

CALVIN COMMENTARY

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Happy
4th of July!

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

2 Corinthians 3:17

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How do we get a new Pastor?



Do you get e-Mail? Do you use your computer to look up information or to purchase things? Or maybe you don't want to touch the thing! In any case, you certainly have heard how computers can be used to handle information: to sort it, to categorize it, to maybe send you an advertisement because of it!

What does this have to do with finding a new pastor? Interestingly enough, PC(USA) (Presbyterian Church in the USA) – This is the larger church organization we belong to) uses computers and information to help churches find the best fit for a new pastor. The system is called the “Church Leadership Connection” (CLC). Churches put their information into the CLC and prospective church workers put their information

in as well. The CLC then matches this information to find the best fit between churches and people seeking employment.

The CLC is used for all sorts of church workers: Solo Pastors, certainly, but Interim Pastors; Associate Pastors; Music Directors; Youth Directors; Administrators...there are 42 different types of jobs handled by the CLC. This is how we are getting the names of the people we are contacting to interview for our Interim Pastor position.

At the start, 9 people “self-referred” themselves based on the JCPC information. We are looking at the top 3 of these in detail. Just recently we requested that the CLC do a “match” between the information we put into the CLC and pastors seeking Interim positions. We received 25 new candidates! We have prioritized these and will begin interviewing as soon as feasible.

But where does the JCPC information come from? If the CLC is matching us to possible Interim Pastors, where does the information about JCPC come from? The first step the Interim Pastor Search Team took was to create this information about our church. Surprisingly, for the non-scientific method the Session used to create this team, we are a fairly good representation of John Calvin Church. We have new-ish members and long term members, women and men, youngish folks and older ones, as well as both conservatives and liberals. The information we put into the CLC is the opinion of these 7 people. But it is only these 7 people.

Once we have one the Interim Pastor, it will be the congregation's turn to do the work to create the JCPC information – to describing the kind of church we want to be – for all of us. The Interim Pastor will help us with that, challenging us on what we are truly willing to do to move into the future. This is the information that will go into the CLC system to match us with pastors seeking the same goals. Your participation in the work to discover who we are is imperative.

Just as you may select the color, style, and price of a new something “on line”, the type, style, and energy of our new pastor will need your opinion – *and this person will look at our information to help them select the type, style and energy of their new church!*

Our energy, interest, and willingness to follow Christ will be matched to find the person the Lord intends for us and for whom we are intended!

***PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT BE HAVING AN 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE, UNTIL AN INTERIM PASTOR IS IN PLACE**

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By: William R. Memmott, Organist/Choir Master

FROM THE MUSIC CORNER

Several attendees at the last Presbytery Meeting at JCPC. tried to exit for lunch through the door by the choir loft Oops! That leads only to the playground. I directed them across the sanctuary to the other door. Which brings up the subject: Can I Sneak Out During the Time of No Active Pastor? We'll be watching!

Really, now is the time for EVERYONE to hang in there and pray. Each of us can be a part of the solution -- not part of the problem.

Which leads me to the next subject: Choir Membership. I know there are a number of capable singers (and wannabes) sitting in the pews -- who could belong in the choir loft. This is another way to bolster everyone's spirits during this time of transition. Rehearsals resume in September. In addition to weekly anthems and service music, we are working on the Christmas Concert. It's a major work by a favorite composer: Mark Hayes. "Let Heaven and Earth Sing Gloria." In addition to wonderful original pieces by Mr. Hayes, he also quotes some familiar tunes. We'll even sing two of his carols as a congregation. I know it's a lot to ask. but one night a week (Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.) is all it takes. And there's still room for high schoolers. One of the best choirs I ever conducted was a third high schoolers.

There's an old axiom that says, "Whoever sings, prays twice." Be a double pray-er!

