



“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even upon the menservants and maidservants, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.”
(Joel 2:28-29)

Dear Friends,

The Old Testament prophesy of Joel was fulfilled on Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Jesus' resurrection. On May 11th, we will celebrate Pentecost. This is sometimes called the “birthday of the Church.” Pentecost marks the occasion when the Holy Spirit moved among the disciples in a different and more complete way than ever before. The Holy Spirit empowered them to speak boldly, to live courageously, and to share generously. This was not a one-time event. Even today, the Holy Spirit enables us to live within the world, witnessing - in power - to our faith in God as known in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit within each one of us enables us to spread the good news of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.



There are times we discuss the nature of Christ's Resurrection and we get bogged down in issues related to historicity and the “How-could-it have happened?” questions. However, Pentecost provides us with the greatest support for belief in Christ's Resurrection. It was on that occasion that the Holy Spirit's overwhelming power breathed new life into those who had faith in Jesus. A rag-tag band of self-seeking, not-so-reliable followers were changed into something altogether new. It was on Pentecost that the Church became the living, active Body of Christ on earth.

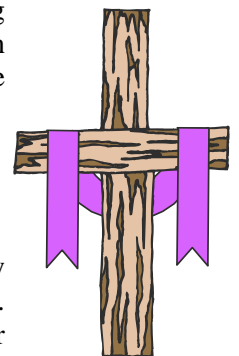
Whenever we talk about Resurrection, an obvious question, is, “If Christ is raised, where is His body?” The answer is found when we look at the church. We ourselves are the Body of Christ. When the followers of Jesus do His work and his will in the world, we are functioning as His hands, feet, and even His pocket-book! When we share with one another, not only our material goods, but our spiritual blessings, we are showing that we are the heart and soul of Christ's body. When we look at one another differently, seeing not only what we are, but what we may become with God's help, we are God's eyes. I would not limit God's power by saying that “Christ has no hands but our hands,” as Christina Rossetti wrote, because Jesus told us that if we failed to praise him, even the stones would cry out. Even so, the Church is the Body of Christ on earth, a living, active being, whose living breath comes from the wind of the Holy Spirit that inspires us.

It is important that we do not let our celebration of Pentecost be only a commemoration of an exciting experience in the distant past. It is a time to celebrate our experience of the Holy Spirit in our own time, in our own church, and in our own lives. As you go through your day, contemplate these questions:

Where do you experience the activity of the Holy Spirit today?

How has the breath of God so filled you that you are alive in your faith?

If you do not feel that you have had a modern-day experience of the Holy Spirit, I urge you to pray without ceasing for it. That prayer can be as basic as, “God, if you are real, help me to know it. Enable me to feel your presence in the core of my being.” Having a felt experience of God in your life will make all the difference. Even though you may not feel the spiritual “high” every day, having had such an experience once will change you dramatically. Some of our members and friends have come to this place through weekend-long retreats such as Emmaus or Presbyterian Pilgrimage. If you would like to know more about what one of these weekends involves, I encourage you to talk with someone who has been there: Art Jensen, Skip Cothran, and both Barbara and Steve McGeorge for starters. If you would like to have a Pentecost experience in your own life, tell them so and ask them to pray for you.



I'm looking forward to hearing from you on this one! With joy and excitement,

MAY CALENDAR



The Crabs Chapter

May 1, at 11:30 a.m. at The Smithfield Inn.

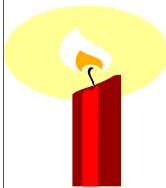


PW Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 6, 12:00 noon, at Tom & Jo Sinclair's home at 226 Raleigh Avenue (call Jo at 618-4306.) Jackie Swan is hostess for lunch. Study will be on lesson 9 with Marg Jensen. Nina Byrd

May	Day	Time	Event
1	Thu	11:30 a.m.	Red Hats at Smithfield Inn
		6:45 p.m.	Praise Team
		7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
2	Fri		HGMCDC Day Care Open Preschool's Parent Conf.
4	Sun		WORSHIP SERVICES
			Session Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Elder's Fellowship
		7:30 p.m.	Business Mtg.
5	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
6	Tue	12 Noon	P.W. Circle, Jo Sinclair's home
7	Wed	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
8	Thu	6:45 p.m.	Praise Team
		7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
11	Sun		PENTECOST SUNDAY
			MOTHER'S DAY
12	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
14	Wed	12 Noon	BUNCO/brown bag at Shirley Davis' home
		6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
15	Thu	6:45 p.m.	Praise Team
		7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
17	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
		3:00 p.m.	Lemonade-Tea Party/church lawn.
18	Sun		COMMUNION
19	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
21	Wed	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
22	Thu	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch
		6:45 p.m.	Praise Team
		7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
25	Sun		WORSHIP SERVICES
26	Mon		MEMORIAL DAY
27	Tue	10:00 a.m.	Newsletter
28	Wed	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
		6:45 p.m.	C.E. Book Study "Angels of Morgan Hill"
29	Thu	6:45 p.m.	Praise Team
		7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
30	Fri	9:30 a.m.	HGMCDC Spring Program



WITNESS & MISSIONS: Thank you for your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing. The \$446 offering from Wythe Church will be added to the gifts of many other churches to feed the hungry, provide assistance for those who have suffered loss due to disaster, and support grassroots empowerment projects that seek to improve the lives of poor and underserved peoples. Your act of generosity will show Christ's love to many in our country and throughout the world.



