

CALVIN COMMENTARY



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The background of the central section is a vibrant, artistic representation of the American flag, with the stars and stripes flowing and blending into a display of colorful fireworks exploding in the night sky. The colors are primarily red, white, and blue, with the fireworks adding splashes of green, yellow, and purple.

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

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“Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is freedom.”

2 Corinthians 3:17



Mission Central

When our congregation engaged in the New Beginnings Assessment, along with other congregations in our Presbytery, one result of that work was a commitment to be mission central for the community. We have diligently worked towards this goal through our Playschool, Outreach Groups, Project Hope, Stair and other mission activities. Now, we have a marvelous opportunity to participate in a new mission activity.

We have been invited by **Habitat for Humanity** to take part in Unity Build, along with other Churches and Synagogues throughout the area. The congregations involved come from a wide theological spectrum, and all are committed to helping people improve their lives. Habitat is a great organization, and a wonderful way to help people make progress in their lives and increase their sense of responsibility through moving into home ownership.

New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity (NOAHH) was started in 1983, as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Since its inception, NOAHH has been working in partnership with hard working, low-income families in the New Orleans area, to build and finance new, safe, affordable homes. The program makes homeownership possible for families who are unable to qualify for traditional home loans, but have a stable job, good or no credit, and the willingness to contribute 350 hours of sweat equity to the building of Habitat Homes. NOAHH has built over 500 homes and currently builds 25-30 a year. It has had over a three hundred million dollar economic impact on the New Orleans area and has created over three thousand jobs.

The person buying the home we will help build, by means of sweat equity and a non-interest loan from Habitat of Humanity, is Nicole Pujol. Nicole is a New Orleans' native and the proud mother of two amazing Children: Amiyah 14 and Mason 2. Amiyah recently graduated from 8th grade with honors, and will begin her freshman year in high school in the fall. She is an all-around talented-creative person with a heart of gold. Mason is an independent two year old with a smile and laughter that brightens every day. Nicole says that her children are her life, and that being able to give them a home of their own will be a great blessing.

The house will be built at 6500 Dorian Street in New Orleans. It will be built over the four weekends in October, with volunteers working Thursday, Friday and Saturday: October 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, and 26-28. All abilities and types of volunteers are needed. This includes everything from construction volunteers to wield hammers to people working registration and check in. Volunteers are also needed for Morning Prayers and Devotions, serve as a welcome team, provide snacks, as well as provide and serve lunches for the crews. Volunteer days will be from 8-4, with orientation and training starting at 8am sharp. I invite you to prayerfully consider giving your time and energy to the Unity Build. You will not only be making a difference to this family's quality of life, you will be improving the community where we live and now will grow in faith, as you join with others in making quality affordable housing available.

In Christ's Service
Rev. Harry Brown

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By: William R. Memmott, Organist/Choir



MUSIC MUSINGS

We have just begun to adjust to "Casual Sundays" and I can already yearn for the resumption of it all in September. In the meantime, the Choir will sing through July (only Sunday morning rehearsals). Soloists, etc., will sing in August. Then y'all will return in September with lots of new members (especially sopranos, altos, tenors and basses). Yes, that's an open invitation. Don't self-judge yourselves too "inadequate" to join. Bench warmers quickly become seasoned choir stalwarts (pencils in hand).

It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas. For me, over the years I've composed a lot of Christmas music. We've sung some of it at JCPC. This year I've gathered this music together (written new orchestral accompaniments) as a new cantata entitled: The Christmas Suite. I think it's pretty good (if you were to ask me!). And it's not really difficult to sing (hint, hint).

Enjoy your summer. Don't forget to find a nearby church when you're on vacation.

