

THE GRACEVINE

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Gun Violence Policy

The PC(USA) and its predecessor bodies have addressed gun violence through the actions of many General Assemblies in the last fifty years. Beginning in the late 1960's, in response to the assassinations of public leaders, the General Assembly called for "...control [of] the sale and possession of firearms of all kinds." Similar resolutions were passed again in 1976, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1996 and 1998.

Each resolution reflected a sense of moral urgency in response to rising gun violence and the cultural trends that contributed to it. These resolutions have called on the church to be involved in education and advocacy at the federal, state, and community level to prevent gun violence. In 1991 and 1996, these resolutions were backed up with strong educational curricula as well as comprehensive strategies for advocacy.

In 2008 the General Assembly recommended that churches should take seriously the pastoral implications of caring for members of our community who have experienced the pain of gun violence, advocate for legislation that would increase the safety and well-being of communities in relation to the presence of guns, and conduct a national study on gun violence. From this recommendation, a gun violence prevention task force of ten people was formed under the auspices of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.

The task force worked tirelessly over the next two years and produced a comprehensive study of contemporary gun violence in the United States, complete with recommendations for the church as to how to address this critical issue. This study was unanimously approved by the 219th General Assembly.

Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call

This policy and study paper was approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010). It includes not only the policy and supporting material, but also a study guide, wordlist and list of additional resources.

[Gun Violence, Gospel Values Resource](#)

Action of the 221st General Assembly (2014)

This action of the General Assembly affirms and continues the actions of the 219th General Assembly. It furthers the church's witness by encouraging congregations and others with church-related property to consider action to proper signage to prohibit guns on church property.

[Gun Violence Prevention 221st General Assembly Actions](#)

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/gun-violence-resources/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Jesus%20Wept&utm_campaign=Gun%20Violence%20eBlast%20%7C%20May%202022&fbclid=IwAR1EhDWKqJZaF8uQKtnEjskajcynQ2W0g2EvqbInjA5JK5r4GL-HSmkRcoQ



Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Church Office Hours
M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A Nursery is available every Sunday during Worship in Room 4.

SESSION:

Class of 2022 - David Jones, Paul Guillot
 Class of 2023 - Margaret Boone, Lynne Castle

Class of 2024 - Betty Adams, Tim Conner, Terry Wolford

DEACONS:

Class of 2022 - Pam Fontenot, Mary Nolan, Sandra Stewart

Class of 2023 - Carolyn Armstrong, Elke Hitt, Jean McLain

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Wayne Elmore (2022)
 David Jones (2023)
 Paul Guillot (2024)



The Vineyard Sunday School class meets on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. Please join us before worship for Bible Study.



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30 a.m.** worship service on **Sunday, June 5th.** 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.

Committee Meetings

SESSION MEETING – will be on **Tuesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.



Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, June 5th this year. We ask that everyone wear **RED to Worship on June 5th.**

“Pentecost” comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church’s seven-week celebration of Christ’s resurrection. As the Lord’s Day is sometimes called the “eighth day” of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation – all things transformed and made new by the word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ’s mission throughout the world.

The notion of Easter as a season of fifty days is patterned after the ancient Jewish period of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest, after Passover, to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of weeks (in Hebrew, *Shavuot*). In Jewish tradition, *Shavuot* also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai, a connection that may inform Paul’s discussion of the law and the Spirit.

“I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans ... to give you a future with hope.”
--Jeremiah 29:11

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, June 5th after worship for cake in the fellowship hall.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 11 Glenda Hunter
- 13 Margaret Boone
- 14 Lynette Kennedy
- 15 Lawrence Donohoe
- 19 Mary Conner
- 27 Pat Wadsworth



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 each month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, June 5th.** Thank you to everyone who continues to support UCO each month. Donations are even more important during the summer months with school out of session.



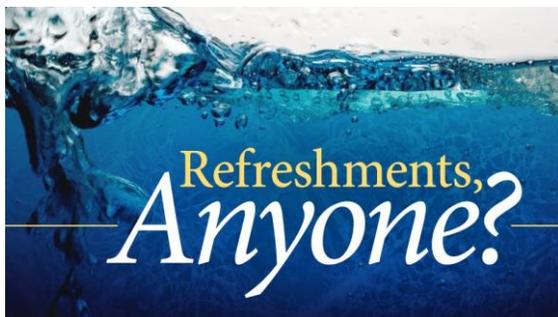
Special thank you to **Danny Jones, Joe Hunter & Gray Guillot** for helping clean up the church property by raking and bagging leaves that were covering the grounds.



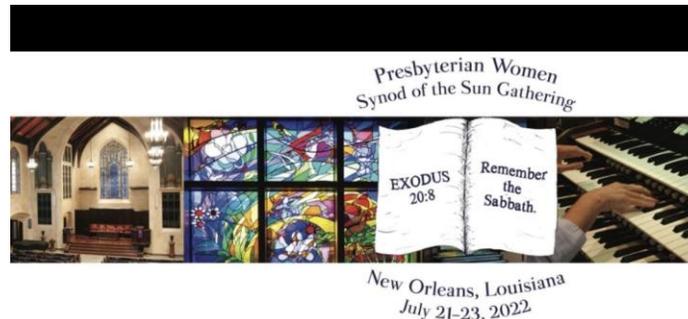
**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The Presbyterian Women meet monthly for Bible Study. The ladies normally meet in member's homes on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is not expected to host.

