



Good News

First Presbyterian Church

June 2019



If we live by the
SPIRIT,
let us also be
guided by the
SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 5:25, NRSV

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As most everyone should know by now, **we've got a new roof!** (Well, *almost*: We still need it to be inspected and a few minor things for them to do; But mostly it's done!) No longer should we see any leaks in our flat roof (if you do see something tell us immediately!). Now we'll just need to pay for it.....

Hearing the guys working on the roof reminded me of an old Tom Hanks movie, "The Money Pit". It's a funny movie of fixing a house where everything that can go wrong does: the staircase collapses, the bathtub falls through the floor, etc. At the end the contractor tells them "A good foundation is essential. If you have a good foundation, everything else can be fixed."

It's like Jesus' parable of the two builders in the Sermon on the Mount: Those who hear his words are like those who build their house on rock, but those who don't are like those who build their house on sand. While we typically think of that in regards to our personal lives, it can equally apply to our church life. When we have a good foundation, it can withstand the storms of life and anything else (like a roof) can be fixed.

But by a good foundation here, I don't mean simply "Jesus". I mean the ways we function and live as a church is a part of our 'foundation': What are our foundation beliefs? What is the foundational purpose for us to be First Presbyterian of Slidell? What are our foundational goals as a church? I dare say, we'd have a much problem answering them as fixing the roof ourselves.

You see, unfortunately, the foundation that we had built our church on is now crumbling. As the world has moved on from where we used to be, our foundation has shifted and become much less stable and sturdy. As Barry Chance at our “presbytery listening meeting” during our session meeting implied: We need a new purpose, a new vision, a new direction to move our church towards, a new more stable foundation for a new future.

As we go forward, I hope you’ll help me and the session as we imagine the new future that God might have for us, and help us lay a new foundation for the future (now that the holes in the roof are fixed.

Blessings & Peace
Keith

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Fundraising Assistance

Due to many leaks in the church's flat roof, and due the abundance of patches over years past, it is time for us to replace the "Holy" roof with a brand new one, lighter in color, which will help keep our electric bill costs down.

After many quotes, questions, and session meetings, the session approved a new roof that cost \$57,000.00. We hope to recoup these monies over a three year time period to replenish the account so we have enough funds to keep the doors open and keep our wonderful Pastor here at FPC.

If you wish to contribute to this very important cause, just write ROOF on your check or envelope. Thank you for your continued support of FPC and all that we do!



Our Fellowship Dinners will resume in September so that Chef Jeff can enjoy the summer off.

We will host a pot luck luncheon during the summer to continue fellowshiping with one another.

Dates to be announced.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Father's Day is on Sunday June 16

There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

On this Father's day, let us honor above all, God the Father. When we honor, worship, and praise our Lord, nothing else matters.

THE MISSIONS CORNER



**SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS**

Continue the ministry of Jesus Christ!

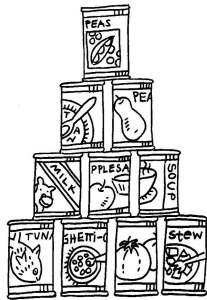
Help Feed the Hungry

Saturday, June 1, 2019

9 a.m. till Noon.

@ Mount Olive

2457 2nd St, Slidell, LA 70458



FOOD DRIVE

Community Christian Concern & Miramon Center (CCC) offers emergency basic need to families in Slidell, & Pearl River & the transitional men's facility.

CCC is located at 2515 Carey St.,
Slidell, LA 70458 Ph # 985-646-0357

CCC needs help stocking its pantry for the summer. They are asking for peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, and canned vegetables. There are blue bins in each of the church foyers to put your donations in.

Thank you for helping to touch one life at a time!

THE MISSIONS CORNER

Thanks to all who gave to One Great Hour of Sharing and to One Great Shower of Herring (OGHOS and OGSOH).
Our goal was \$450. **We received \$1,535 which is amazing!**



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

We are now collecting for our Pentecost Offering. Proceeds go to * Children at Risk * Youth * Young Adults *.
Our goal is \$450. Let's share the love of Christ with the youth around the world. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Thank you!

Gospel & Jazz Extravaganza

June 21, 2019 @ 7 pm

910 Cross Gates Blvd

St. Luke The Evangelist Church Auditorium

Featuring:

City Wide Choir of Slidell

St. Peter Claver Gospel Choir

The Legendary Ronnie Kole

Proceeds benefit CCC

LECTIONARY READINGS

JUNE 2019

June 2 – Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Revelation 21: 10, 22: 1-5

John 14: 23-29

Sermon: Looking Up to Heaven

June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sermon: The Work of the Spirit

June 16 – Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Sermon: Three Hands Clapping

June 23

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: Out on the Margins with Demons

June 30

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: Guest Preacher

BOLD indicates the primary scripture passage.