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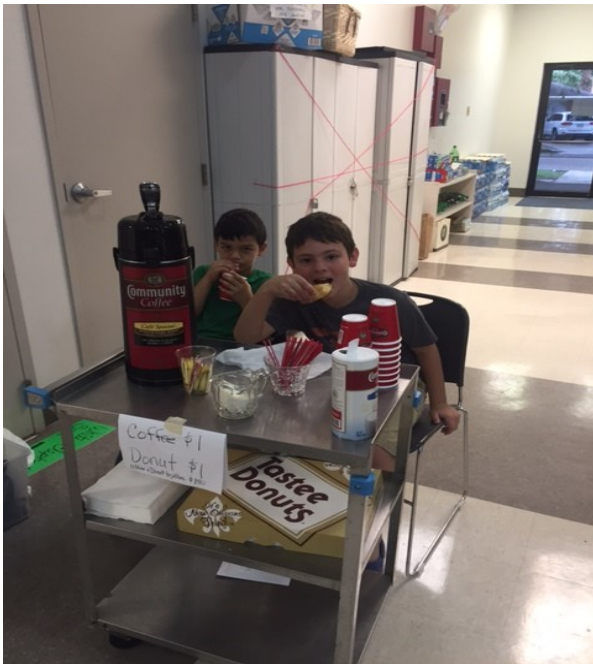
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By: Julie R. Hebert/Christian Education Leader



THE YOUTH CORNER

June 2nd and 3rd we had the CE Garage Sale. This raised a total of \$2,836.61. We had many volunteers help out with this event. This event also helped out with donating 10 garments to Dress for Success. We donated items to program for hope and several items for Habitat for Humanity. This event was a lot of work, but so worth it with helping the missions of our church.



Thank You!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

UPCOMING YOUTH CORNER EVENTS



VBS July 24-28

9:00-12:00

Join us in Discovering your
Strength in God!!!



JCPC Playschool's
Summer Camp
weeks are:
July 10-21

Registration must
be made through
Playschool Office

JCPC's
VBS
(Vacation Bible School)
camp is:
July 24-28

Registrations must be
made through
Julie Hebert, CE
Leader

Snippets

From Presbyterian Women



Christmas in July!!

Tuesday mornings in July, we will continue on the work on the Chrismons that was started this spring.

Chrismons are the Christian Christmas symbol ornaments that we use to decorate the tree in the sanctuary each Christmas. Ours have seen many years of wear, and the Presbyterian Women under the direction of Sandy Cranfill began the fun task of making new ones and fixing some the older ones. We are continuing the fun over the summer to see how much we can get completed!

Please join us!

Tuesday, July 11, 18 and 25, 9:30 to 12:00

Coming this October...

Unity Build!

This is a project organized by Habitat for Humanity and executed by people of faith in the New Orleans area.

Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists, a Jewish congregation, lots of folks!

These are all congregations that don't have the resources – people or money – to build a house by themselves, but working together, we can make it happen.

Have you always wanted to get involved? This is our chance!

We will be working Thursday, Friday, and Saturday every weekend in October...and will finish the whole house in that time!

We will need people to sign up to:

- Work the Registration and Check-in Table
- Provide Morning Prayer or Devotion
- Bring and Handout Snacks
- Make and Serve Lunch
- Oh yes, and a few Construction Volunteers, too!



Sign-ups will begin in August, but we will be asking about your interest level through July and August.

Don't think you can help, but are interested and want to be supportive? We will need monetary support and everyone will be welcome to visit and check out the work!

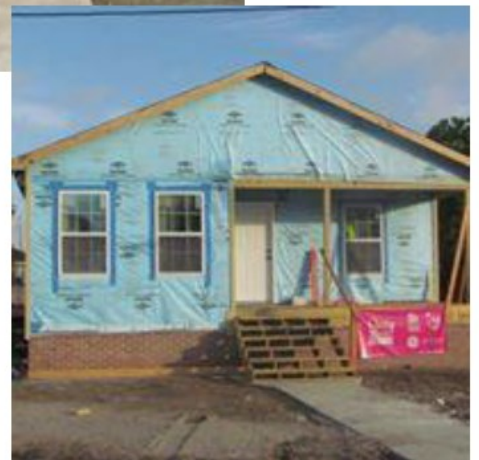
Unity Build!

This is the house right next to the lot we will be building. This is a just completed project built by a group of New Orleans women!