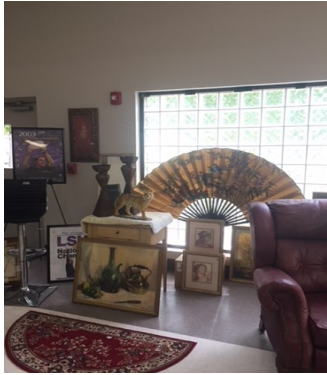
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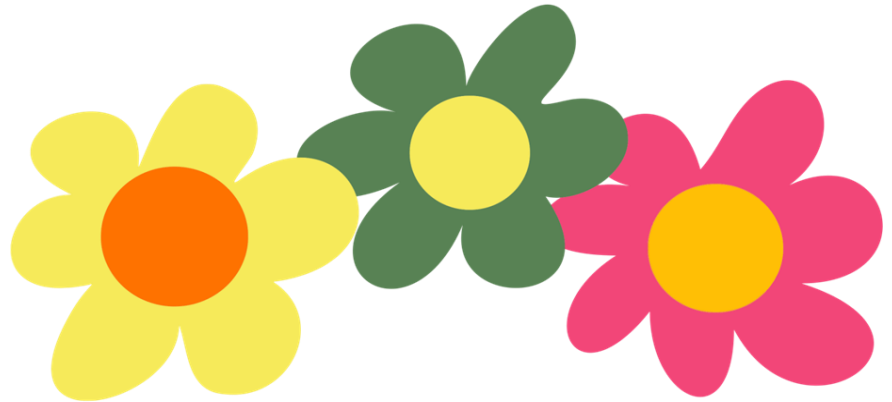
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By: Julie R. Hebert/Christian Education Leader

THE YOUTH CORNER



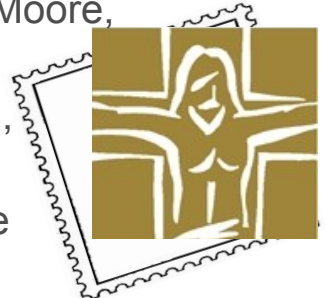
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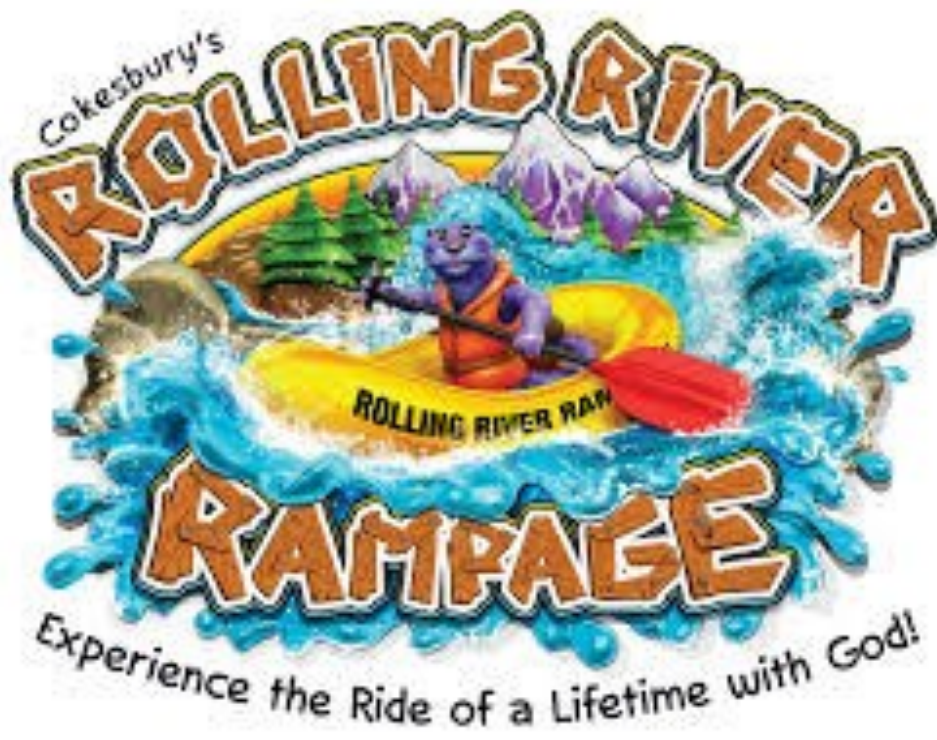


for your Kindness

June 1st and 2nd we had our annual garage sale. This year we had proceeds split between youth summer trips and Program of Hope. We raised a total of \$3220. We donated the left over items to Bridge House/ Grace House. This summer we are sending 4 youth on trips. I am so thankful to have a congregation that supports this mission.

