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Worship in the Sanctuary 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:30 am



The Informer

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A Church of the Pentecost

On May 20, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. We generally recognize Pentecost as the “birthday” of the Christian church, marking the time the church began to send disciples out to spread the Good News. The greatest event of Pentecost was the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in each of those converts. No longer was the Holy Spirit an entity residing away from us and coming when necessary, we now carry the Holy Spirit as a part of our everyday life doing its work in us constantly. The Holy Spirit had become that true advocate promised by Jesus. There is a world of symbolism present in the story of the Pentecost in the Book of Acts, each symbol drawing our attention to God’s work in the church born that day. The rushing, near gale force wind provided evidence something different was happening. Going deeper, the Greek word for spirit is “pneuma” or breath. Our breath resides in us and is absolutely necessary for us to exist. Our breathing is so automatic we don’t realize we do it. Likewise, the Holy Spirit is the breath of God, filling us and sustaining us in our spiritual life. We should strive that our faith practice be as automatic as our breath. We very often use fire to represent the presence of God, such as with the candles we use in the church. In scripture, God lead the Israelites out of Egypt with a column of fire. Think also that fire refines metals burning the lesser metals away, leaving just the pure desirable metal. The trash from the harvest is burned after the grain is removed. The tongues of fire on the heads of those gathered there was evidence the Holy Spirit was present there, refining their hearts and spirits. The fire of Pentecost burns away the undesirable parts of our lives and seeks to make us people of courage, boldness and strength. The fact that everyone spoke in their own language, while the words were heard by those present in the language they spoke so the message was understood by all. These words descended from the wind to their ears, just like the dove that came down from

heaven as Jesus was baptized. Because Holy Spirit came to everyone that day, giving them the Word, it serves as strong evidence of God's intention the Good News is for everyone and God has provided for their access. On May 20, I would ask all the members to wear red, symbolizing that we are a church born of the Pentecost. Even if red is "not your color" please be part of the celebration. Make the church seem ablaze with the believers. Show your spirit.

Shalom, David

What is Pentecost Sunday? Pentecost Sunday is the day of the Pentecost festival, a prominent feast in the calendar of Ancient Israel. Originally, it was observed as a harvest festival known as the Feast of Weeks (shavuot). After the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., sacrifices could no longer be brought to the Temple, the festival focused on celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. Later in the Christian liturgical year Pentecost came to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the remaining eleven disciples of Christ after the Resurrection of Jesus. It is also called White Sunday, Whit Sunday, Whitsun, or Whit, especially in the United Kingdom. It al-

ways falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" it is celebrated 50 days from Easter Sunday (counting Easter), hence its name.

OUTREACH NEWS

On March 18 fifteen of our Geyer Springs Family went to Faith UMC and participated in a food packing event. We received 45 boxes of meals for our food pantry after this event donated by Faith UMC. Thanks to all who participated and brought the boxes over to Geyer Springs UMC.

On March 31 we had an Easter Egg Hunt and free community meal at our church for all neighbors in our community. About 30 children and 50 adults were present. Many church members helped stuff eggs in the weeks before. Leah, Lisa, Chuck, Dorothy Gantz, Jessica Jones and Conrad Jarvis hid eggs. While the crowd waited, children did crafts and adults looked at our community garden information. Kathy Kline, Annie Ross, and Kristianna Pittenger provided garden info and an activity as well as an opportunity for neighbors to sign up for a garden plot. Chris Kline cooked his famous spaghetti and everybody, especially the

children, loved it! Many thanks to Chris, Barbara and Stan Chapman, Kathy Rodgers, Ellie Jones, Betty Ross, Anna Templeton, Leslie Templeton, Chuck Reaves, Lisa Hoggard, and Kathy Kline who all helped in the kitchen with preparation and clean up and Ruby Faye O'Donnell who provided eggs, candy and door prizes. Everybody seemed to have a really good time. We all got a chance to meet and visit with our neighbors as we did crafts, the egg hunt and meal. We loved seeing the smiles on the children's faces and appreciated the many thanks as people left. I believe we did a wonderful neighborhood outreach which will continue with the garden. Our \$5,000 grant from the conference financed this project. THANK YOU TO ALL!!! PICTURES OF BOTH EVENTS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

Terri

Thank You

It would be so hard to get through the parts of life that include pain and doubt without a God to lean on and a church family to remind us that our God is with us. Your visits, cards, prayers, phone calls and thought-

fulness have helped me get through this time knowing that my family is there waiting for me to come back. Thank you for your support, and hopefully I'll be back soon! God bless you all!

