



ADVENTURE

NEWS

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June Highlights



Tuesdays

- Men's Prayer Group 6:45 a.m.

Thursdays

- (1st & 3rd) Parents and Kids @ Home 10:00 a.m.
- Faithful Quilters Group 7:00 p.m.
- Women's Prayer Group 7:30 p.m.

Sundays

- Worship 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10

- Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 9

- Agape Latte 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 12 Pentecost (Wear RED)

Tuesday, June 14

- Retirees' Luncheon, Olive Garden 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 16

- Book Club 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 18

- Blood Drive 7:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 22

- Summer Book Club 6:30 p.m. @ Seamans'

Thursday, June 23

- Potpourri 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 24

- Serve at Siena/Francis House 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

- Boy Scout Garage Sale

See enclosed calendar for more.

Vacation Bible School



Where God is Wild About You!!!

June 6 - 10

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. VBS: 6 - 8 p.m.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Summer Book Club



The Summer Book Club will gather at the Seaman's (3704 South 154th Street) on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. They'll discuss the book *Heaven Is For Real* by Todd Burpo.

Book are on sale at the church for \$10. Bring your lawn chair.

Session Highlights

The Session took the following actions at their May meeting:

- The focus of the meeting was the denomination's passage of Amendment 10-A. We discussed possible ramifications and looked at Scripture as our guide. How, for example, do people view Scripture differently? How has Scripture been interpreted throughout Christian history?
- We thanked outgoing elders Skip Dvorak and Kathy Papadopoulos. Steve Drager will extend his term.
- A new Session transition was discussed.
- The April Session minutes were approved.
- The Finance report was approved.
- Received the following reports: Building & Grounds & Finance, Hospitality/Communications and Member Care.

Garage Sale



The annual Troop 492 garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. here at the church.

You may donate gently used items on Thursday night (June 23 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and Friday (June 24 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.).

ATTENDANCE

The average Sunday morning worship attendance in May was 133.

Bible Quiz Answer: D

Amendment 10-A

Presbyterian Book of Order Amendment 10-A, which was approved by the 2010 General Assembly, has now been ratified by the prescribed number of Presbyteries and will become "law" on July 10th.

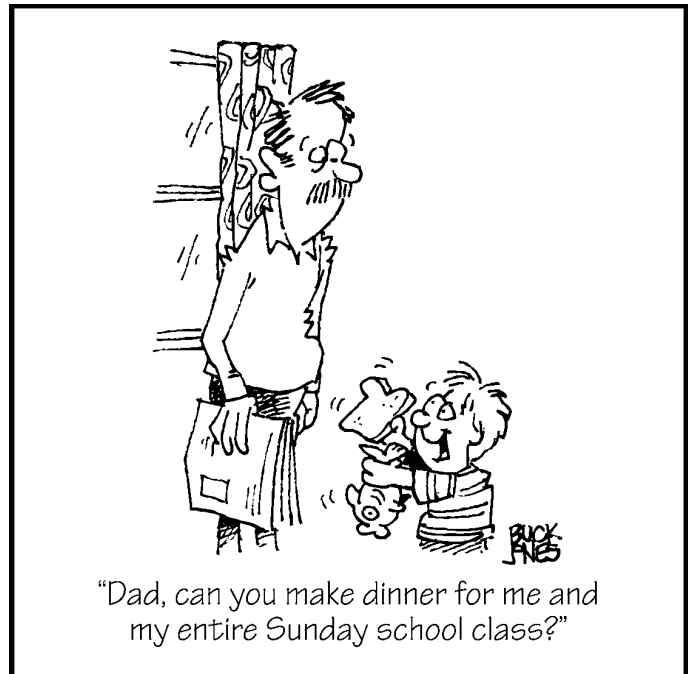
This amendment removes the prohibition against ordaining practicing homosexuals as deacons, elders or ministers. It does not require that they be ordained, it just allows congregations and presbyteries to do so if they desire.

For copies of the official announcements, contact the church office.

"Quote of the Month"

Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory, nor can imagine any. But standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne



Friends:

Did you catch the end of the *Indianapolis 500* recently? I am not a big fan of auto racing but do catch the highlights occasionally. For those who didn't watch the auto race, the race was nearly over when in the final turn, the leader of the race (rookie J.R. Hildebrand) slammed into the wall allowing the second-place driver (Dan Wheldon) to overtake the leader and win the race. All J.R. Hildebrand had to do was avoid the wall, finish the race and ride into the winner's circle. But, it was not to be. Hildebrand's mistake on the final turn cleared the way for the eventual winner.

