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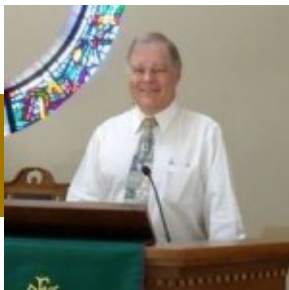


**“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!”** *2 Corinthians 5:17*

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From



The Study Window

From the Study Window

How do we make a lasting impact in a culture of instant gratification?

Gretchen E. Ziegenhals, who is the Managing Director of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School, posed this question in an article she wrote for an Alban Institute Newsletter. The question came from artist Makoto Fujimura, who was deeply moved while looking at the painting *Madonna and Child* by Fra Angelico. As he looked at the fifteenth century painting, Fujimura was literally staggered by the power of the image, and that led him to ask what are we as the church painting, praying, preaching, proclaiming or prophesying that will endure for another 500 years? Are we conveying the hope of the Christ child that keeps us alive despite the darkness that threatens to overwhelm us?



Madonna and Child by Fra Angelico

As we enter a new year, we need to ask ourselves what are we as Christians and as the Church painting, praying, preaching, proclaiming or prophesying that will endure or inspire for another 500 years? What are we doing that will make the hope that is ours in Christ real to people five hundred years from now. How are we modeling for the young what the enduring hope that is ours in Christ looks like in difficult days of violence, flood, fire, famine, political turmoil and anxiety? What programs are we leading that will train our young people to become the creative geniuses God intended them to be?

For those of us who don't paint like Angelico, we witness to our faith when we do our daily, embodied work faithfully and well. When we plant gardens, care for the sick, plan a reunion, help at the food bank, vote carefully, support a school and rise the next morning and do it all again, we proclaim our faith in the hope of the incarnation. Our lives and work stand as a testimony to the faith that will endure another 500 years and into eternity.

In Christ's Service,
Rev. Harry Brown

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By: William R. Memmott, Or-

FROM THE MUSIC CORNER

by William R. Memmott



As we enter a new year, our choir is especially looking for new members. They do such a wonderful job of supplying music for worship each week. And they need added numbers. We have often heard "But I don't read music!" Well, don't let that slow you down. You'll soon enough begin to read music as you blend your voice with the others (yes, we're patient).

We also see that Palm Sunday (and the concert and Easter) are early this year. So we're beginning work on "The Crucifixion" by Sir John Stainer immediately. It is the most often sung Lenten work in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It contains some of the most recognizable pieces of the season -- such as "God so loved the world." And, it's a real workout for our talented soloists. Come and enjoy singing it with us. You will be blessed and so will our congregation.

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. See you then. There's a robe waiting for just you.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By: Julie R. Hebert/Christian Education Leader



THE YOUTH CORNER



December was a busy month for the youth at John Calvin Presbyterian Church. We joined Presbytery of South Louisiana for the Fulton Alley Bowling event on December 16th. We had 4 children from John Calvin attend this event. The adults and children enjoyed bowling and fellowship.

During Sunday school in December, the children practiced for our annual youth Christmas Eve service. This was a great service that included 21 children. The service was the ABC's of Christmas. It included readings and carols all done by the children. Special thanks to Laurell for helping with the music and bells. The children sounded great.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

UPCOMING YOUTH CORNER EVENTS



January Events

Sunday school starts back January 7th.

January 28th:

Let's help the animals

LA-SPCA Service Day

We will leave from church

Lunch provided by CE

Service hours available

Start with a tour of the SPCA and meet the animals

We will go in a classroom and participate in a service project for the animals

\$5.00 donation per child

Please RSVP by 1/24

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KINDLY SAVE THE DATEs

January 09 & 10; 16 & 17; 23 & 24; 30 & 31

We are scheduled to serve lunches to the homeless at First Presbyterian Church each Wednesday in January 2018, beginning with Wednesday, January 10, while preparing the sandwiches in our Fellowship Hall on the preceding Tuesdays.

