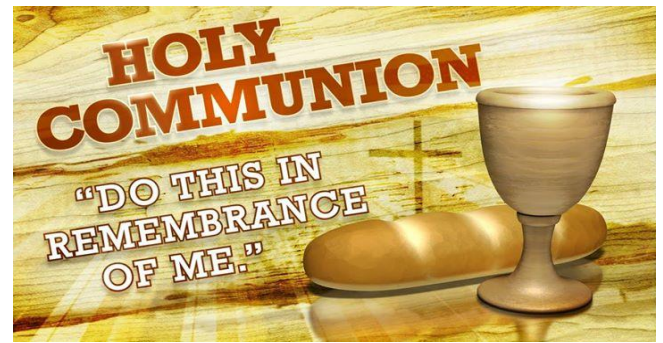
Church Office Hours

M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

M-Thur. 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30 a.m.** worship service on **Sunday, August 6th**. As usual, we invite those who watch our worship service via Facebook Live to gather your communion elements ahead of time so you will be able to take communion with us.



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products to worship on the 1st Sunday of the month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, August 6th.** Any monetary donations can be mailed to their P.O. Box. Please contact the church office for the mailing address. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support UCO.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6 Katherine Hess
7 Tim Conner
23 Joyce Guillot
27 Harvey Lapointe
28 Bette Grubb
28 Anna Montgomery
30 Pam Fontenot
30 Mary Nolan
31 Audrey Self



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The Presbyterian Women meet monthly for Bible Study. The ladies “normally” meet in member’s homes on the 3rd Monday of each month at **11:00 a.m.** Everyone is not expected to host.

We will NOT be meeting again until September. As soon as we plan the date of our next Bible Study, we will let everyone know.

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone that donated to the PW Birthday Offering on Sunday, July 23rd.

PW FALL GATHERING – will be held on **Saturday, August 19th** at **First Presbyterian Church in Scotlandville**. If you would like to attend, please let Margaret Boone know. More info about the Fall Gathering is on the flyer in this newsletter!



If anyone would like to bring flowers to place in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings, let the Church Office or Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. You can reach Sarah in the office at (337) 984-6400 or you can reach Margaret at (337) 981-2475.

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: Moabites are bad. They were not to be allowed to dwell among God's people (Dt. 23).
BUT THEN comes the story of “Ruth the Moabite,” which challenges the prejudice against Moabites.

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THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: People from Uz are evil (Jer. 25).
BUT THEN comes the story of Job, a man from Uz who was the “most blameless man on earth.”

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THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: No foreigners or eunuchs allowed (Dt. 23).

BUT THEN comes the story of an African eunuch welcomed into the church (Acts 8).

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THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: God's people hated Samaritans.
BUT THEN Jesus tells a story that shows not all Samaritans were bad.

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THE STORY MAY BEGIN with prejudice, discrimination, & animosity, but the Spirit moves God's people towards openness, welcome, inclusion, acceptance, & affirmation.

—BIXBY KNOLLS, CHRISTIAN CHURCH
THEHAPPYGIVERS.COM

Committee Meetings

SESSION – will Not meet in August. Our next Session Meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 12th** at **6:00 p.m.** Please let Sandy Stewart know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

MDO BOARD – will NOT meet in August. Our next board meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 5th** at **2:15 p.m.** Please let Tim Conner know if you are on the MDO Board and cannot attend this meeting.

WATERMELON SALAD

1 (5#) watermelon, cut in pieces
1 sweet onion, chopped
¼ cup red wine vinegar
Salt and pepper
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp chopped fresh mint
4 oz crumbled feta cheese



Whisk together the vinegar, salt and pepper and slowly whisk in the olive oil. Mix all ingredients together.

If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it with the congregation, you can email a copy of the recipe to the church office at gracpreb@lusfiber.net or bring a copy of the recipe to the office.



Lynne Castle has a new address. Make sure to update your church contact directory. Her new address is:

Pelican Point
405 Milton Rd.
Maurice, LA 70555

The facility telephone number is (337) 893-4449. Lynne can also be reached on her cell phone number listed in the directory.



Mable's Table

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies, children's books & made monetary donations to Mable's Table this year. The Backpack Project gives foster children in the Lafayette & surrounding areas the school supplies they need to start back in August. On **July 29th**, the Grace Church Fellowship Hall was full of volunteers helping pack backpacks full of school supplies. There was also several craft stations set up for volunteers to write words of encouragement & make keychains for the foster children. This was the 8th year Stephanie LeBlanc headed this wonderful event held at Grace. Mable was the name of the 1st foster child that Stephanie ever had.





