

THE GRACEVINE

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Oneness in Christ

One of the first things the Holy Spirit did on that first Pentecost was to overcome people's ethnic and cultural boundaries, like language, perhaps the single biggest wall between groups in any time or place, though not in the way you might assume.

But why did the Holy Spirit do that? Even today, many people are not interested in doing that. Instead, they would rather keep the distinctions and especially the uniqueness of their own ethnic and cultural heritage. They don't want to become part of "the great melting pot" that has so often been boasted as the greatness of our country. Just this spring, I read of some graduates who petitioned for the right to wear their culture's distinct style of apparel to graduation, instead of the traditional caps and gowns.

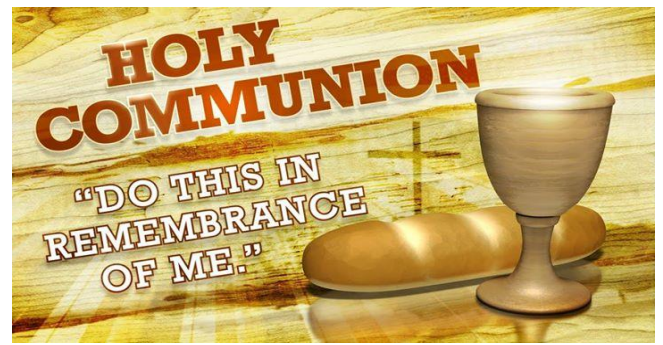
Note that the Holy Spirit did not unify the gathered crowd by making them all speak the same language, but made people tell the Good News in the native languages of those present. I believe the Holy Spirit did this so that everyone present could hear the Good News of Jesus Christ in their own language, and not need someone else to interpret it to them. They could each receive it "firsthand," and be indebted to no one else for their understanding, thus giving them all an equal "footing" in the Gospel.

I also believe the Holy Spirit did this to promote the unity of the Church under Jesus Christ. You will recall that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus prayed to his Father, "that they may be one with each other, just as we are one." (John 17:22) Immediately after Pentecost, we celebrate the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—whom we believe and have come to know as one God in three personalities.

God thereby gives us a model for unity, not only in the Church, but for all humankind. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit do not surrender their unique identities to one another, but each maintain their distinctiveness to accomplish all that God does. Further, they and we celebrate their special roles among us, enriching our understanding and experience of God in our lives.

Insofar as we celebrate diversity and the unique ways it contributes to our oneness as a people, we reflect the purpose and personality of God among us. I see it as our job as Church to model the nature of God to the community around us in this way. How do you think we could do this better?

--Rev Pat



Sunday Worship Schedule

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.

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, July 2nd**. 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.



SESSION:

Class of 2023 - Margaret Boone, Lynne Castle

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

Class of 2025 - Mary Conner, Jysele Jones
Clerk of Session - Sandy Stewart

DEACONS:

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

David Jones (2023)
Paul Guillot (2024)
Tim Conner (2025)

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, July 2nd**. Any monetary donations can be mailed to their P.O. Box. Please contact the church office for the mailing address. Our collection on the 1st Sunday of June was very light. Needs tend to be higher during the summer months with children not attending school. **Please consider donating to our next food drive on July 2nd!** Thank you to everyone for continuing to support UCO.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

11 Glenda Hunter
13 Margaret Boone
19 Mary Conner
27 Pat Wadsworth

Committee Meetings

SESSION – will meet on **Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m.** Please let Rev Pat know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

MDO BOARD – will meet on **Thursday, July 20th at 2:15 p.m.** Please let Tim Conner know if you are on the MDO Board and cannot attend this meeting.



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 in the Fellowship Hall or let Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. You can reach Margaret at (337) 981-2475.



**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.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sandy Stewart.

After Bible Study, anyone who wishes will go out to lunch as a group. If you would like more information about the Presbyterian Women & PW Events, you can contact Margaret Boone at (337) 981-2475 or email marboone@yahoo.com.



