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UPDATE ON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN SOUTH LOUISIANA AFTER HURRICANE LAURA

Four Presbyterian churches have reported damages to their buildings as far as we know: St. Andrew and First Church (both in Lake Charles), Westminster in Sulphur, and First in Deridder. St Andrew appears to have the most damage; they also sustained heavy damage after Hurricane Rita in 2005.

Pat and Lynne both took part in a Zoom meeting for pastors and clerks of Session on September 2; these meetings have been held biweekly since the covid-19 epidemic began. We hope to have more information to give you a little later about how we at Grace could be of help.

Right now, both Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) are coordinating and organizing work in the damaged area. They stress that no work groups should come without having received training (by phone) from VOAD, and that supplies should be sent only after checking with VOAD in advance. Second Harvest food bank is supplying food to the area, so congregation members could help by sending non-perishables to Grace Presbyterian Church to be forwarded to Second Harvest.

We can all be grateful that PDA has a well-earned reputation for being one of the first to arrive when a disaster occurs and also the last to leave; often, after the damaged area is no longer in the news, interest and help disappear. PDA stayed for years after Hurricane Katrina hit the New Orleans area in 2005. It will probably also take years to complete the restoration of the area Laura hit, so we can be glad there is a PDA to offer continued help.

If you or a family member had any damages from Hurricane Laura, please let us know in the church office if you need help with anything. Please keep everyone that was affected by the hurricane in your thoughts & prayers.



COMMUNION – Our next Holy Communion will be during worship on Sunday, September 6th. Communion will be done thru our virtual worship service as we have done the past few months. Please remember to gather up the supplies you will need beforehand so that you can join us in the sacrament at home.

(preferable bread and grape juice or wine)



Please let the office know if you would like a copy of the latest Our Daily Bread. It is for the months of September, October & November. You can either stop by the church office or we can mail you a copy.

You can also get the daily devotionals online. Below are several ways.....

- Sign up at **go.odb.org/devotional** to have your devotional delivered by email
- On Facebook at **facebook.com/ourdailybread**
- Visit the website at **odb.org**



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. If no one volunteers, then online services will not take place when we are meeting back in person for worship.



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!!



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”

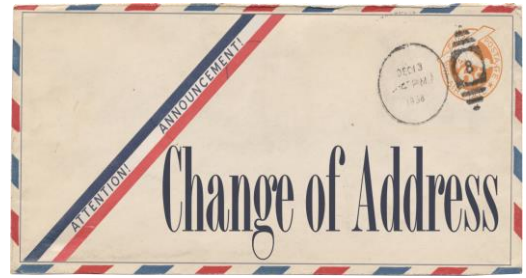
If you have not yet clicked “like” on our page, please do so today. Facebook will send you a notification when our service is about to begin. We plan to continue to use Facebook for our worship services even after we resume in-person worship. **We need a few volunteers to learn to operate the sound system 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.**

Committee Meetings

SESSION – next meeting will be on **Monday, September 21st at 6pm.** Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.



The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day!



Please make a note in your church directory that **Nick Manzo** has moved. His new address is **6289 Woodlawn Rd., Maurice, LA 70555.**

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



MDO FALL SEMESTER began on August 11th. The same guidelines are being followed for the Fall Semester as we used during the summertime drop off children at the glass doors, temperature checks for everyone, etc. Extra cleaning is also being done during this time to make sure everything stays sanitary to keep the program running smoothly.

OPENINGS – we have openings in the nursery and the 2 year old class. If you know anyone looking for a daycare, please have them contact the Grace MDO by phone at 337-993-1231 or by email at mdoatgrace@gmail.com.

Office Hours

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



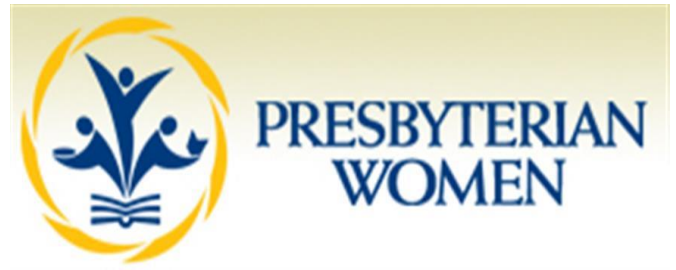
The Grace Church Session is continuing to monitor COVID-19. Once Louisiana enters into Phase 3, the session will meet to discuss the re-opening of the church for in-person worship. Meanwhile, please continue to join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m on Facebook Live for our virtual worship services. We are looking to add some vocals into our worship services by having Nick Manzo perform in the near future.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Tim Church**
- 8 Betty Couch**
- 11 Randy Foreman**
- 12 Clarice Burch**
- 14 David Causey**
- 18 Deano Babineaux**
- 18 Donna Wadsworth**
- 23 Paul Montgomery**
- 24 Ron Kennedy**
- 28 Mary Lou Montgomery**
- 28 Elke Hitt**