For more information, please contact:

Richard Britson



Snippets

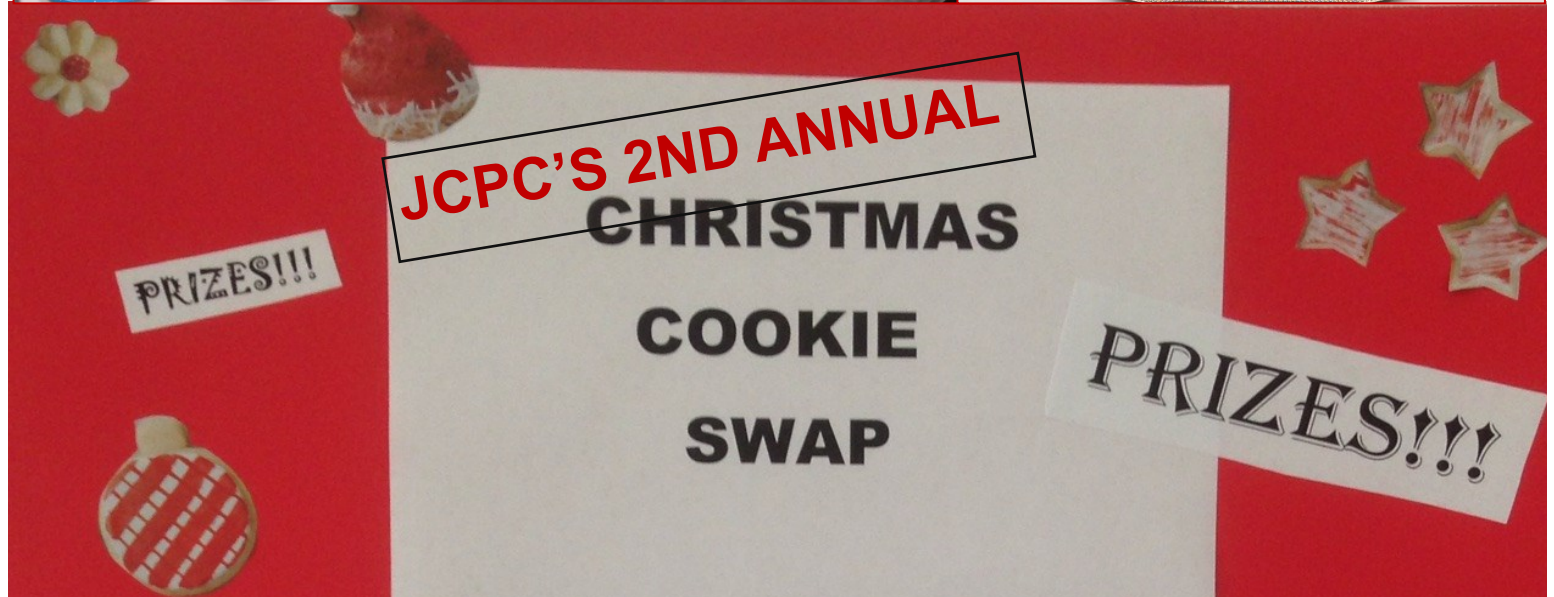
From Presbyterian Women

December has been our busiest month! I want to thank the Council for their combined efforts coordinating the Christmas Angel project, gathering foundations, supplying exam care packages to our college students, hosting the cookie swap, and setting up/cooking/serving & cleanup for the dinner following the Christmas concert. Presbyterian Women is open to all women. I would encourage everyone to become involved through the day and evening Circles and PW Council. You will find wonderful support, friendships and growth through Bible study and prayer.

We are also grateful to all members who took part in our annual Christmas Angel Tree project. Together we were able to provide a joyous Christmas to 25 children. This is a wonderful ministry and a blessing to many!

PW Council will next meet on January 9th, at 10:00 AM.

Game Days will take place in the church library on Jan. 4 and 18. Everyone is welcome. Please join us at 10:00 AM for fun and fellowship. If you have new games, bring them to share!



January

Tablecloth Dinner!