We have received correspondence from our sister church in Manenga. Look on the bulletin board for their letter and pictures of their congregation. If you have a picture which you think they would enjoy seeing, which might help them to experience our church at work or play, please give it to Marg Jensen or Bill Still. We will be sending a letter to Manenga church in the near future, and a picture can be worth a thousand words! Marg Jensen, Chair and Bill Still, Co-chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Angels of Morgan Hill

The date has been changed for the book series, "*The Angels of Morgan Hill*." It begins Wednesday, May 28 at 6:45 pm.

Volunteers Wanted !!!!

Vacation Bible school will be held Aug. 11-Aug.15. The theme this year is "*Jerusalem Marketplace*". We are looking for motivated individuals to help set up, guide and teach the children, direct the games, assist with crafts and help prepare fabulous dinners! Come join us as we walk through biblical times and celebrate Vacation Bible School. Mary Brown, Chair.



Keep Our Military Members in Prayer

Pat DeWitt (Florida)
Bryce James* (Grandson of Carolyn James)
Clyde Morrow
Christopher Topping (Iraq)

Memorial Day May 26, 2008



Prayer Needs:

Norma Topping
Jeanne Peters
Mercedes Crum
Matt Matthews
Harry Becker

Friends and Family:

Kate Radermacher (HGMCDC teacher)
 Rev. Bob Gustafson
 Ron Harris, uncle of the Green family
 Naomi Waller (Art & Marg Jensen's grand-daughter)
 Lucille, (Jeanne Peters' mother)
 Don Moody (Jeanne Peters' uncle)
 George Morewitz
 Michelle Wingate
 Ron Harris
 Maya, (6 year old friend of Thatcher family)
 Michelle Wingate (friend of Mary Brown)
 Mrs. Nations (Shelby Brown's teacher)
 Karen Tracy

Members in Senior Living Facilities:

The Chesapeake

Violet McCreery *
 Ann Sterrett

Coliseum Park Nursing Home

Eloise Verell
 Ada Mae Plott

The Devonshire

Audrey Crum*
 Edith Inman
 Betty Peterson
 Kathryn Rowe

James River Convalescent Center

Hazel Hedgebeth

Riverside Convalescent Center

Mercedes Crum
 Catherine Dunbar

Homebound Members

Harry Becker Pearl Burns
 Becky Carwile Dot Golden
 Evelyn Edwards
 Bob & Susan Simpson

*News...*

Joy! The Rev. Miss Eleanor R. Norman will be installed as associate pastor of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, May 4, at 4:00 p.m. Reception will follow. Please RSVP to 596-1151.

Joy! Ada Mae Plott has moved to Room #322, Coliseum Park. Her phone will be connected soon (826-5886).

Joy! LTC Chris Stolz, retired March '08.

Joy! Josh Cothran accepted a new job.



"We are thinking about you!"

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Amber Berkley
 David Carwile
 Caitlin Lewis
 Preston Lewis
 Kristin Negaard
 Hilary Rinsland
 Holly Taylor*
 John Thomas

*Dear Friends,
 Thank you sincerely for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy you have shown throughout my father's illness, and most recently on the occasion of his death. The many cards, the flowers, and the herb garden are tender reminders of the tremendous support I have among you. Thank you for being such a dear church family.
 Suzy*



Sympathy to the family and friends of Rev. **Richard Lund**, who died April 20, 2008.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Orcelia (Diane) Philmore, Judy Hall's mother, who died April 14, 2008.

Sympathy to Rev. Susan H. Cothran, and her family upon the death of her father, George L. Haselden, age 84, who died in Charleston, S.C., on April 12, 2008.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Marianne Shepherd, who died April 8, 2008. (Mother to Elizabeth Laucht, a former HGMCDC teacher).

Sympathy to the family and friends of Joanne Julian's aunt, who died March 30, 2008.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jerod Grow, John Muir's nephew.

To add or delete a name, call the church office at 245-3593. *If you are hospitalized, call Rev. Suzy Cothran, 575-0122*
 Bold type = Special Need! * = Friend of the church



THE HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

“Love is the rule in our school!”

May 2008

HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

May...the last month of school. Can you believe how quickly this school year has gone by? We've enjoyed watching the children grow and learn together!

Summer is just around the corner. Please remember us for your summer child care needs. Our center will offer full time and part time daycare Monday through Friday, 7:30am – 5:30pm effective June 1, 2008. We also will have a Summer Fun Program the month of July on Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning July 7th through August 1st. Registration for this will begin May 1st. A calendar of events and fee schedule will be sent home with your child that day, also. Hope your child will be able to join us in all the fun activities and field trips we have planned!