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



PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING 2020

Every year Presbyterian Women receives offerings for the Birthday Offering which pays grants to worthy projects in the United States and abroad. This year our offering was delayed until we returned to worshipping in the church building. Since we are no longer doing that, we would urge you to contribute by sending a check to the church made out to Presbyterian Women.

Please send donations by September 15th.

The recipients this year are:

- The Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family and Children, Davydovo, Russia GAP Ministries of Augusta, GA
- Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, MN, the first and only African-American led church in Minnesota
- Community Presbyterian Childhood Learning Center in Payson, AZ which serves the community, The Tonto Apache Tribe, and neighboring communities

You can see the promotional video on the Presbyterian Women YouTube channel.



FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE

Providing relief after Hurricane Laura

Dates: September 1-11, 2020

**Host: Second Harvest Food Bank
(215 E Pinhook Rd)**

Hours: 8am-4pm / Monday-Friday

Items can either be dropped off at the Second Harvest Food Bank directly or you can drop donations off to the Church Office and Sarah will collect these items through September 11th and then personally drop them off at the food bank)

- **Non-Perishable Foods**

- Canned Tuna
- Dried or Canned Beans
- Canned Chili, Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Nuts
- Trail Mix
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits, Fruit Cups
- Tomato & Spaghetti Sauce
- Dried Fruits
- Low Sugar/High Fiber Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Rice
- Grits
- Granola Bars
- Healthy Snacks

Food Bank Donations



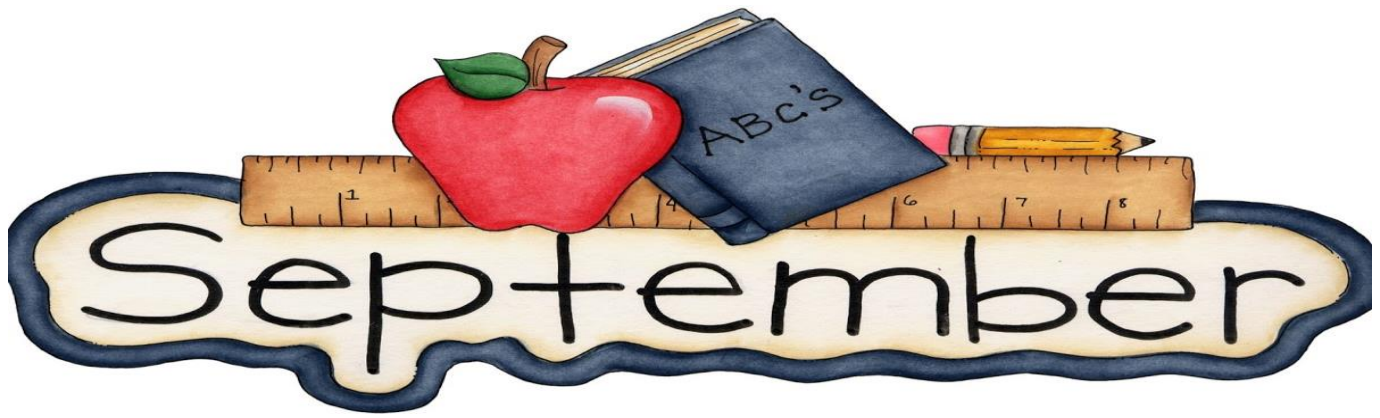
Non-perishables

- **Supplies**

- Unused mops, buckets
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disposable PPE
- Paper Plates
- Disposable Cutlery
- Tarps
- Floor Scrappers
- Prybars
- Commercial Trash Bags
- Utility Knives
- Clothes lines/pins

- **Personal**

- Toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo)
- School Supplies
- Unused Socks
- Unused Underwear
- Feminine Products
- Diapers (Size 2-6)



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	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY <i>(office closed)</i>	8 <i>Lafayette Public School Starts</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Session Meeting 6pm</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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