WORSHIP PAGES



June 2 Samantha Gossoo

June 9 Wilma Dickey

June 16 Jeff McDowell

June 23 Jeff McDowell

June 30 Dawn Dussor

Greeters: Magda Angle and Richard Dickey

Snack Preparation: JoAnne Gay

Communion Prep: Margie Wood

On Sunday, June 2, we celebrate Christ's Ascension,

"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1: 8b-9

Ascension Day occurs ten days before Pentecost. It always falls on a **Thursday**, and we celebrate on Sunday.

No matter which day you choose to celebrate our Savior's ascension, each of us is left with the monumental task of making disciples of all the world. For **we are His "witnesses"**.

Join us at table as we celebrate Communion with our Lord on Ascension Sunday, June 2nd.

WORSHIP PAGES

Come and Celebrate Pentecost

Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 10:15 am



The Christian holiday of **Pentecost**, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday (50 days) after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). Come to worship with us and experience the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

Trinity Sunday is June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday is to explain, to the best of man's ability, the clues written in scripture to guide us to a fuller understanding of our Triune God.

We remember the Father as our Creator.

We remember the Son as our Savior.

We remember the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.

Join us on Trinity Sunday for a day filled with blessings from the Holy Spirit.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE



***Mileigh Louise Harter** (child of Michael & Ashleigh Harter)–celebrating Baptism

***Family & Friends of Jesse Curole**—on his passing

Royce Cannon (friend of Dussor's) – recovering from back surgery

Glenys Patrick – recovering from hip surgery

Alice Cartmill Johnson (Sue's daughter) – recovering from back surgery

Helen Clifton – recovering from knee surgery

Joy Martinez (friend of Veitches) – health concerns

Evelyn Agnelly (friend of Veitches) - Cancer

Charlie Gutridge (Jeff & Kathy's Grandson) – spinal muscular atrophy

Brenda Veitch – health concerns

Roy Casto (friend of the Mrs. Glenys) – health concerns

Michael Wilcox (Son of Sue's friend Pat) – cancer

Barbara Toups (Sue's Son-In-Law's Sister) – undergoing cancer treatment

Paula Gunn – at home

Harry Babirad (Shirley's brother-in-law) - cancer

Mitchel Glasgow (Marsha Carson's brother) - cancer

Shirley Sharpe – health concerns

Vivian Huntington – health concerns

Elwin Washburn (Brother of Vivian Huntington) parkinson's

Our Veterans, Our Military, Our First Responders, & Diplomatic

Persons – Serving around the world

- *Indicates new person or change in condition
- Please notify the office if the condition has changed or if someone needs to be added to the list. Thank you.



Paula Gunn June 4
Glenys Patrick June 27

MINISTRY NEWS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS

Facilities and Finance

Laurie Clark ('19)

Glen Carson ('20)

Jim Veitch ('21)

WMMCCE

(Worship, Mission, Member Care, Christian Ed)

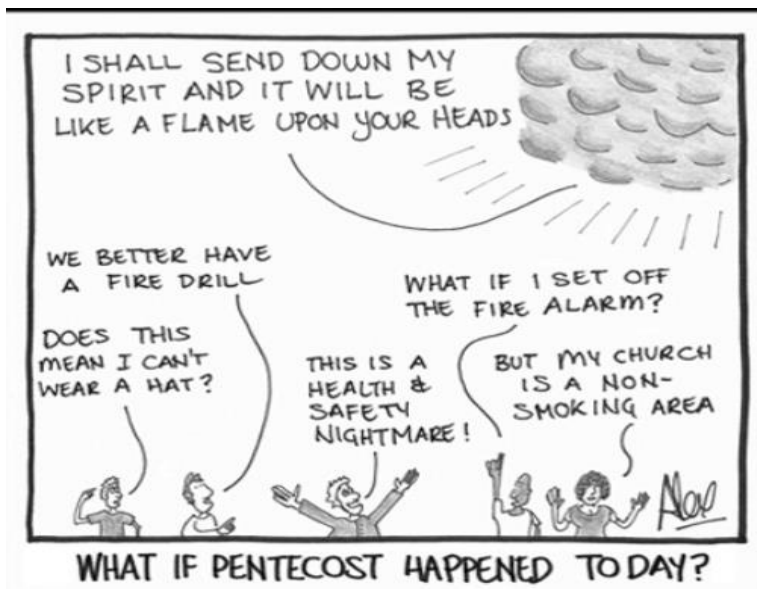
Jeff McDowell ('19)

Larry Gay ('20)

Wilma Dickey ('21)



HOLY HUMOR



COMING ATTRACTIONS



Happy Birthday America!



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1041 NINTH STREET
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Service Times:
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Worship – 10:15 a.m.