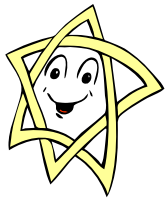
The following are important dates to remember in May –

- May 2 - Preschool closed for Parent/Teacher conferences.
Child care will be open for full time students.
Child care will also be available for our conferencing parents during their scheduled conference time.
- May 16 - In-house school carnival
9:30am – 11:30am
- May 26 - Memorial Day – Center Closed
- May 30 - Spring Program – 9:30am
Summer vacation begins at the conclusion of the program for the Mother's Day Out and the the 3 year old classes. Last day of school for the 4 year old classes is June 13th.



NOTE - Child care will remain open all summer except July 4th when the center will close in observance of the holiday.

Norma Topping, Director



TREMENDOUS TWO and a HALF'S

This month our class has really been enjoying all the colors and wonders of spring. Our shape this month has been a rectangle and we have explored the color purple with grapes, Jell-O jigglers, and even a purple people eater. Our class also had an addition of 5 very fuzzy wiggly living things! Hmmm – ask your child about them! We will be watching them very closely as they transform over the coming month. Parents, please check out our bulletin board on the wall outside our classroom for lovely artwork and important information about our class. In the month of May we will be learning about the many colors of the rainbow and I see bubble painting in the near future! What fun we will have!

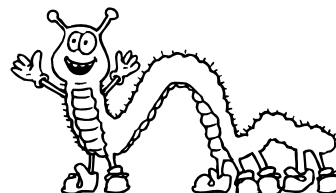
Mrs. Debbie Wheelless



THRILLING THREE'S

Our class has continued with the learning of our numbers and letters this month. We are looking forward to our field trip to Bluebird Gap Farm. We will also be learning about “under the sea” creatures. Our class would like to wish a “Happy Birthday” to Margaret Lively, Ella Hampton, and Reese Morris.

Mrs. Debbie Kravitz
Mrs. Ann Byrum





FABULOUS FOURS

April has truly been a busy month. We continued our "Doors" program learning about the great outdoors and all of the creatures living around us. Soon we will be growing caterpillars and vegetables in our classroom.

We celebrated the "Week of the Young Child" with some special treats and appreciation for our children. We ended the month with a wonderful carnival. All of the children had a great time. A big "Thank You" to all of the parents who made this special time possible.

Our students have begun learning to blend letter sounds to make words. They have even been reading some sentences! Way to go!

In the month of May we will have a field trip to explore more nature and begin learning about the world of water in our doors program.

Mrs. Kate Radermacher
Mrs. Michele Aravich

FANTASTIC FOUR'S

April has been a busy month for the Fantastic Fours Class. The book fair was the first of many things going at our school. We would like to thank everyone who donated a book to our class. We have read most of them and loved every word.

Our "Doors to Discovery" curriculum has turned our class into backyard detectives. We have been looking for treasures in our yards, going on scavenger hunts, painted butterflies and made funny fat frogs. We have also tried our hands at growing "Horrible Harry" grass, planting carrot, radish, and green onion seeds. I think we will change our names to Fantastic Farmers!

Next on our calendar was the "Week of the Young Child". Our week started off with an ice cream social. I think everyone had their favorite topping! We enjoyed having our parents join us for chapel on Wednesday and music on Friday.

Our month came to a close with our famous school carnival! What a fun filled day we had! All the games and goodies made the day special. Thank you to all our parents who continue to participate in our school activities. They would not be possible without you.

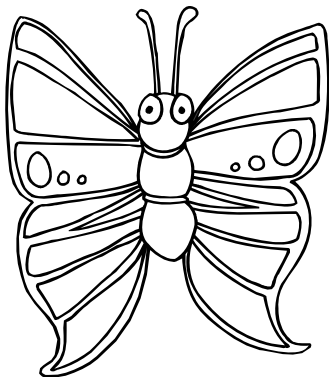
The month of May takes us to our last field trip of the school year. We will be taking a walk on the paths through the marshland and have a tour of the beach at Grandview. Looks like another busy month for us!

Mrs. Susan Minter
Mrs. Maria Travis

Let's Read it Together!



What animals live with people? Make a list, draw or cut out pictures of animals that would be fun to live with your family.



Will you color this butterfly?

scout corner

Troop 1327

Brownies * Juniors * Cadettes

Following dates are meetings held on Mondays, at Wythe Presbyterian Church from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Learn more about joining scouts and being a member of Troop 1327! May 5, 12, 19. Please call Lisa Thatcher, 757-726-2110.

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May Meetings: 7, 14, 21, 28

We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Manny Manuel, at home: 757-726-2777; or e-mail: manuelohana@cox.net



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1. God has a special plan for your life which will take many years to unfold.
2. God will be your strength and will help you through anything in life.
3. God in all situations will always be there for you.
4. God made you special and He will guide you.
5. God will always love you.



Scripture:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. " NAS