Presbytery of South Louisiana PW FALL GATHERING

Sponsored by PSL Presbyterian Women

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Registration 9:30 am

Closing Luncheon 12:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church - Scotlandville
1246 Rosenwald Rd. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70807

SACRED ENCOUNTERS

Open to all women

Join us for a time of WORKSHOPS and WORSHIP

Sacred Encounters is a study of Luke-Acts with a new look at beloved stories
HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY INTRODUCTION by Rev. Patrice Butler, CP

EXCEPTIONAL INSIGHTS from PSL PW WHO HAVE MET author Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir

10:00 am Welcome and Worship

10:30 am Workshops – hands-on/and Bible Study interpretation

11:10 am Sacred Encounters Horizons Bible Study presentation

PLEASE BRING MISSION PROJECT – Select items for **HYGIENE BAGS**:
Washcloth, small Soap or Body Wash, Toothbrush, small Tooth Paste, travel size
Hand Sanitizer, small Shampoo, Nail Clipper, small Hand Lotion. We will
assemble kits on-site during workshops.

An Offering will be taken to assist continued Disaster Relief projects in PSL
A delightful lunch will be served and is included in the registration fee

Cost \$15 – covers luncheon and printed hand-outs. More Info: 504/866-7435
Please send check made payable to PSL Presbyterian Women to PW Treasurer:
Pat Wright – 287 Baird Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 by Wednesday August 16.

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Cell/telephone _____ Your Church _____

Order Horizons Bible Study ahead – Call 800/533-4371 M-F 9am-5pm.
Or presbyterianwomen.org/shop



MOTHER'S DAY OUT NEWS

MDO FALL SEMESTER – will begin on **Tuesday, August 15th**. The 1st week of **August (1st-3rd)** will be a break for the MDO Program and the 2nd week of **August (8th-10th)** will be a teacher work week. During the work week, the teachers will not only be preparing for the fall semester, they will also be doing some much needed painting and building repairs.

MDO REGISTRATION – Registration for Fall 2023-2024 semester is ongoing. There are still a couple openings in the 1-year old & 2-year old classes and several open spots in the 3-year old and 4-year old classes. For more information or to register your child or grandchild, please call the church office at (337) 984-6400 or email mdoatgrace@gmail.com.

MDO TEACHERS NEEDED – we are still looking for Nursery Teachers & Substitutes to join our MDO Team!! Potential applicants should be coachable, teachable, and love children. If you are interested or know anyone that would be interested, please contact the church office at (337) 984-6400 or email our MDO Director at mdoatgrace@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and making you part of our fabulous team!

CPR TRAINING – on **Thursday, August 10th**, our eight teachers at Grace MDO will attend CPR Training in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Every two years our teachers get recertified in CPR & First Aid.

SPIRIT NIGHT THANK YOU – on July 12th, MDO partnered with Cane's in Lafayette and had a spirit night. On that day from 2-8 p.m., anyone who made a purchase at Cane's and mentioned "*Grace MDO*" had a portion of their sale come back to MDO. This money will be placed in the designated Scholarship Fund that we have at Mother's Day Out. The Scholarship Fund is used when we have a special case of a family needing help paying their child's tuition. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Cane's Fundraiser on July 12th.

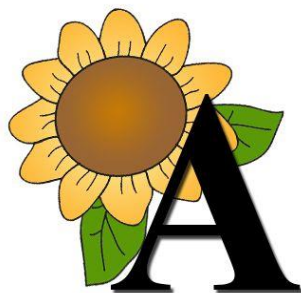
Our Teachers for the Fall 2023-2024 Semester are:

Toddler 1 Class: Cindy LeBlanc & Kelly Dowling

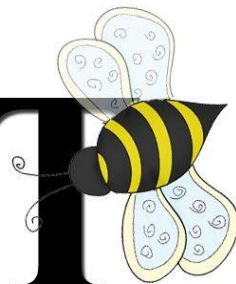
Toddler 2 Class: Stacey Bravos & Cheryl Simpson

Preschool Class: Kim Menard & Michelle Packer

Pre-K Class: Donna Platt & Sue Cosminski



AUGUST



9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am - Refreshments		9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Worship 10:30 a.m. United Christian Outreach	7	8	9	10 Lafayette Public Schools Begin	11	12
13 Worship 10:30 a.m. (Lunch Afterwards) UCO Collection	14	15 MDO Fall Semester Begins	16	17	18	19 PW Fall Gathering (Scotlandville)
20 Worship 10:30 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 10:30 a.m.	28	29	30	31		

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