

Presbytery of Mississippi Newsletter

March, 2019

Through Word, Welcome and Wonder we partner to serve Jesus.

*"Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open,
Let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it.
For indeed the good news came to us just as to them; but the message
they heard did not benefit them because they were not united by faith with
those who listened..."*

*So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who
enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from his.*

*Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall
through such disobedience as theirs."*

-Hebrews 4:1-2, 9-10

ELDER TRAINING – Saturday, March 30th 9:30 AM-3:30 PM, Pineville Presbyterian Church,

4476 Menge Avenue, Pass Christian, MS

This is training for serving The Lord's Supper in your own particular congregation in the absence of an ordained minister. The presbytery is offering this for our smaller churches that often have difficulty arranging for a visiting minister to be with them. Any Ruling Elder who is interested in this training is encouraged to contact Dr. Rob Lowry (Rob@FondrenPCUSA.org) or 501-773-5131. A number of Elders have completed the course and will be commissioned by the presbytery for this limited service.

CONGRATULATIONS – LONG BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is celebrating 110 years of ministry on **SUNDAY, MARCH 31st at the 10:30 AM** worship with their former pastor, Dr. Charles Holland, preaching. A catered lunch will follow the morning worship. Presbytery members are invited to come and join us as we celebrate our past and anticipate our future.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH EVENT – A meeting will happen on **SUNDAY, MAY 5th at 2:30 PM** at Westminster Presbyterian in Hattiesburg to plan a Sunday afternoon back-to-school event for youth (6th grade-12th grade) in August of this year. Each church is invited to send a representative (or two) to the meeting. Please contact Christopher Crotwell or Tommy Suttle at Westminster by calling the church office 601-584-7574 to share your church's interest.

CERTIFIED EARTH CARE CONGREGATION – Congratulations to Gautier Presbyterian Church for being named a “Certified Earth Care Congregation” for 2019. They are 1 of 232 churches in the PCUSA with this designation; Gautier has held the certification since 2014. This is a program sponsored by the Presbyterian Hunger Program for congregations that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth. The current designation is through February, 2020. For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program, visit www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.

RE-IGNITE WORSHIP GRANTS – New grants have been made to the following congregations working to improve their worship experience: First Presbyterian, Lucedale for organ repair and piano tuning; Faith Presbyterian, Jackson for new computer software and a new printer for bulletins; St. Luke's Presbyterian, Jackson for portable sound system, LCD projector and computer; Gautier Presbyterian, Gautier for new signage and installation of same.

Approximately \$5,900 remains in the fund; join the 13 churches of the presbytery who have received grants by submitting your application today. It must be for something that will enhance your worship; not for salaries; and limited to \$1,000 per church. Submit applications to reigniteworship2018@gmail.com or contact Dr. Rob Lowry (Rob@FondrenPCUSA.org) or 501 -773-5131 cell)

COMING EVENTS:

March 23, 2019 – PW Spring Gathering, Westminster, Hattiesburg

March 30, 2019 – Elder Training for Communion, Pineville Presbyterian, Pass Christian 9:30 am

March 31, 2019 – Long Beach Presbyterian 110th celebration 10:30 AM followed by lunch

April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

May 2-5, 2019 – MS Presbyterian Cursillo, Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, MS. Registration at www.ms-presbyterian-cursillo.org No charge for 1st time attendees.

May 5, 2019 – Presbytery Youth Planning Event, Westminster, Hattiesburg 2:30 PM

June 13-15, 2019 – PW Triennial, First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo

August 1-3, 2019 – Big Tent, Baltimore

August 10, 2019 – Presbytery meeting, Prospect Presbyterian Church, Meridian