PW CIRCLE MEETING – their next meeting will be on **Monday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m.** at the home of **Betty Tucker.** (312 Thibodeaux Dr.) All women that attend Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study and Fellowship. Even if you are not a member at Grace, we welcome you to join us this great group of ladies. After Bible Study, anyone who wishes will go out to lunch. Please contact Margaret Boone at marboone@yahoo.com or at (337) 981-2475 for more information.



Please join us on Sunday Mornings after worship for Refreshments (and fellowship). **We need volunteers to bring snacks on Sundays! If you would like to volunteer to host & provide refreshments, please sign up on the list outside the sanctuary or let the Church Office know which Sunday you would like.** What should you bring??? Something simple.....like cookies or fruit. Coffee, water and lemonade are available at the church to use. Thank you in advance!



SYNOD OF THE SUN GATHERING – will be **July 21-23, 2022** at St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. The gathering will begin Thursday evening and conclude Saturday at Noon. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel and the gathering theme is “Sabbath” with outstanding music.

The registration fee includes hands-on-crafts, workshops, tote bag, leadership training, plenary sessions & 6 meals. Registration does NOT include lodging. Early registration ended May 15th but its not too late to register at a slightly higher rate. For more information or to register, please go to: www.sospwconnect.com



CHANCEL FLOWERS

If anyone would like to bring flowers to place in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings, please add your name to the signup sheet located outside the Sanctuary or let Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. You can reach Margaret at (337) 981-2475. We would like to see more people bring chancel flowers in 2022. Thanks in advance!

GARDEN PASTA SALAD

12 oz pkg of uncooked tri-color spiral pasta
½ cup carrots, thinly sliced
2 stalks chopped celery
½ cup chopped green pepper
2 large tomatoes, chopped
½ cup cucumber, peeled and chopped
¼ cup onion
1 (16 oz) bottle of Italian salad dressing
½ cup Parmesan cheese
You can add bite sized chicken pieces or shrimp in whatever amount you wish.

Cook the pasta as directed, rinse under cold water and drain. In a large bowl mix all vegetables, add pasta and pour dressing over mixture. You might add part of the bottle and taste. Add parmesan cheese and mix well. Taste for seasoning and add salt and pepper as needed. Chill at least 1 hour before serving.

CAMP + AGAPE

This year we have 2 youth attending Camp Agape....**Lana Gaspard & Libby Gaspard**. Camp is held at the Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA. They will attend camp from June 12-18. Also attending this year will be **Anna Montgomery** as a helper. Please keep these youth in your prayers while they are at camp that they may grow in their faith while there.



Many members have asked, how can I give a donation to help those in Ukraine

Gifts can be made online, by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line.

If mailing a check, please mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
To donate online, please go to:

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/#>

PSL SERVICE DAY

Monday, June 6th

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
(4020 Hodges St, Lake Charles)

Our Presby family in Lake Charles is inviting members of the Presbytery to join them for a Day of Service before our next Presbytery Meeting. Nanette Cagney is coordinating with local partners in Lake Charles as they work on the long term recovery needs of their communities. This will be physical labor, but persons of all skills and abilities can join in. If you have any degree of building skills (to build shelves, partitions) please indicate when you sign up.

For more info on how to sign up, please contact the Grace church office.



MDO GRADUATION – was held at Grace Church on **Wednesday, May 25th**. The Pre-k class performed for their parents & grandparents and also had cake and punch after the ceremony. This year we had 7 graduates.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA – was held on May 5th. This is one of our biggest events each year at MDO. Our Mothers & Grandmothers got to enjoy a program put on by their kids/grandchildren and received gifts made for Mother's Day.



MDO SUMMER SEMESTER – begins on Tuesday, May 31st and will run until the end of July. Summer is full but there are still openings for our Fall 2022-2023 Semester. Email our MDO Directors if interested at mdoatgrace@gmail.com.



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
		31 <i>MDO Summer Semester Begins</i>	1	2	3	4
5 <i>Communion UCO Collection Worship 10:30am</i>	6 <i>PSL Service Day (Lake Charles)</i>	7 <i>Presbytery Meeting (Lake Charles)</i>	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Camp Agape Begins</i>	13 <i>Camp Agape</i>	14 <i>Camp Agape</i>	15 <i>Camp Agape</i>	16 <i>Camp Agape</i>	17 <i>Camp Agape</i>	18 <i>Camp Agape Ends</i>
19 <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Happy Father's Day</i>	20 <i>PW Circle Meeting 10am</i>	21 <i>Session Meeting 6pm</i>	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am</i>	27	28	29	30		

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