I am not one who uses sports in sermons very often. I find that the metaphor(s) used in sports do not equate with everyday living. For example, an athlete taking the winning shot in a basketball game does not equate with someone facing cancer treatments. Tiger Wood's failure to win a major golf tournament in the last couple of years doesn't correlate with someone who is unemployed looking for work. I find that the metaphors, or illustrations, fall short when it comes to life. But, the dramatic finish to the *500* made me think about our faith journey.

Do we think about the finish and forget the details that make it possible for us to get there? Do we think more about the particulars and forget the prize that awaits us? At times, I think we do both.

Sometimes we focus on the minutiae of ministry that we fail to keep things in perspective. What do we want to accomplish as a result of a particular ministry? What is the purpose of a book club? Why is it important? What is the purpose of an adult Sunday school class? What is the purpose of gathering after worship? Do we even think about these things? Why do we participate in particular ministries?

At other times I think we fail to think about the process and only look at the end result. Some of us only look at the bottom line (bodies, bucks, and buildings). Is worship attendance growing or declining? Are the financials in order? Is the building being maintained? I find that when we focus too much on the bottom line, we don't do the work necessary to accomplish the ministry task. We gloss over the details and watch other people make up for our lack of effort.

Faithful ministry is balanced and has proper perspective. It is focused on the end result but does not neglect the ministry details. The summer is a good time to look back and look forward. It is a good time to look at some aspects of ministry and ask questions. It is also a good time to look forward by asking ourselves the question: What is God calling us to do?

We can incorporate this understanding in our own faith journey as well. What do I need to do to focus my life and keep a balanced perspective? What tools/resources in the Christian faith help to keep this perspective?

May God bless you as you reflect theologically on these kinds of questions. The grace and peace of the risen Christ be with you.

Pastor Darin

Finance Report



April operating expenses were \$5,099 higher than operating gifts. Gifts are continuing to lag expenses by \$18,877 through the first four months of 2011.

I am hopeful that five Sundays in May will narrow this gap.

It is important to note that we are not in any danger financially at this point because of reserves, but this shortfall has prevented any distribution of 2010's overage to this point.

	April '11	2011 Totals
Operating Gifts	\$17,793	\$71,008
Operating Expenses	\$22,892	\$89,884

Any gifts given to the church that are designated for "building fund" are now considered restricted gifts and deposited into a sub account to be applied toward principal on our bank mortgage. Previously, these were considered operating gifts since the mortgages are paid from the operating account. This change in policy gives members an opportunity to directly reduce the principal on our mortgage.

To set up or manage Electronic Fund Transfers for periodic (weekly, monthly, etc.) giving, please contact the church office (402-330-2683) or Bill Neuman (402-991-2894).

On behalf of Faithful Shepherd, Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

Bill Neuman
Finance Director



Bible Quiz

June is a popular month for weddings. The gospel of John tells about a wedding Jesus attended at Cana. At the reception, he offered a special gift.

What was it?

- A. Money
- B. Pottery
- C. Healing
- D. Wine



The Power of Pentecost



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost started as a Jewish festival commemorating God's giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.

Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he'd promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues (see Acts 2:1-12).

In Christian churches, Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power. Worship services sometimes include hymns, prayers and Scriptures in various tongues. Worshipers are encouraged to wear red. To simulate the original Pentecost experience, congregations may say the Lord's Prayer in several languages at once.

Joys

Birthdays



Birthdays

We wish a happy June birthday to Ryan Greene (6/1), Stanford Swanson (6/1), Scott Wegner (6/4), Matthew McManigal (6/6), Frank Possinger (6/6), Darin Seaman (6/6), Diane Powers (6/7), Jerry McManigal (6/8), Rob Anderson (6/9), Jon Hart (6/9), Jim Carruthers (6/11), Luke Neuman (6/11), Sarah Shaver (6/11), Lois Stage (6/11), Janet DeCelie (6/12), Kylie Jones (6/14), David Hurst (6/16), Gail Shenfield (6/17), Daniel Champion (6/20), Steve Schlosser (6/22), Landry Seaman (6/24), Marguerite Ramsbottom (6/25), Adam Shaver (6/27), Anthony Hart (6/28), Vicky McCann (6/29), and Donna Mau (6/30).

Ed. Note: If we have missed anyone, please let us know.



Anniversaries

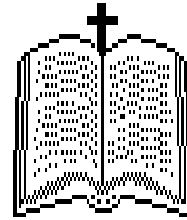
Happy June wedding anniversary wishes to Ron & Donna Mau (6/1), Jeff & Maria Sinley (6/5), Bernie & Kathleen Cherney (6/8), Doug & Diane Boysen (6/12), Dennis & Mary Cleaveland (6/16), Curtis & Kristi White (6/17), Jim & Susan Bullock (6/21), Tim & Debbie Hart (6/21), Todd & Dawn Walkenhorst (6/25), Dave & Lois Stage (6/27), and Scott & Kathy Lea Wegner (6/28).