Mary Sue



May 3 Don Ridgeway
 May 4 Jeanne Wood
 May 5 Robin Jones
 May 5 Vernetta Grizzelle
 May 9 Linda Fitzhugh
 May 14 Marie Hinton
 May 15 Dicky Staggs
 May 17 Garret Voth
 May 18 Lloyd Wilson
 May 21 Isaac Nutt
 May 24 Ken Graves
 May 25 Chanda Adams
 May 27 Lily Young
 May 29 Katelyn Jones
 May 31 Lee Pool

**Treatment and Concerns:**

Please continue to let us know of your prayer, joys, and concerns:
 Rev. David Hoffman, (501) 475-6397
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Grief:**Rehab & Nursing Centers:****Home Bound:**

Mildred Chenault
 Carol Haskins
 Charles Turley
 Betty Stout
 Lloyd & Hazel Wilson

Treatment and Concerns:

John Bencick	Rose Kelly
Marie Brown	Tom Kelly
Sherry Cardell	Hildegard May
Martha Drennon	Linda McCown
Mildred Chenault	Fay O'Donnell
Glenda Clay	Victoria Ross
Carol Haskins	Janet Swaty
Linda Fitzhugh	Rodney Swaty
Carol Haskins	Rose Teter
Mary Sue Henry	Lloyd Willson
Barbara Jarvis	Hazel Wilson

Wednesday Night Fellowship
Wednesday Evenings
at 5:30 pm

Adults: \$3 Children: \$1 Any of the host groups welcomes your help.

May 2	Blackwell
May 9	UMM
May 16	New Beginnings
May 23	Myers
May 30	UMW



The Food Pantry continues to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. This would not be possible without the generous support of our congregation. Donations to the Food Pantry may be given directly to Terri Hammond or to the office with a designation "Food Pantry" on your envelope.

Upcoming Wedding Showers

On May 20 there will be a wedding shower for Maranda Jones and Austin Meachum from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited. Maranda is daughter of Mike and Ellie Jones.

On June 10 there will be a wedding shower for Garrett Volk and Brittany Fields from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited. Garrett is grandson of Jim Washburn.

**MOTHERS'DAY FUNDRAISER COMING UP
HONOR OR REMEMBER A MOTHER**

If you want to remember a mother, grandmother, mother- in- law, aunt , daughter, daughter-in-law or granddaughter who is a mother, this will be printed in a special bulletin on Mothers' Day. Please make a donation to the Food Pantry and fill out the following. Put Your money and information in a church envelope and put it in the offering or mail it in.

Please do this by MAY 9 TO ALLOW TIME FOR PRINTING! IF YOU WANT A BULLETIN TO BE MAILED TO SOMEONE, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND INCLUDE THEIR ADDRESS.

I want to HONOR REMEMBER (CIRCLE ONE)
NAME

YOUR NAME _____

REMEMBER EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE BUYS FIVE POUNDS OF FOOD FROM THE AR
FOODBANK FOR US TO FEED THE HUNGRY. WE ARE FEEDING MANY HUNGRY.....ABOUT 1200
INDIVIDUALS A MONTH . THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	30	1 - 5:00 PM ESL class	2 - 5:30 PM WNF	3 El Zocalo Don Ridgway - 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON - 6:00 PM 4-H Meeting	4 Jeanne Wood	5 Robin Jones Cinco de Mayo Vernetta Grizzelle
6 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	7	8 - 5:00 PM ESL class	9 Linda Fitzhugh - 5:30 PM WNF - 5:30 PM UMM Meal Cook	10 El Zocalo	11	12
13 Mother's Day El Zocalo - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	14 Marie Hinton	15 Dicky Staggs - 5:00 PM ESL class	16 - 5:30 PM WNF	17 El Zocalo Garret Voth - 9:00 AM Food Pantry - 4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline	18 Lloyd Wilson	19
20 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	21 Isaac Nutt	22 - 5:00 PM ESL class	23 - 5:30 PM WNF	24 El Zocalo Ken Graves	25 Chanda Adams	26
27 Lily Young - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	28 Memorial Day	29 Katelyn Jones - 5:00 PM ESL class	30 - 5:30 PM WNF	31 Lee Pool El Zocalo	1 Andy & Chanda Adams Carol Haskins	2 Randell Templeton