A special thank you for your help with the garage sale to Evelyn Toby, Ron Palmisano, Cynthia Palmisano, Sharon Fortine, Tony Hill, Laurie Robinson, Portia Robinson, Ethan Etland, Julie Etland, Ryan Isham, Mike Isham, Margaret Corcoran, Cheryl Wise, Emily Garland, Debbie Russo, Beverly Ross, Mary Antill, Jeremy Moore, Connor Boudreaux, Ernestine Price, Dennis Price, Amy Cardinale, Linda Lowry, Suzanne Wooderson, Jananne Lankard, Carolyn Calvin, Lorraine Hicks, Jeanette Spiess, Josh Hebert, Jacob Russo, Steve and Sue Crawford.





VBS July 23-27

9:00-12:00

Volunteers Needed

Please contact

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PROGRAM OF HOPE – JUNE REPORT



As of this moment, we have completed three (3) of the four (4) weeks in June. We will be up again in November – which will be our third month (including January) of the year. The first three weeks of this month may have been the busiest three weeks we have experienced during the run of this program. Some recent developments in the benefits offered by our program may have been responsible for the noted uptick:

- The program has returned to making available two vouchers per person/month. A voucher provides one over-night stay, meals, and shower at the Salvation Army facility.

- Six (6) bus tokens are now available per month (2/week). (The increases in available vouchers and bus tokens are the result of accumulated special donations.)

- NEW – The program is now providing “breakfast” (a high protein snack) when folks first arrive (along with the traditional coffee). As example, John Calvin provided “string cheese” (6 grams of protein) during this month.



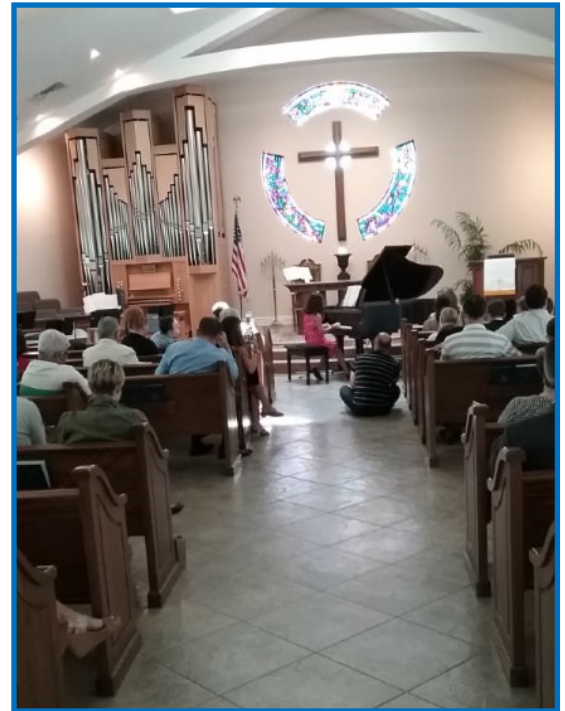
- Continuing: Student social workers are available on site; A Health Dept. mobile unit is available several times a month to do screenings, such as those for AIDS and TB; Of course, lunches, toiletries, and clothing continue to be provided.

- NEW – Soon, several computers will be available on site for the limited use of those whom we serve. St. Charles Presbyterian has been instrumental in the funding of this new service.

*The foundation of the Program of Hope is its volunteers – all of whom have been so loyal to this program, year after year – THANK YOU: **Margaret Corcoran, Carol Formaux, Lorraine Hicks, Sue Crawford, Barbara McHan, Jananne Lankard, Barbara Remmelts, Barbara Eagan, Barbara Taylor, Sharon Fortin, Linda Lowry, Amy Cardinale, and Richard Britson.***

MORE MUSIC IN OUR SANTUARY

Coming on the heels of the *Louisiana Federation of Music Club's 90th Annual Convention*, two (2) separate musical recitals were held in John Calvin's Sanctuary in May. Terri Liberto presented 29 of her piano students, before an audience of 100 family and friends (two photos below). The event was followed by a reception in the Narthex. This marks the 5th year that Terri has conducted her recitals at John Calvin, now three (3) per year.



