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**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY!!!**



TO FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, AND ALL MEN WHO HAVE
HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN,
NIECES, NEPHEWS OR ANYONE YOU'VE INFLUENCED

From



The Study Window

From the Study Window

Exodus 3:1-6

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

This is one of my favorite passages. Moses unexpectedly encounters God in the burning bush and when he turns aside to see what this is about God tells him to take off his sandals because he is unknowingly standing on holy ground. One of the possibilities the passage suggests to me is that we too are unknowingly standing on holy ground and we need to be told how to respond. Ann Weems does a beautiful job of doing so in a poem entitled Holy Ground.

**The ground . . . the ordinary, always present,
Hardly in danger-of-extinction ground . . .
and God called it holy!**

**I know that Moses took off his shoes
Because God told him he was standing on holy ground.**

**What I don't know is,
When is the ground holy and when is it not?
When do I take off my shoes?**

**I walk upon the frozen ground in winter,
And find it cracked and ugly, lacking color.
There nothing here to make me stop and say, Holy Ground,
Yet you know that underneath spring is growing,**

**And in the months to come
I'll be stopped dead in my tracks by crocus and tulip and daffodil
And in some morning's light I'll see a blaze of forsythia
And a triumph of pink dogwood and I'll have a whiff of lemon thyme
And I'll take off my shoes.**

**When is the ground holy,
this ground that yields to us life?**

**If the earth is the Lord's
and the fullness thereof,
No amount of planting or tilling or harvesting
Is going to mean the bounty is ours**

**We can't earn it;
everything is a gift.
And the gifts are not unique:
They're everywhere . . . commonplace . . . ordinary:
Ordinary trees, ordinary vegetables,
Ordinary fruits, ordinary flowers
Ordinary beauty, ordinary bounty
Ordinary extravagant gifts.**

**Just in case
I'll take off my shoes from time to time
and say, Thank You.**

**In Christ's Service
Rev. Harry Brown**

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By: William R. Memmott, Organist/Choir Master



Recruitment Announcement: this is a "down season" for the choir and orchestra. The choir still rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm (short rehearsal version). Since we are preparing for Sundays in June and July, it is a great time for new choir members to join.

We often hear prospective members offer these excuses for staying away:

"I've never sung in a choir before." Our answer: a number of current choir members are fairly new to the choir loft.

"I don't have a great voice." Our answer: most of our choir members are just that -- volunteers with more desire than demonstrated talent.

"I don't read music." Our answer: you'd be amazed at how quickly you "pick up" reading music. And we'll help you.

AND - it's fun. You get to wear your own green robe. We celebrate your birthday (monthly). You get to sing some of the greatest music ever written. You get to sing twice a year with a professional orchestra.

And speaking of orchestra: our in-house orchestra needs more players (even kids). Usually we rehearse on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Bring your horn (or whatever)" Just let me know so I can have parts prepared.

Join in the fun of being part of the JCPC "Music Corner."

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By: Julie R. Hebert/Christian Education Leader



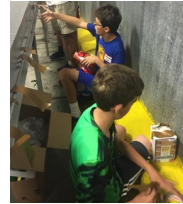
Lots been goin-on at THE YOUTH CORNER



- April 28th we had a fun game night with the youth. The children enjoyed playing board games, soccer, hide and seek, and eating pizza. We had 7 children in attendance.



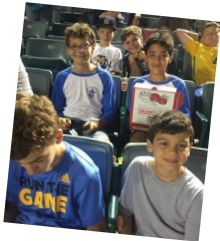
- May 6th the children helped out at second harvest. This was a great event for the children to get service hours and help out in the community. We had 12 youth participate.



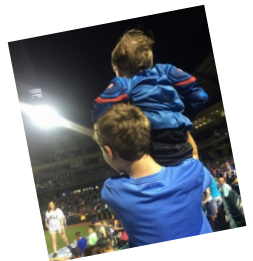
This was a wonderful event and we look forward to doing it again.



- May 7th we recognized Lauren Fish, Christian Hebert and Brock Moore for taking the communion class.



- May 19th we attended a Baby Cakes game at Zephyr Field. The children had so much fun watching the game and dancing to the music. We had 21 attend from the church.



- Summer is here. The children are so excited about taking vacations and no homework. Our last day of Sunday school was May 21st. We had a fun BBQ and spacewalk party with 55 in attendance. Thank you to Wayne Tracy and our amazing CE committee with helping out for this event.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

UPCOMING YOUTH CORNER EVENTS



DON'T MISS OUT ~

Unwanted items are not always considered junk -
they are also someone else's treasures.

Come by early and see what items you may treasure
and help raise funds for
JCPC's Christian Education too!

WHEN: Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd

WHERE: The Fellowship Hall



VOLUNTEERING AT SECOND HARVEST!



