

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost - The forgotten Holy Day...

May 30, 2012

Pentecost is a major festival. It is an upbeat day in the church's life because:

- Pentecost is the anniversary of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.
- Pentecost marks the completion of Christ's redemptive work and the fulfillment of his promise to send the Spirit.
- On Pentecost the church celebrates its birthday.
- Pentecost initiates the second half of the church year - The first half began with Advent and closed with Ascension. Pentecost begins the longest season of the church year with as many as 27 Sundays. While the first half of the year observes the life of Christ, the second half deals with the life of the church through the work, gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The color for the Day of Pentecost is red. It is the color of fire, for the Spirit came in tongues of fire. The fire represents God, "the consuming fire." The fire represents, moreover, warm hearts, fiery enthusiasm.

The mood of Pentecost is one of action. The Church is "set aflame" with the impetus and call to move forward with the Gospel! Pentecost's fire is not a static noun; it is an active verb. Listen to how Joseph Myers describes this idea of nouns and verbs and fire and much more in his book Organic Community. It may be helpful to start recognizing that many things we describe as nouns are really more verblike.

Let's explore several examples.

Fire - Fire is not an object. It isn't a person, place or thing. Fire is an on-going process. It has no substance. However, when we talk about fire we must objectify it and make it a noun so that we can structure a sentence around it. Much the same could be said of words such as *explosion*, *breath*, *flight*, and so on.

Love - Is love an object? Can we weigh love? Photograph love? Love is relational. Love can be understood best as a verb.

What about sacred words such as church, congregation, worship, God? If we were to see these equally as verbs as well as nouns, how would that influence our theology?

To say that nouns are "person, place, or thing" gives only a partial snapshot and may not give the solution we need. It is like taking the measurement of a person at a given point in time, without "story". Verbs tell the story. For life's complex and confusing conundrums, we need verbs, not nouns.

Nouns may be neat, may be hygienic, but also may fail to deliver. To maximize only the noun and minimize the verb leads us to develop static and absolute structures, structures that might promise help and health, yet provide a sterile and unhelpful understanding of what life is really about.

As we move forward, into this second half of the church year, may we not forget to cultivate the gifts of the Spirit...May we not forget that we move into the growing season whereby we become more fully the people God knows us to be...May we not forget that we are called to action as the Body of Christ and empowered by the Spirit of God in order that we might influence the world around us with a message of healing and hope...May we live lives that seek to complete the whole photo of what God has in mind for the creation and may we live in ways which seek to do our part to bring this picture to life.

Come, Holy Spirit Come!

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Happy Birthday to...



June 1

Dan Anderson

June 2

Emma Burgess
Robert Farnham
Dustin Rogers

June 3

Stratton Brown

June 4

Will Brubaker
Jean LeGros
Morgan Sites

June 5

Pat Behre
Shirley Lamb

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald
Rhonda Meyer
Evelyn Small
Ben Thompson

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Dale Molina

Leslie Smarsh

June 8

Zachary Beegle
Emily Stewart

June 10

Alexander Contreras
Nikolas Contreras
Timothy Poorman

June 11

Barton Breighner
Sherry Farkas

Hugh Matthews

Brett Williams

June 12

Benn Hoover
Jaron Sanders
Yvonne Whitney

June 13

Dick Watson
Louis Westfall

June 14

Jayden Harvey
Kim Patrono

June 15

Norma Campbell
Beckie Carbaugh
Andrew Druckman
Rachel Druckman

Susan Guiher

Amie Murray

Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Nancy Bushey

Frank Geist

Matthew Hinton

June 17

Ann Matthews

June 18

Ann Cook

June 19

Happy Freas
Diana Miner
Matthew VanHoutte

June 20

Michael Crowe
Judy English

Sydney Miller

Abigail Moroz

Hilda Oussoren

Michael Wark

June 21

Rachel Doehring
Carolyn Ferguson

T.J. Remaley

June 22

Jordan Nevins

June 23

Nichol Fake

June 24

Jeff Hieber

Cinnamon Hosterman

June 25

Marian Benchoff
Dan Ebaugh
Aidan Hoover

Aaron VanHoutte

June 27

Jennifer Clark
Lee Flinner
Teresa (Gard) Younkin

June 28

Mackenzie Foster
Eleanor Sheen

Carolyn Smarsh

Rebecca Stabler

June 29

Paul Ely

Gail Lee

Emri Snyder

Grant Tresselt

June 30

Cheryl Gochenauer

Dorothy Heflin

Cadi McMaster



Where did my Peacemaking Offering Go?