Happy Italian

PIZZERIA



7105 Jefferson Highway
Harahan, LA
504-305-4666

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:00 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Pre-Dinner Get Together

\$25 per person

**Sign-up Sheet and Menu
in narthex**

Make your check out to Ann Trapani

Menu: (Choice of one each)

Includes: Bread, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drink

Soup or Italian Salad

Entrée

- Fresh Broiled Catfish Fillet over "Jazzmen" Pecan Rice
- Eggplant Parmesan with Pasta Twists in Marinara Sauce
 - Panned Chicken Marsala over Fresh Fettuccine
- Port Tenderloin Medallions with Yukon Gold Mashed Potato, Pork Demi

Dessert

Cannoli

Triple Chocolate Brownie

(**Dessert options for add'l \$2 per person:*
Cheesecake, Tiramisu or Peanut Butter Pie)

***Plan to join us for a fun evening of
great food and great fellowship!***

*JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN
PLAYSCHOOL
HAS BEEN NAMED
"THE BEST PRESCHOOL OF THE 504"
IN 2017*



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

HAPPY January BIRTHDAY

Cain, Danny K.	01/01	Trail, Edythe	01/06
Garland, David	01/09	Fortin, Sharon	01/09
Fernandez, Jeffery	01/10	Magri, Ed	01/11
Janoe, Walter	01/11	Mace, Eva	01/14
Spiess, Jeanette	01/15	Cali, Dennis II	01/16
Bone, Robin	01/22	Russo, Claire	01/23
Wise, Sheryl	01/24	Corcoran, Valerie	01/24
Guilbeau, Savanna Clare	01/26	O'Regan, Jon	01/26
Crawford, Scott	01/27	Prince, Madison	01/29
Hebert, Joseph	01/31		






EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar








January

February

- 1st:  New Year's Day - Church Ofc Holiday
- 4th: P/S 1st Day Back 
 > P/S Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser (1/4-1/12)
 >PW **FUN & GAMES** 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 5th: Year End Committee Reports Due
- 8th: P/S CM @ noon
 >Worship CM @ 5:30p (CR)
 >Outreach CM @ 6:30p (Lbry)
- 9th: POH lunches for the homeless month:
 Make Sandwiches: 1/9; 1/16; 1/23; 1/30
 Distribute Sandwiches @ 1st Pres:1/10; 1/17; 1/24; 1/31
 > PW Council Mtg @ 10:00 (Lbry)
 > Lydia Circle Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)
 >Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)
- 11th: P/S Open House @ 6:30 (Sanc)
 >Tablecloth @ Happy Italian
 6:30p-Social / 7:00p-Dinner (Harahan) 
- 14th: Elder's Ordination & Installation
 >C/E CM after Worship
- 15th: P/S—No Schl: Martin Luther King Day
 >Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)
- 16th: Grace Circle CM @ 9:30 (Lbry)
- 16th-17th: P/S Parent/Teacher Conf
- 18th: PW **FUN & GAMES** 10:00-noon(Lbry)
- 22nd: P/S TK Registration
- 24th: Belly Laugh Day...*LOL!*  Ha-Ha-Ha !!!
- 28th: Congregational Mtg after Worship (Sanc)
Yth : Youth SPCA @ 1:30
- 29th: P/S Church Member Registration
- 31st: P/S Current Student/Sibling Registration

Note: Committee Mtg. time changes may not be reflected,
 above times are based on a reoccurring schedule only.

- 1st: PW **FUN & GAMES** 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 2nd: Ground Hog's Day 
- 4th:  Souper Bowl of Caring
- 5th: P/S Alumni Registration/Wait List Registration
 >Outreach CM @ 6:30p (Lbry)
 >Worship CM @ 5:30p (CR)
- 6th: PW CM 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 11th: C/E CM after Worship
- 12th-13th: Mardi Gras—Church Ofc Holiday 
- 12th-16th: P/S Mardi Gras Holidays
- 13th: Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)
- 14th: Valentine's Day 
 + >Ash Wednesday
- 15th: PW **FUN & GAMES** 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 19th: President's Day 
 >P/S Open Registration
 >Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)
- 20th: Grace Circle CM @ 9:30 (Lbry)
- 22nd-23rd: P/S Group Pictures (FH)

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Hazel Julian's Retirement Announcement



Our beloved custodian has retired after more than 12 years of service with John Calvin Presbyterian Church and Playschool.

She has lots of traveling and gathering plans. She will truly missed.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church



“Freed by the Fire, Renewed by the Flood, and Empowered by the Spirit”