Thanks to all those representing John Calvin on the morning of Saturday, May 26, at the Food Bank's Elmwood Warehouse – as a record turnout of 26, equally divided between adults and youth, sorted thousands of pounds of food items. Second Harvest represents the largest charitable anti-hunger network in Louisiana, fighting hunger by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response - providing 25 million pounds of food annually to non-profit, faith based, and other partners over 23 parishes in South Louisiana. Every year, Second Harvest secures millions of pounds of food that otherwise would have gone to waste. It also provides programs to bridge the gap between the school day and the weekend, while providing hot meals with after-school Kids Café and Summer Feeding programs (Second Harvest operates a state of the art kitchen). Senior Café prepares and distributes freshly made meals daily to senior centers.



THANKS VOLUNTEERS: *Matthew Freudenthal, Joshua Bush, Sofia Hill, Megan and Mia Lauland, Layne and Kate Corcoran, Sabastian and Johnathan Zea, Caleb Hebert (and friend), Portia Robinson, Dennis Price, Greg Freudenthal, Tony Hill, Nancy Lauland, Lorraine Hicks (and Henry), Valerie Corcoran, Arnold Zea, Buddy Haw, Julie Hebert, Laurie Robinson, Barbara Egan, Barbara Remmelts, and Sharon Fortin.*



Start The Adventure In Reading
2016-2017



Anyone who has ventured into the Fellowship Hall on Monday or Wednesday during the school year has seen our church and community volunteers working with second and third graders from Alice Birney Elementary School. John Calvin has been hosting the STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading) tutoring for **nine (9) years** and STAIR students have shown exceptional growth in reading skills as a result. To read more about STAIR, go to <http://stairnola.org/>.

This school year began with 7 students. A little “graduation ceremony” was held in the Fellowship Hall on May 10, 2017. The students each recited a poem for an audience of parents, extended family, Alice Birney teachers and STAIR tutors.

John Calvin members tutoring in STAIR this year include: **Richard Britson, Sandy Cranfield, Sue Crawford, Jananne Lankard, Linda Lowry, & Beverly Ross.** New tutor volunteers are always welcome! Just contact Richard Britson to *Start the Adventure in Reading!*



Snippets

From Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women held their annual "end of the year" dinner at Café East, on May 23rd. Twenty-two women attended the meal, which was served family style. It was a wonderful time of food and fellowship!

The final spring "game day" took place on May 25th. Play will resume in September. This social event is open to all and takes place twice a month.





*John Calvin Presbyterian Women's Luncheon at Café East
Beautiful Ladies, with Beautiful Spirits, having a Beautiful Time!*





JCPC Playschool's
Summer Camp
weeks are:
June 12-23
and
July 10-21
Registration must
be made through
Playschool Office

JCPC's
VBS
(Vacation Bible School)
camp is:
July 24-28
Registration must
be made through
Julie Hebert,
CE Leader

June

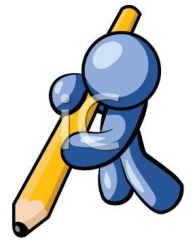
BIRTHDAYS

JONATHAN ZEA 06/01
CINDY FREUDENTHAL 06/02
KATE RUSSO 06/02
SARAH SPRINGLER 06/04
CONNIE CASEY 06/09
MARY LOU JANOE 06/09
WILLIAM FERNANDEZ 06/11
KAI MAGRI 06/12

06/13 PAUL PALERMO
06/16 GREG FREUDENTHAL
06/17 DENNIS PRICE
06/18 JANE MALSARY
06/18 FREDDIE MARLER
06/18 BROCK KING MOORE
06/24 SABASTIAN TRAIL ZEA
06/25 KELLY TRAIL ZEA
06/30 ANN MILLER

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



June

July

1st: Last day to bring items for Garage Sale 

2nd-3rd: CE/Outreach Garage Sale (FH)

4th: Pentecost— ***Wear Red!!!***
>"No" Worship CM

6th: PW Council Mtg 10:00-noon (Lbry)

11th: C/E CM after Worship

12th-23rd: P/S Summer Camp

12th: No" P/S CM—noon
>Outreach CM @ 7:00p (Lbry)

13th: Lydia Circle Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)
>Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)


18th: **Father's Day** 

19th: Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)

20th: Grace Circle CM @ 9:30 (Lbry)

28th-8/30: Last Choir 7:15p Practice—Summer Break

3rd: P/S CM @ noon
> "No" Worship CM

4th: Independence Day (Church Office Closed) 
> PW Council Mtg 10:00-noon (Lbry)

5th-8/3 "No" Wednesday Night Choir

9th: C/E CM after Worship

10th-13th: YG @ MoRanch

10th-21st: P/S Summer Camp
>Outreach CM @ 6:30p (Lbry)

11th: Lydia Circle Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)
>Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)

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

18th: Grace Circle CM @ 9:30 (Lbry)

24th-28th: VBS

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