Read the following Thank-You from the Adams County Shelter for the Homeless...

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Adams County Shelter for the Homeless and South Central Community Action Programs, Inc., please accept our thanks and appreciation for the very generous donation of \$800 to assist in the operation of the shelter. Your contribution is extremely important to us and the individuals and families we serve.

We are pleased to report that 70% of the people served by our program are successful in securing stable housing, in addition to others achieving personal goals such as employment, medical care, childcare and education.

Your donation is an investment in the life of someone living in our community. With your help we can all work together to help individuals obtain self-sufficiency and go on to live safe, fulfilling and productive lives.

Sincerely,

Megan Shreve

Thank You From the Hickey Family

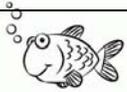
The Adult Bell Choir under the direction of Becky Wareham, Director, performed an outstanding musical arrangement on May 20. Valedictory (said at parting by way of fare well), was commissioned by the Adult Choir in memory of longtime and dedicated member Pat Hickey. It was an honorable performance to the Hickey family and we express our heart-felt appreciation for the extra efforts by Becky in securing the music composed by Catherine McMichael. A special thank you to each performing member of the choir who worked extra hard in perfecting their performance. We thank the church congregation for your kind and loving support throughout Pat's illness and the many expressions of kindness and love to us since her passing. We are thankful for God's many blessings and your love and kindness.

— Ken Hickey

Adult Bell Choir Anthem

The anthem that the Adult Bell Choir presented on May 20th was commissioned by the Adult Bell Choir in memory of Pat Hickey. The piece was written by Catherine McMichael (a pianist, arranger, composer and publisher of a wide variety of choral, chamber and Suzuki-related music). After much collaborating by the members of our bell choir, we included the following dedication in the printing...*In fond memory of Pat Hickey. She was a loving and dedicated member of the Adult Bell Choir at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Pat was full of determination and dignity, and her laughing eyes and cheery smile brought joy to all!*

We felt privileged to present this anthem to the congregation in Pat's memory.



Vacation Bible School — June 25 - 28

"A Rock Named Peter: The Fisherman Who Became Jesus' Go-To Guy" will be held on June 25 - 28 from 9:00 a.m. —12:15 p.m. for all children ages 3 through Grade 5 (completed). Fee will be \$5.00/child or \$10.00/family.

Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com, when you know how you can be part of our program. Thanks for all your help!

PERSONNEL—WE STILL NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

3 Preschool Leaders

4 Group Leaders - group leaders accompany each group of elementary children throughout the morning



10 Volunteers needed for "You Rock" Marketplace - help children complete crafts and water experiments for 1 hour each morning



Snack Helpers

Childcare (for leaders' children)



Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle & high school

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)

Supplies Needed:

Smooth 2" rocks
Black jewelry cording
Small puzzle pieces
White spray paint
White & black foam sheets
Small googly eyes
Large casting net-to borrow
1 large packing box

Party Decorations
ie. streamers, balloons,
noise makers, party
hats
Helium tank
Cupcakes with no icing
Tubes of white icing

Glitter
Sequins
Dowel rods
White & colored cardstock
Round magnets
Homemade or bought
Playdoh



Upcoming Events:

June Music Schedule

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| June 3 | 8:15 a.m. | Early Choir |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Adult Choir |
| June 10 | 8:15 a.m. | Early Choir |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Adult Choir |
| June 17 | 8:15 a.m. | Early Choir |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Adult Choir |
| June 24 | 8:15 a.m. | Bonnie Wright |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Women's Ensemble |

Date Change for Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, June 11, 12:00 p.m.

Hostess: Joan Pore
 255 McClellan Dr.
 Gettysburg, PA
 337-1718



Please take a sandwich; the rest of lunch will be provided

USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

(Deadline June 30)



We have many donated clothes for S. Dakota, thanks to your generosity. But we just found out that Wal-mart is again donating a truck to take all our items to the Indian reservation, so we can take lots more!!