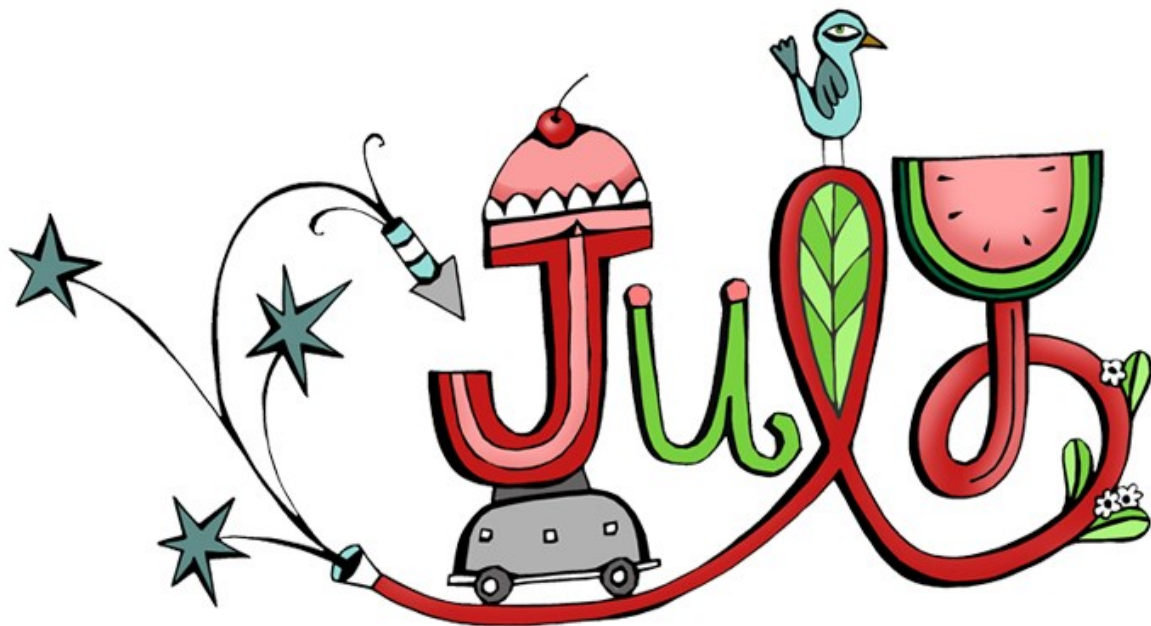
Can we do it too?

Working with other churches and faith communities?



We can't build a house on our own, but we can help with others to do it. Want to help?





BIRTHDAYS

PALERMO, ANDREW 07/02

ASHMORE, RICHARD 07/07

MUNDELL, SANDY 07/08

RICH, MADELINE CECILE 07/09

WADE, MIKE 07/12

NELSON, ERICA 07/13

CORCORAN, KATE 07/13

CORCORAN, LAYNE 07/13

BAGWELL, JAN 07/17

ASHURST, DIAN 07/18

MORRELL, MEL 07/19

BUSH, JOSHUA 07/19

GARLAND, EMILY 07/21

LAPORTE, LANGLEY 07/22

HILL, SOFIA 07/22

KRON, KELLY 07/23

PRINCE, RAY 07/25

FERNANDEZ, AMY M. 07/25

ROBINSON, PORTIA 07/28

CARDINALE, AMY 07/29

MALSARY, ROBERT 07/29

HEBERT, CHRISTIAN 07/29

FERGUSON, JEFF 07/31

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



July

4th:  Independence Day (Church Office Closed)

10th: P/S CM @ noon
>Outreach CM @ 6:30p (Lbry)

10th-14th: YG @ MoRanch Junior High Jubilee

10th-21st: P/S Summer Camp Weeks 3 & 4

11th: Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)

11th, 18th/25th: *Join the Fun with Chrismons!*
9:30-noon (Lbry)



16th: C/E CM after Worship

17th: Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)

24th-28th: VBS Camp 

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

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- Grace Circle
- Lydia Circle
- PW Council Mtg
- PW Fun & Games
- Worship CM

August



* **Aug Tuesdays:** Program of Hope-Make Sandwiches (FH)

* **Aug Wednesdays:** POH @ First Presbyterian

13th: C/E CM after Worship

14th: P/S CM—noon
>Outreach CM @ 7:00p (Lbry)

15th: Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)

21st: Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)

23rd-25th: P/S Teacher's Con't Ed

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