



# THE GRACEVINE

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## The Time After Pentecost

The Sundays after Pentecost (like the Sundays after Epiphany) are sometimes called Ordinary Time – not because they are routine or mundane, but because their primary rhythm has to do with following the Sundays “in order.” Indeed, each Sunday is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the dead on the first day of the week, and it is this holy mystery that animates, renews, and transforms our life of faith.

There are certain notable features of this period of time in the Christian year. First, these Sundays are bracketed by festivals that concern key theological affirmations of the church: Trinity Sunday and Christ the King/Reign of Christ; the former celebrates the mystery of God’s triune being, while the latter extols the sovereignty of God in Jesus Christ. Second, the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the time after Pentecost cover large sections of the biblical story – major narratives of the Hebrew scriptures; the writings of the apostles to the earliest Christian communities; and the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ ministry of teaching, healing, feeding, and welcoming. Note that two tracks of Old Testament readings (and psalms) are provided: (1) a semi continuous track of sequential readings, independent of the Gospel; and (2) a complementary track of readings, thematically matched with the Gospel. Third, this is a flexible period of time: it may include from twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, due the variable date of Easter.

The liturgical color is green, except for Trinity Sunday (white), All Saints’ Day (white), and Christ the King/Reign of Christ (white).

*--Book of Common Worship, p. 32*

The excerpt above explains our current liturgical season more succinctly than I could, but it still bears reflection, especially this year.

It is so ironic that this season, usually referred to as “ordinary time,” is this year anything but ordinary! In fact, as you well know, it is a time like none most of us now living have ever seen!

However, it has always been the teaching of our faith that extraordinary times always offer extraordinary opportunities to understand and live out God’s purpose for us. These times challenge us to rethink our old beliefs and practices. This is one way in which we help redeem this time, as I believe Christians are always called to do, in every time and place. Let us practice our spiritual disciplines like never before in our lives, especially while one of those disciplines—corporate worship—is under siege; and much good may yet come out of this difficult time for all of us!

*--Rev. Pat Wadsworth*



Session hoped that Grace Presbyterian Church would be able to resume live worship services beginning August 9th, but unfortunately with the considerable rise in the number of covid-19 cases in Lafayette, reopening has once again been postponed. At the Stated Session meeting on July 20th, it was unanimously voted that the reopening not take place until the governor issues a statement that Louisiana has entered into phase 3, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Louisiana will definitely remain in phase 2 until at least August 7th, according to the regulations, but a state must remain in any phase until criteria are met to move to the next one. This requires, among other things, a continuing decrease in the number of cases for two weeks.

The Session continues to monitor the situation, using daily updates (except on the weekend) for Lafayette Parish, as well as any information from the federal and state governments. We will continue to use this information and seek discernment. We will meet as a Session when necessary to consider new information.

We seek your prayers during this difficult time.

**Are you interested in doing a short (4 session) Bible study on Zoom?** We would meet once a week for four weeks, at a time/day convenient for most of us (but will not take place on Saturday or Sunday). Written materials will be provided, but “bring” your own Bible. Don’t know how to use Zoom? We can help you set up a free, no obligation account on Zoom, and then let you know how to see Zoom on desk or laptop computer, notebook, iPhone, iPad, or Android. Joining a Zoom session (as you would if you participated in this Bible study) is free.

Or you can join on a standard phone (landline or cell) and hear what is going on and talk to the group, although, if you choose to do this (unlike the people who use the above mentioned ways of joining Zoom) you would not see the people taking part in the study (note: if you use a landline phone or cell phone, long distance charges would apply since the phone number you would call is out of our area code, but maybe you have unlimited long distance on your phone).

If you are interested, please let Lynne Castle know at [lec4242@bellsouth.net](mailto:lec4242@bellsouth.net) or 337-406-0562.



**COMMUNION** – Our next Holy Communion will be during worship on Sunday, August 9th. Communion will be done thru our virtual worship service as we have done the past few months. Please remember to gather up the supplies (preferable bread and grape juice or wine) you will need beforehand so that you can join us in the sacrament at home.

Food Bank Donations



Non-perishables

Thank you to everyone that donated non-perishable food items and paper products during the past few weeks. Our Secretary gathered these items at Grace and was able to donate 68 pounds of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Lafayette. Items were collected and donated as part of the Synod Youth Workshop Service Day. Each year Synod has a service day as part of their workshop. This year since they were not able to meet in person, each attendee was to gather food items to donate to their local food bank. We had 3 people from Grace Presbyterian Church attend SYW in July which was held virtually. (Danny Jones, Dawson Jones & Lana Gaspard). Normally Grace Church donates to United Christian Outreach, but UCO has been closed during the pandemic so we chose another local food bank for the service project donation.



**SOUND SYSTEM HELPERS NEEDED!!!**

Once we start meeting in person for worship, we plan to still have service available on Facebook Live for those who cannot attend worship on Sunday Mornings. **To make this possible, we desperately need volunteers to learn to work the sound system.** Please let us know if you are willing to learn how to work the sound system to be able to help Terry & Bob from time to time. Training will be available. Thank you in advance!!



**During the time we will not be having Worship at the Church, we ask that Pledges and Donations be mailed to the Church.** Our address is ***518 Roselawn Blvd, Lafayette, LA 70503.*** Our Church Secretary is continuing to collect the mail, pay bills and make deposits. We are relying on our offerings to be able to continue to keep our Church Staff on payroll and to continue paying our bills at Grace. Thank you to everyone who has been making donations to your church during this pandemic. We rely on you!!