Less than a week later, Victoria Rosado performed a flute recital, before an audience of about forty (40) friends and associates. Joining her – on the clarinet – was a close friend (she is pictured in the single photo – please note that the accompanying pianist is John Calvin's own, Jesse Reeks!). *

*** THE WORD IS OUT. VICTORIA WAS REFERRED TO US BY "A MEMBER OF THE LPO." THE EXCEPTIONALISM OF THE SANTUARY'S AESTHETICS AND ACOUSTICS HAS CLEARLY GAINED TRACTION IN THE COMMUNITY.**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE



As of May 27, 2018, the Crosses advised us that they are no longer able to provide our flowers for the Sunday morning services.

After much searching, the Worship Committee decided to go with Nosegay Florist, which is near our church. We felt they would best meet our needs.

If you would like to sponsor and/or contribute flowers for the Sanctuary, you may sign-up on the Flower Chart, located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please make your check out to "JCPC", with "flowers" written on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Please note, you may take the flowers home after the 10:30 Worship on your sponsored Sunday. If you decide not to take them home, they will bring smiles to those who are ill and/or homebound.

Resolution of Appreciation

from

Presbytery of South Louisiana to John Calvin Presbyterian Church

June 5, 2018

SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "JESUS LOVES ME."

*Dear John Calvin, now we say,
Thanks for hosting us today.
Your great kindnesses inspire
Sarasota hearts on fire.*

Refrain

*John Cal, we thank you!
John Cal, we love you!
John Cal, we thank you!
You've shown Christ's love to us.*

*Miracles behind the scenes.
Yakamein and Okra Greens.
Friendly faces, patient guides,
Love all 'round - and joy besides!*

Refrain

*John Cal, we thank you!
John Cal, we love you!
John Cal, we thank you!
You've shown Christ's love to us.*

*Dear John Calvin, now we pray
That God guides you on the way,
Through transition 'till you see
Your new pastor - number 3!*

Refrain

*John Cal, we thank you!
John Cal, we love you!
John Cal, we thank you!
You've shown Christ's love to us.*

THE REVEREND HARRY A. BROWN
HONORABLE RETIREMENT
FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
JUNE 5TH, 2018





Happy Birthday

July

Palermo, Andrew	07/02	Corcoran, Layne	07/13	Kron, Kelly	07/23
Taylor, Bruce	07/04	Bagwell, Jan	07/17	Prince, Ray	07/25
Ashmore, Dr. Richard	07/07	Ashurst, Dian	07/18	Fernandez, Amy	07/25
Mundell, Sandy	07/08	Morrell, Mel	07/19	Robinson, Portia	07/28
Rich, Madeline Cecile	07/09	Bush, Joshua	07/19	Cardinale, Amy	07/29
Wade, Mike (Roy)	07/12	Garland, Emily	07/21	Malsbary, Robert	07/29
Nelson, Erica	07/13	Stropolo, Wyatt	07/21	Hebert, Christian	07/29
Corcoran, Kate	07/13	Laporte, Langley	07/22	Ferguson, Jeff	07/31
		Hill, Sofia	07/22		

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



July

- 1st: Congregations Mtg after Worship
- 2nd: Worship CM @ 5:30p (CR)
- 4th: Independence Day
>Church Office Holiday
- 8th: C/E CM after Worship
- 9th: P/S Summer Camp Wk-3
>Outreach CM @ 6:30p (Lbry)
>JCPC Youth Week @ Mo Ranch
- 10th: Resource @ 7:00p (CR)
- 18th: P/S Summer Camp Wk-4
>Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lib)
- 23rd: JCPC VBS
>JCPC Youth Week @ Montreat



August

- 1st: PW Churchwide Gathering @ Louisville, KY
- 5th: Worship CM 5:30p/CR
- 7th: PW Council Mtg @ 10:00 (Lbry)
- 13th: Outreach CM @ 6:30p (Lbry)
- 14th: Resource @ 7:00p (CR)
- 16th: 23rd Genr'l Assembly Convenes
- 20th: Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lib)

“Just because it’s summer time...
don’t forget to go to church”
It’s good for the soul...

Quote by: Rene’ Miller

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

John Calvin Presbyterian Church



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