

KPUMC WEEKLY UPDATES

May 28, 2020



Pastor's Ponderings: Pentecost Power



On the church calendar this Sunday, May 31, is Pentecost. In the first century it was the day the Holy Spirit of God shows up and gives birth to the Christian church. The Holy Spirit empowers the people to live in the amazing power of God. It comes 50 days after Easter.

When Jesus prepares his disciples for his death he tells them "they will receive a comforter."

John 14:15-17.

(Message)

"If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you

another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!

Pentecost is coming at just the right time this year. We are weary, tired, and exhausted from dealing with the pandemic. Pentecost power, is God's power, allowing us the ability to do what we can not do, without God supplying the divine power.

The Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, is with us in our weariness. Our strength, our power to do more than survive these days, but to thrive, is with us and in us. It is God's Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-31

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them....

Imagine being there that day. Maybe it was holy awe, or more likely, unsettling as wind, fire, and multiple unknown languages filled the space where they gathered. Suddenly out of the blue, unexpectedly, everything changed. The power of God, the Holy Spirit makes an appearance.

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Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.

A community where faith grows, hope is found, and love is demonstrated.

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It certainly must have stirred up within each one of them questions to ponder, things to figure out, and questions to be asked and answered.

Our questions in 2020 could be:

What is stirring within us?

What is our passion for ministry? What sets us ablaze (or at least warms our hearts)?

What is the Holy Spirit up to in this pandemic world?

What is God's calling for KPUMC in this season?

In this season of Pentecost we will discover the unexpected workings of the Holy Spirit. We may not see flames of fire, or winds whirling, or hear multiple languages but the Holy Spirit will get our attention. The Spirit may show up unexpectedly. Will we be ready? Will we be caught off guard, as the people on the first Pentecost? Or will we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon us?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit work in surprising ways in our church this year!



June Anniversaries



Dick & Linda Andersen 9

Jerry & Janet Bair 15

Jeff & Lois Stotler 25

Eugene & Nancy Poppe 30

June Birthdays



Kylie Ross 1

Janet Jones 4

Michael Barron 7

Jackie Bradford 8

Cole Arensdorf 12

Karen White 13

Adrienne Zaiger 14

LaVone Luther 15

Donna Postel 18

Austin Schminkey 21

Pam Landon 30

Bonnie Murphy, KPUMC member, died on Tuesday, May 26. Her service will be on Saturday, at Cedar Memorial with Rev. Rick Gail presiding. We hold her family, including her daughter Susan Wesley, in prayer.