



WEEKLY MESSENGER

JANUARY 22, 2017

WORSHIP NOTES

Following the benediction, you are invited to the Harris Room at the rear of the Sanctuary for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

Deacon of the Week, Clay Cotton is available for spiritual care needs during the week. You may contact him at 504.362.5497.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mid-Week Community Meals: Join us for our weekly meals each Wednesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 (\$8/adult, \$4/child, \$20 family max). On Wednesday January 25, we will have Italian salad, chicken spaghetti, Italian squash and zucchini followed by a performance by The Graduates. To ensure a plate, reservations must be made through the church office by 3pm on Mondays.

The Graduates performance: On Wednesday January 25, The Graduates will perform "Won't Bow Down!" from 6-7pm in the chapel. The Graduates is a three-year old performance ensemble comprised of former members of the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW) Drama Club. The Graduates use their personal experiences with the criminal justice system to create performances that: reach out to young at-risk women; give a window into incarceration's effects on individual lives; and encourage those who have the power to shift current policies to do so.

Book study opportunities: In the coming months, we have 2 book study opportunities. Please contact the church office if you are interested in either/both. In late January, we will begin an evening study of Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow* to learn more about racial injustice and think critically about how we as individuals and communities of faith can speak and act against these injustices. In February, we will begin a morning study called *Sessions With Philippians: Finding Joy in Community* each Tuesday at 10am in the church parlor. This will be an in depth Bible study of Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Christmas Offering: Thank you to everyone who supported our annual International Christmas Offering. We raised \$2951 this year, which will be given to Baptist World Aid's relief work and CBF's efforts in Haiti!

Deacon Ordination & Commissioning: On Sunday January 29th, we will ordain our newest deacon, Jared Regan, and we will commission our 2017 deacons as they commit to another year of serving our congregation.

COMMUNITY LOSS

We are saddened to learn of the death of Bob Carroll, longtime member of the St. Charles community. We pray for Sharon Carroll as she grieves this loss. Services will be held in the sanctuary on Friday January 27th. Visitation will be from 9:30-10am, and the service will be at 10am. Bob will be laid to rest in the national cemetery in Biloxi, MS at 1:30pm.

WINTER CALENDAR

Jan. 25:	Mid-week Community Meal: The Graduates perform "Won't Bow Down!"
Jan. 29:	Deacon Ordination & Commissioning
Jan.	Evening book studies on Michelle Alexander's <i>The New Jim Crow</i>
Feb.	Morning Bible study on <i>Sessions With Philippians</i> Tuesdays at 10am
Feb. 1:	Peace Dinner: Carol Spencer Community Organizer with Together Louisiana and Together New Orleans
Feb. 8:	Mid-week Community Meal: Bryan Stevenson TED Talk
Feb. 12:	4th Quarter 2016 Business Meeting
Feb. 15:	Mid-week Community Meal
Feb. 22:	No Mid-week Community Meal (Mardi Gras)
Feb. 26:	23rd Annual Jazz Worship, Dr. Michael White and the Original Liberty Jazz Band
Feb. 27-28:	Office Closed for Mardi Gras
Mar. 1:	Mid-week Community Meal: Ash Wednesday
Mar. 8:	Peace Dinner: LeDayne Polaski, Executive Director of Baptist Peace Fellowship
Mar. 11:	Saturday workshop with LeDanyne Polaski
Mar. 12:	Sunday worship with LeDayne Polaski
Mar. 15:	Mid-week Community Meal
Mar. 22:	Mid-week Community Meal
Mar. 29:	Mid-week Community Meal
Mar. 31-Apr. 2:	Women's Retreat

BIRTHDAYS

1/20: Julia Lott, 1/23: Becky Meriwether, 1/24: Sydney Bickford, 1/26: Stewart Clark & Joe Hardy, 1/28: Ken Bickford