Guests

Recent guests in worship include DeSirae Funkhouser; Shauntel & Serenity Kruse; Veronica Turner; Garnet Holmes; Tak Mathews; Darlene Frederickson; Cindy Heltne; Brian Stockdale; Margaret Stouffer; Denise Parker; Traci Nasr; Nellie Johnson; Pam Coleman; Mark & Dawn Chronister; Rene & Susan Suntain; Ali & Deb Hermann; Roger & Susan Stewart; Ryan & Shannon Chapman; Dwight Williams; Fred, Cyndee, Amy & Alyssa Barnhard; Betty Divoky; Mark, Angela, Kate & Eli Sukraw; and Dawn & Shane Thomas.



June Worship Schedule



Sunday, June 5: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: *Stay For Dinner*

Please read Luke 24:13-35.

Sunday, June 12: Day of Pentecost

Sermon Title: *What Does This Mean?*

Please read Acts 2:1-21.

Sunday, June 19: First Sunday After Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

New Sermon Series: *The Questions Jesus Asked*

Sermon Title: *Why Are You So Afraid?*

Please read Matthew 8:23-27.

Sunday, June 26: Second Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Title: *What Is It You Want?*

Please read Matthew 20:20-28.

Sunday, July 3: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Title: *Who Do You Say That I Am?*

Please read 1 Peter 3:13-22.



Happy Father's Day

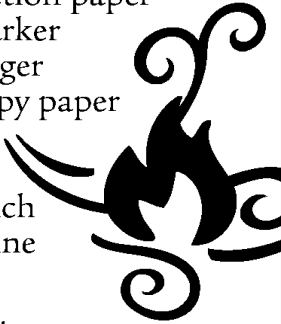
Sunday, June 19, 2011

PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

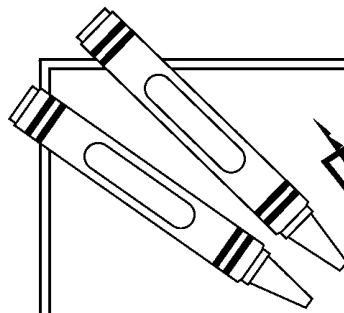
What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.

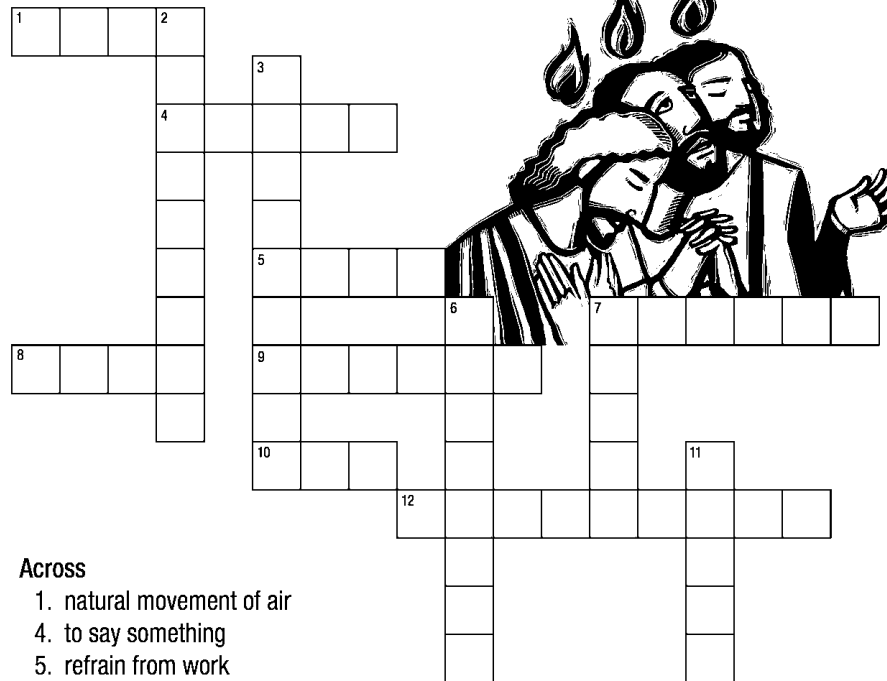


PUZZLE

The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

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Slow Down

Walk a little slower, Daddy, said a little child so small.
I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.
Sometimes your steps are very fast; sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk a little slower, Daddy, for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, you're what I want to be.
Then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me.
And I would want to lead just right, and know that I was true;
So walk a little slower, Daddy, for I must follow you.

-- Author unknown

See You in Church