Please bring in used clothing of all shapes and sizes. We do ask that the clothes be washed, stain-free, with no tears. We can also use shoes, purses, and prom dresses. Bring them to the inside corner of Fellowship Hall - marked for S. Dakota. Deadline for donations is June 30.

Thanks again for all your support and participation for this very important mission of our church.

*****P.S. We also need stuffed toys in GOOD shape. Thanks!*****

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 19 - 29 and the excitement is building. Thank you to all for the contributions made so far.

We are still in need of some very important items which we give out as prizes at the Festival. If you can donate any of the following "new or nearly new" items, please bring them to the church office:



- Sheets or Sheet Sets
- Box Fans
- Tire Repair Kits
- Fabric (cotton or silk)
- Backpacks
- Sewing Machines (new or nearly new & portable)



- Towels
- Dish Sets
- Sleeping Bags
- Sewing Notions
- School Supplies



- Blankets
- Tool Sets
- Weather Radios
- New Bibles -
 either NIV or
 "The Message"



Thanks for all your prayers and support as we return to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation this summer.
 — Penny Messinger (334-1235)

Exploring Membership Class **Sunday, June 10, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday afternoon, June 10. Following a lunch together, you'll have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, Session will meet to receive new members at 4:00 p.m. Childcare is available. Call the church office (334-1235) if you are planning to attend.



Adult Sunday School Class ***Begins on June 3rd***

This summer (June 3 - Aug. 26) we will be offering an adult Sunday School class based on the book of Galatians. The study book we have chosen for this class is Life Lessons: Galatians by Max Lucado. This class will be held at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the MacAskill Room (9:00 a.m. during the months of July & August) and will be taught by Andy Miner and Chuck Teague. You do not have to sign up for this Sunday school class; just come whenever time allows and enter into the interesting discussion!

Session Update

At its meeting on May 20, 2012, the Session...

- heard faith statements and examined confirmands Christian Swartzbaugh and Jordan Williams and received them into membership.
- received confirmands Alexandra Chandon and Jake Durboraw into membership pending a successful examination by appointed elders.
- had a conversation with T.J. Remaley regarding his progress toward ordination in the PCUSA. Recommended that T.J. be moved from Inquirer to Candidate status.
- held a conversation about the potential purchase of the Wall St. property.
- approved a request from Arc to continue gatherings for children with disabilities every other month.
- moved Trish Jeffrey to inactive status (her request).
- restored and transferred Cynthia Miller to Mont Alto United Methodist Church
- appointed a task force to investigate the possibility of putting something about Black's Cemetery in the by-laws
- approved hiring Dennis Dillman to fill in for Harry Winsheimer from July 19 to Aug. 31 to do pastoral visitation in Harry's absence.
- continued our discussion about Changing the Conversation by Anthony Robinson.



Spotlight on Missions **Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry**

Our funding supports the FFCM (Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry), an outreach program which ministers to the spiritual and social needs of migrant and seasonal farm workers, witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in cooperation with area churches.

Each year several thousand farm workers return to this region to harvest our valuable fruit crops in season. FFCM attempts to demonstrate God's love to these sojourners, who are often separated from their homes, families, culture, and spiritual roots. All of them need the nurture of a Christian community. FFCM is supported entirely by local churches, organizations, businesses and individuals who support the ministry through their prayers, finances, and in various other ways such as: church ADOPT-A-CAMP; visits to migrants with the Director or Chaplain; provide health kits; or give financial support.

Additional offers of support may be directed to Pastor Rod Runyan, Executive Director, P.O. Box 486, Biglerville, PA 17307, by phone to (717) 486-3291 or by e-mail to farmworker@comcast.net.

June Calendar of Giving

In June, GPC will be collecting items for Tender Care Pregnancy Centers. Specifically, we are asking for donations of baby supplies including new hooded baby towels; Good Start Formula; Diapers size 4, 5 & 6; New Spring & Summer outfits; Baby wipes, wash and lotion; Diaper Cream.

These centers provide a safe, non-judgmental environment where individuals can come to sort out their pregnancy-related emotions, fears and options in hope of a positive choice. Services provided include: Encouragement & Support from a personal caregiver, "TLC" New Mom's Parenting Program; Maternity clothing from the boutique; Referrals for adoption, medical care, insurance, food, housing and public assistance; Mom's Support Group and Emergency Diapers and Formula.

