

July 2013

PASTOR

Revd Fred J. Powell III

ADMIN. ASSIST./WEDDING COORDINATOR

Cheryl A. Roberts

MUSICIANS

May Ball, Amanda Wadsworth, Aya Magavina

SEXTON

Aristeo Zarato

THE SESSION

Steven Strength, Clerk of Session

Kristy Ruppel, Treasurer

Class of 2013

Amie Benson

Tracy Rene' Helms-Capasso

Class of 2014

Sherri Hutton

Steven Strength

Class of 2015

Christopher Roberts

Claire Trimble

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David Capasso; Kyle Ann Carmichael; Diane Kleinfeldt

Samantha Larsen; David Rabinowitz

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WORK DAY— a HUGE success

A big thank you to everyone who came to help beautify our Fellowship Hall. Many, many thanks to *Sherri Hutton* who single handedly provided all of the food and drinks for the hungry workers. Gabriel and Luke Capasso

enjoyed using the vacuum to get the dusk off of the floor and stage. Among the tasks were wiping of the halls, dusting, cleaning of the chairs, cleaning the kitchen, and throwing away old expired products. The old refrigerator has been disposed of and taken away by whom ever needed it. Chris Roberts and David Capasso enjoyed using the Ghostbusters vacuum to clean way up in the rafters.

We have a wonderful venue in the Fellowship Hall and now it can truly shine. Teamwork makes a big difference.

Thank you , Chris Roberts and Team



Hurray for the Riff Raff Band cd recording



Our sanctuary was the backdrop and recording studio on Tuesday, June 25 for "Hurray for the Riff Raff", a wonderful Indie Country/Folk group based in New Orleans with a sound a bit like the Dixie Chicks but more introspective, and with albums on both sides of the Atlantic. Alanda Lee Segarra and her band, are headed out on a 3 month concert tour but will be back in September and are talking about playing during 11 am worship when they get back home. Their new album, recorded live at First Presbyterian will be available in February of 2014.

Where y'at, Preacher?

"Taking the 5th" on the 4th of July

I have to admit that I'm a closet patriot. I love the noblest ideals that the USA has engendered over the years, am deeply grateful for the privileges of American citizenship, and I revel in showing my country to foreign visitors. But I don't talk about it much because I'm much prouder of being a citizen of the "Kin-dom" of God; glad that through my baptism that I am part of a regime that crosses borders and oceans, champions the best things about humanity and seeks to follow the banner of love. That doesn't mean that we as the church don't fail; we fail miserably in many ways. But the Great Ends of the Church (see below) are a charter that, like the constitution of the USA, attempts to protect and define and guide all who find themselves within it.

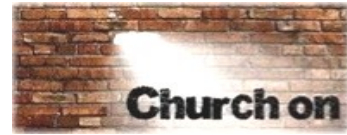


As we celebrate July 4th we do well to remember that national power and preeminence is not a Christian goal, and often leads countries astray, nor can we accept the notion of "My country right or wrong" since Christians should constantly seek to champion that which is true and loving to all peoples, and humbly acknowledge when we at fault and make amends.

But I WILL quietly celebrate July 4th with thanks and joy remembering that the US has created a governmental system that is an improvement upon any heretofore seen in the world, and that because of our great privileges and power, that we are also given many opportunities to create peace, advocate for those who are silenced, love our enemies and be a light set upon a hill to welcome others.

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind**
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God**
- The maintenance of divine worship**
- The preservation of the truth**
- The promotion of social righteousness**
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**



Church on the Move

PROUD of FPCNO

The 4th weekend in June was the annual NOLA pride parade, celebrating the lives and struggles of the LGBT community (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgendered). This was the second year that First Presbyterian Church had a presence in the parade and this year the festivities were expanded to include a "Chevron Family Day" in Washington Square Park as well as a Block Party on Sunday afternoon on the Esplanade end of Bourbon street. First Presbyterian Church marched in the Saturday parade with help and assistance from some of the Young Adult Volunteers.



Young Adults Volunteers support First Presbyterian in parade

First Presbyterian **FAMILY PLANNING**

- STEP 1:** Plan to find someone you can love. (FPCNO is great place to meet quality men and women)
- STEP 2.** Plan to spend time together, treating this person with integrity, grace, humor and reverence. (Praying together is great too!)
- STEP 3.** When you can't live without each other, plan on making a commitment.
- STEP 4.** Make plans to celebrate your love at First Presbyterian Church!
- STEP 5.** Live long and prosper!