**Presbytery of
South Louisiana**

PSL Event – June 3, 2023

Loretta Credo, Moderator of the Presbytery invites everyone to a PSL event on **Saturday, June 3rd at Abbeville Presbyterian Church from 10am-2pm.** This is a gathering, not a business meeting. Fellowship, food, & worship. It’s a catered meal, they just ask each congregation to bring a special desert for a desert contact. Everyone in our congregation is invited, kids included!

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

1 chicken (3-4 lbs.)
1 block (2 lb.) velveeta cheese
1 c. chicken broth
1 large onion
1 large bell pepper
1 can cream of mushroom soup
2 cans stewed tomatoes
1 can Rotel tomatoes
2 lb. bag spaghetti

Boil chicken for 45 minutes and debone. Place 1 cup chicken broth in a pot. Add chopped onions and bell pepper (cook about 10 minutes to soften). Add remaining ingredients and cook over low until smooth and creamy (until cheese is melted). Cook spaghetti as directed and mix with cheese mixture.

Serves 16-20.

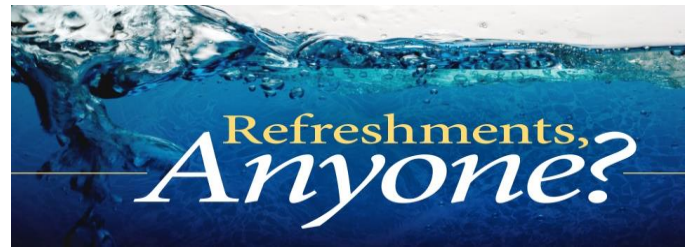
This recipe was in the 2nd "Bless This Food" Presbyterian Cookbook and was from Carolyn Armstrong.

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.



Thank you to those who helped at our Church Workday on **Saturday, May 20th**. We had 4 hard workers that knocked out some much needed jobs.

Thank you to Terry Wolford, Shan Angelle, Mary Nolan & Tim Conner.



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 provide refreshments, please sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall 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!

CAMP + AGAPE

This year we have 1 youth attending Camp Agape....**Libby Gaspard**. Camp is held at the Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA. She will attend camp from June 18-24, 2023. **Anna Montgomery & Julia Montgomery** will also be there as staff. Please keep these youth in your prayers while they are at camp that they may grow in their faith while there.

UPCOMING EVENT

On **Friday, July 28th** will be the 8th Annual Backpack Project which is held at Grace Church each year. We will post a list of the school supplies needed this year in the coming weeks. All donations can be dropped off to the church. This event provides school supplies to Foster children in the Lafayette area.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT NEWS

MDO REGISTRATION – Registration for Fall 2023-2024 semester is ongoing. For more information, please call the church office at 337-984-6400 or email mdoatgrace@gmail.com.

MDO TEACHERS NEEDED – we are still looking for 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!

MOTHER'S DAY TEA – was held on **May 11th**. Our mothers & grandmothers got to enjoy a singing program put on by their kids/grandchildren and received special gifts they made for Mother's Day.



Mary, Katherine, John & Audrey



John Self



Audrey Self



MDO GRADUATION – was held at Grace Church on **May 30th**. The Pre-k class performed songs for their families to enjoy. Once the graduation ceremony concluded, cake & punch was served to everyone. This year our Mother's Day Out had 9 graduates!



9 – Mother's Day Out - Pre-K Graduates



MDO Pre-K Teachers



Audrey Self – wants to be a nurse when she grows up....just like her mom, Katherine!



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 <i>PSL Event 10am-2pm (Abbeville)</i>
4 <i>Communion</i> <i>United Christian Outreach</i> <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	5	6 <i>MDO Summer Semester Begins</i>	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	12	13 <i>PW Circle Meeting 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Camp Agape Begins</i> <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	19 <i>Camp Agape</i>	20 <i>Camp Agape</i>	21 <i>Camp Agape</i>	22 <i>Camp Agape</i>	23 <i>Camp Agape</i>	24 <i>Camp Agape Ends</i>
25 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	26	27	28	29	30	

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