Congregational Meeting Update

At the called May 20 meeting of the congregation, the revised by-laws were approved as presented with the exception that we will retain an "inactive member" roll.

Exodus Tour

Rev. Dianne Kareha and her dad, as well as some Luther Crest residents (Allentown), have signed up for a 15-day "Exodus Tour" from Cairo to Jordan to Israel for Thursday, Dec. 27, through Thursday, Jan. 10. Dianne has been looking for such a tour for quite awhile, and this tour goes to the spots she has wanted to visit (including Cairo/pyramids, Mt. Sinai, Petra, Nazareth, Capernaum, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem) for quite a reasonable price.

Information about the tour is on the website:
<http://www.pilgrimtours.com/mideast/israel/Retail/Exodus15.htm>.
 If you wish to contact Dianne, her email address is: karehad@diakon.org



Presbytery of Carlisle
Supporting Our Congregations in the Name of Jesus Christ

Regional Associate for Region B

Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri

The Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri began her service to the Presbytery of Carlisle as Regional Associate for Region B on May 1st. Regional Associates encourage and promote networking of ministry and mission between congregations, as well as support congregations in addressing their needs. Candace is looking forward to assisting congregations in the collaboration of ideas and in creating opportunities to share together.

She will be contacting pastors and staff members, meeting with sessions and committees, worshipping with congregations and helping church families think about what it means to be the church in the world today!

Carlisle Presbytery is made up of 57 congregations. These 57 congregations have been divided into 4 regions. Our GPC congregation is included in Region B which includes 12 church families under Candace's leadership. Region B churches include: Big Spring and First United in Newville; Dickinson, First and Second in Carlisle; Great Conewago, Lower Marsh Creek; Mechanicsburg, Silver Spring and St. James in Mechanicsburg; and Monaghan in Dillsburg.

Candace would love to hear any ideas you might have concerning ways for our churches to connect as we all seek to share God's love with each other, our local communities and the world!!

Candace can be contacted at 717-339-6511 or cnyiri@carlisleleby.org

Young at Heart - Our June

get-together will be on **Thursday, June 14th at 12:00 Noon** at the pavilion at Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover. The address is 615 Morning Glory Drive, just follow the signs after that (the 3rd entrance into Homewood off Westminster).

It will be in the form of a picnic with everything provided including place settings. The cost will be covered by existing funds from our treasury. This will also be our final meeting before taking a summer break – meetings will resume again September 13th.

We will carpool from the church and if there is enough interest we will take the church van for those who would prefer not to drive. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 AM, leaving the church by 11:15 AM and returning no later than 3:00 PM.

All are welcome. If you are not on a regular call list but would like to attend please contact Pam or Dick Wisor **on or before Sunday, June 10th** at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com.

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| <h1>June 2012</h1> | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Confirmation & Commissioning Sunday 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 12:00 p.m. Mexico Mission Training 12 - 2:15 p.m. High School Workcamp Meeting 6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social at the Round Barn | 4 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation | 5 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill Rm) | 6 12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 7:30 p.m. Gettysburg High School Baccalaureate | 7 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline | 8 | 9 | |
| 10 Senior Recognition Workcamp Commissioning 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 12:00 p.m. Exploring Membership Class 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Comm. 4:00 p.m. Session Meeting | 11 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group | 12 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. | 13 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Picnic 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Ministry Team Mtg. | 14 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart picnic @ Homewood at Plum Creek 7:00 p.m. High School Workcamp Packing Party 7:00 p.m. VBS Leaders (Eisenhower Lounge) | 15 Youth Workcamp leaves ----- | 16 | |
| 17 Father's Day 7:40 a.m. Early Choir | 18 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 7:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle | 19 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill Rm) | 20 5:30 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. | 21 11:30 a.m. Esther Circle at Café St. Amand 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. | 22 | 23 | |
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| 24 12:00 p.m. Mexico Mission Training | 25 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration V A C A T I O N | 26 | 27 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Healthcare 4 All | 28 | 29 5:30 p.m. S. Dakota Picnic @ the Rowland's | 30 | |
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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, June 7, 2012**

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