YOU'VE GOT FRIENDS AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEW ORLEANS

On Sunday, June 23 Amie Benson, Chad Pittman, Justin Woods, and Pastor Fred set up a booth at the Block party to talk about Presbyterianism as well as to promote FPCNO as welcoming place both for single LGBT people and LGBT families!

We handed out FPCNO info and party favors inviting couples to pledge their love here! We hope to expand this outreach at Southern Decadence during Labor Day weekend.

If you would be willing to volunteer, please send Pastor Fred an email at pastor@fpcno.org

OLD TIME SQUARE DANCE

featuring
LIVE CALLERS
BETH FOGLEMAN
NATHAN HARRISON
DAN WALLY BAKER
MUSIC BY
old time fiddlers
Emolyn Liden
& Robin Brück

MONDAY - JULY 8th

@7:00 PM, \$5, BYOB

NEW TO SQUARE DANCING? COME FROM
7:00-8:00 PM FOR BEGINNERS AND BEANS (\$1/BOWL)



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Farewell to Jo Ann Forté

Who has moved to Mississippi. She has found her a wonderful home and will probably be searching for a part-time job to supplement her income working for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. She is very excited about the move, but will sadly miss all of the wonderful people she has met at First Presbyterian Church and the Program of Hope Homeless Ministry. We will miss her easygoing personality and heartfelt attitude. Jo Ann's phone number and email address will remain the same for anyone who wants to keep in touch.



Treasurer's Report

Kristy Ruppel

Numbers from May 2013:

Income:

Plate: \$1830.25

Rentals: \$3300.00

Other: \$965.43

TOTAL: \$6095.68

Expenses:

Benevolence: \$1770.26

Pastoral Leadership: \$6314.25

Employees/Contractors: \$2339.48

Building Expenses: \$2181.38

Insurance: \$5922.97

Other: \$659.41



Goodbye to Jeff Chaz

After providing music for worship on Sundays and music for the Program of Hope on Wednesday for more than three years, FPCNO musician Jeff Chaz has been called to a New Orleans Pentecostal church. Jeff's music provided a true touch of New Orleans flavor and many of his songs were completely original compositions. His last Sunday with us was Father's Day, June 16. We wish him well and are looking for other musicians who might like to give us their twist on faith, music and life! Please call the church office if you know of likely guest musicians.

Praying for Those in Need

Jeff Chaz

Leona Hansell

Joyce Kleinfeldt

Ann Marie Zenetos

Lorraine Drummey

Adrian (Tudy) Manson

Prayers for the homeless

Parkway Presbyterian Church

Vacation Bible School 2013

Clean Water for All God's Children

July 15-19 (9-noon), 21 (10-noon)

Lunch after

All are welcome! ages 4-grade 5;

\$25/child; \$50 max/family

Need community service hours? Volunteer.

www.facebook.com/PPCM.VBS

For more info: contact Parkway Presbyterian

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Program of Hope CLOSED	4 4th of July (Independence Day) CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
7 Happy Birthday Elenore Maier 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship - COMMUNION (Refreshments -) (Liturgist -)	8 7:pm - Old Time Square Dancing	9	10 9am-11am -Program of Hope	11 6pm - Meditative Prayer	12 5pm - Mayo/James rehearsal 7pm - Tango class	13 5pm - Mayo/James wedding
14 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Refreshments -) (Liturgist -)	15	16 6:30pm - Session meeting	17 9am-11am -Program of Hope	18 6pm - Meditative Prayer	19 7pm - Tango class	20 Happy Birthday Kofi Adzaku
Parkway Presbyterian Church - Vacation Bible School - 9am—12pm						
21 Happy Birthday Henry Kleinfeldt 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Refreshments-) (Liturgist -)	22	23	24 9am-11am -Program of Hope 11am - Deacon's meeting 6:30pm - Men's Night	25 6pm - Meditative Prayer	26 7pm - Tango class	27
28 Happy Birthday Vivian Adzaku 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Refreshments -) (Liturgist -)	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Justin Wood 9am-11am -Program of Hope			