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Horizons Bible Study for the new year is “*Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*” by P. Lynn Miller. Rev. Lynn Miller is an author and practicing artist and art teacher. She has written the study and produced the art work. Lynn’s introduction to the study will be available to anyone after July 1st on PW YouTube. Her introduction is very interesting and those of you who find lamentation is sad will be surprised at the tone of the study. Please tune in if you are interested. Grace has 2 Bible Studies. If you would like to join one, please contact Lynne Castle or Margaret Boone.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6	Katherine Hess
7	Tim Conner
9	Elaine Hamm
23	Bradley Elmore
23	Joyce Guillot
28	Bette Grubb
28	Anna Montgomery
30	Pam Fontenot
30	Mary Nolan
31	Audrey Self

**If we do not have your birthday on our list, please let the church office know so that we can add you.**

# CAMP + AGAPE

**When: Labor Day Weekend**

**September 4-7, 2020 (Friday-Monday)**

**Where: Feliciana Retreat Center**

**Who: 1st – 12th grade**

- **Intro Camp – Middle School**  
(Completed 1st Grade – 8th Grade)  
Cost - \$220
- **High School**  
(Completed 9th Grade – 12 Grade)  
Cost - \$250

**\*\*Contact the Church Office for a registration form!**

**\*\*Don’t miss out on 3 amazing days of fun!**  
(Energizers, Bible Lessons, Communion, Armageddon, Cookout, Rec Activities, Block Party and Hot Diggity Dogs)



**FACEMASKS** - Sandy Stewart is making face masks for any of our congregation members and their family members that are in need of masks!

You can contact Sandy at (337) 278-7253 or at [sandystewart@cox.net](mailto:sandystewart@cox.net).

Grace Presbyterian Church thanks Sandy for doing this for your congregation!



**GROCERY SHOPPING** – Bob Hess has offered to grocery shop for anyone who is at risk or elderly that may not want to leave their house during the COVID-19. If you would like Bob to help you with your shopping, please give him a call at (225) 202-0526. Thank you to Bob for helping our congregation during this pandemic.



**SUNDAY SERMONS ONLINE**

During the time we are not meeting “in person” for worship, we are having “virtual” worship services on Sunday mornings via Facebook Live. **Please join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:30am on our Facebook Site “gracelafayette”**

If you have not yet clicked “like” on our page, please do so today. Facebook will send you a notification when our service is about to begin. We plan to continue to use Facebook for our worship services even after we resume in-person worship. **We need a few volunteers to learn to operate the sound system so we will be able to continue streaming service on Facebook Live.** Please let us know if you would like to be a backup/helper for our media system. Thanks in advance!!

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT**



**MDO SUMMER PROGRAM** ran smoothly with all the new guidelines that were followed due to COVID-19. Thank you to **Stacey Bravos & Cheryl Simpson** (*our MDO Directors*) for taking extra steps to make sure everyone stayed safe while operating for the summer semester. Each morning the directors took temperatures of the staff & the children before they were allowed to enter the church doors. Parents were not allowed into the facility.

**MDO FALL SEMESTER** will begin on **Tuesday, August 11th**. The same guidelines will be followed for the Fall.....drop off at the glass doors, temperature checks, etc. Extra cleaning is also being done during this time to make sure everything stays sanitary to keep the program running smoothly.

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**Committee Meetings**

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**SESSION** – next meeting will be on **Monday, August 17th at 6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.

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**Office Hours**

**Pastor's Hours:** Mon–Thurs Mornings.  
**Secretary Hours:**  
 Mon–Thurs 9-3:30; Fri 9-noon.



# Backpack Project 2020

Help a Foster Child in your Community  
Support the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Backpack Project**

In the past, CASA has been fortunate to raise money and pack backpacks at a volunteer event. Last year was their biggest year yet with over 185 volunteers helping to pack 250 backpacks filled with supplies, 100 overnight bags and 75 book program bags. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, CASA does not feel that a public volunteer event is very smart or safe given the recent rise in cases in Acadiana. But foster children still need our help. The schools will be re-opening in August and families are struggling.

As you may remember, when a child is removed from their home, they are placed in a foster home within 2-4hrs. As mandated by DCFS, Dept of Child and Family Services, the child must return to school within 3 days of removal. Usually this is a different school based on the location of the foster family. When a child enters care they may only have the clothes on their backs. The foster family is responsible for purchasing everything they will need for school. Many of these children are removed in the middle of the school year and need to purchase all new school supplies to attend the new school.

This year, CASA is partnering with **Kiwanis of Lafayette**, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. CASA of SoLA will be designated as the recipient of the backpacks for the foster children in the 15th Judicial Court. **CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate**, is an organization that helps advocate for abused and neglected children. *CASA of SoLA* covers the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial court including Lafayette, Acadia and Vermillion parishes. On average, *CASA of SoLA* represents approximately 200 children per year. They will work with DCFS to deliver backpacks to the foster children in Acadiana.

They are requesting monetary donations for the purchase of the backpacks and then they will fill the backpacks with community donated supplies. (All monetary donations are tax deductible.)

You can donate online at <http://www.lafayettekiwanis.org/donations/>

They have also created an Amazon Wish list if you wish to buy supplies online. [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11TUWYCEY29ZC?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11TUWYCEY29ZC?ref=wl_share)

In addition, you are welcome to drop off the school supplies at the CASA of SoLA office, UBS Financial Services, Caroline & Co., or Grace Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for your help in continuing to support this project.



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10:30 am - Worship	9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 6:30pm – Al-anon	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 9am – UL Writing Class 9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 6pm – Co-Dependence	9am-2pm MDO 5-6:45pm – AA 5:45pm – Baby Boot Camp 7-8pm – Al-anon	9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 1:30pm – Al-anon	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
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9 <i>Communion Sunday</i>	10	11 <i>MDO Fall Semester Begins</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Session Meeting 6pm</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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