

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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NEWSLETTER

“And they were amazed”

Acts 2:7

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

God is creating a new Pentecost moment in our time and in our churches. In the second chapter of Acts, we're told the stories of the earliest disciples. They were fearful, locked behind closed doors in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion and praying together about what God might be calling them to next.

And then, God's Holy Spirit moved powerfully among them. We're told it sounded like the rushing of the wind as they were compelled to let go of their fear and to go into the streets. Against strong evidence to the contrary, they did amazing things, preaching good news in the face of Jesus' public humiliation and crucifixion and insisting that Jesus was now resurrected and at work in the world in a new and powerful way. Peter, calling forth the words of the Prophet Joel, laid out the vision: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams....and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:17, 21 NRSV).

My friends, we live in a Pentecost moment. The challenges of insisting that Jesus is indeed risen and a sign of genuine hope for our time are no less significant for us than they were for those disciples. We too must overcome our fear and act with the boldness of Peter and the other disciples. We will be amazed by what God will do.

Please make this Offering a priority in your church and give generously yourself. Forty percent of what you give will stay in your area for work with kids, teenagers, and young adults. Challenge them to put this money to work themselves, and watch your investment multiply as you empower the next generation of leaders for our church.

Sixty percent of the Offering will go to the programs of our church that are nurturing the next generation. This is the money that makes real the promise from Joel once more, for there is a new generation of young adults who do in fact prophesy and see visions of what we are to become.

Christ is risen, and we are called to be Christ's heart and hands in the world.

Rick Ufford-Chase
Moderator of the 216th General Assembly

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The symbols for Pentecost are rich and varied. On Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, the color red will be seen throughout the church and if you have any red clothing this is the Sunday to wear it. Wind and flame and the dove are also a part of Pentecost as the spirit moves like the wind and falls like tongues of flame and yet alights like a dove as it did on Jesus'

baptism. All these symbols will be part of our worship as we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with our church family, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Beginning **June 4th**, Pentecost, we will gather for **worship at 10 a.m.**

Our summer worship schedule will continue through August 27th. As in previous years, we would like to have members volunteer to host coffee hour during the summer. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the education building, or you may call the church office to

volunteer.

Sunday Morning Adult Education meet throughout the summer at 9 a.m.

June 4 th	“Servants of Unity” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 1: 10-17 Linda Taylor
June 11 th	“Servants of Wisdom” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 2:1, 6-16 T.J. Parlette
June 18 th	“Servants Together” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 3: 1-15 Don Musgrave
June 25 th	“Servants in Ministry” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 4: 1-13 Denny Ferguson

REMINDER: In the beginning of July, Juliet and T.J. are expecting an addition to their family. They are very excited about another boy joining Grafton and the two boys growing up together. If you would like to help welcome this baby boy, there will be a cradle in the vestibule on Sunday June 4th. You are welcome to put a gift there to help welcome this new addition. On June 4th, we will have a reception in the education building, during coffee hour, for them.

On May 14th it was our joy to share in the baptism of:

Andrew Jon, son of Tracy and Robert Finnefrock, born February 28, 2006.

Andrew is the grandson of Grace Finnefrock and Judy and Terry Greeley and the great grandson of Lyddie Summerville.

Brian Charles, son of Charla and Michael Himes II, born September 4, 2000, and Samantha Renee, daughter of Charla and Michael Himes II, born March 6, 2006.

Brian and Samantha are the grandchildren of Ann and Mike Himes.

Nursery workers for June:

June 4 th	Kathy and D.J. Dennison
June 11 th	Sue Moser and Karen Ray
June 18 th	Katie Fitzgerald
June 25 th	Joyce and Nicole Johnson

The following new books have been placed in the Lucille Richards McKinley Library:

“Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt” by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex

Thornburg;

“How To Survive Being A Presbyterian!” by Bob Reed;

“The Godbearing Life” by Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster;
“Soul Tending” forward by Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster;
“When All Else Fails...Read the Instructions” by James W. Moore.

CONGRATULATION CLASS OF 2006

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all members
who will be graduating from high school
and those who have graduated from college.

On Sunday, June 11th, the following high school seniors will be recognized during worship:
Bryon Buck, Kristen Dennison, Travis Diener, Rebecca Dinger, Sarah Dinger, Brandon Greeley,
Courtney Kelso, John Pysh, Ben Spence and Nathan Smith.

The following have graduated from college:

Erin Bartley graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Erin is the daughter of Kim and Denny Bartley.

Mark Himes graduated Summa Cum Laude from Duquesne University with a Bachelor of Art in economics and a Bachelor of Art in Investment Management and Finance. Mark is the son of Ann and Mike Himes.

Lynn Mason graduated from Clarion University with a Masters of Science in Nursing/Nurse Practitioner.

Lynn is the wife of Chip Mason.

John Seacrist graduated with honors from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management. John is the son of Geoff Seacrist.

To all our graduates **BEST WISHES** in your future endeavors!!!

ADD ANOTHER BOWLING TROPHY TO THE LIBRARY WINDOWSILL

The Presbyterian Church bowling teams just completed another successful season. The Presbyterian #1 team finished in first place for the sixth year in a row. We won the first half of the season and finished second in the second half forcing a one night bowl off against Church of God, which we were fortunate enough to win for the championship. The Presbyterian #2 team finished near the middle of the pack.

There were 16 teams in the league this year and our church had two teams. We once again had several different people from our congregation bowl at least one night for us. The following are some of the people who bowled for us this year: Denny Bartley, Sam Bartley, Jeff Brown, Bill Ellis, Deb Fenstermaker, Don Musgrave, Jerry Paden, Dave Ray, Alan Reitz, Jim Rhodes, Geoff Seacrist, Karen Shriver, Nancy Smoose, Greg Sobol, and P.L. Walter. There were a few bowlers from the past who never got to bowl this year because of injury or scheduling conflicts, so we hope to catch back up with them and anyone else who wishes to bowl next season.

Along with another team trophy for our first place finish, we also had some individual honors earned. Jim Rhodes won trophies for high average, 1st place for highest game and 1st place for high series. Sam Bartley won a trophy for the 2nd highest game and tied for 3rd highest average. Bill Ellis had the 3rd highest game, 3rd highest series and the 4th highest average. Team #1 also recorded the three highest total game and series scores for the season and knocked down the most pins of any

team this season. Bill Ellis, Dave Ray, Alan Reitz and Jim Rhodes were the primary bowlers for team #1 with Denny Bartley, Jerry Paden, Geoff Seacrist and P.L. Walter as the primary bowlers for team #2.

We all had a good year and Geoff Seacrist even got us fixed up with nice blue Presbyterian bowling shirts by the end of the season. Everyone seems to have a good time while bowling and hopefully we display good sportsmanship and Christian fellowship since this is really the purpose behind a church bowling league. We look forward to starting up again next fall after a summer break. We hope that anyone else interested in bowling will talk to one of the names above and join us next season.

Dave Ray

QUILT GROUP HONORS HELEN MCKINLEY

The quilt project began on Sunday morning following the September 11th attack. The women in the C.E. Wilson class offered words of comfort to each other as they discussed the horrifying events. Those personal words quietly evolved into the public ones of the Bible. As an outlet for the intense emotions the attack had caused, members decided to create a quilt on which to include their favorite verses, with the finished quilt to hang in the classroom as a reminder of the importance of faith in the midst of despair. It's been almost five years since that attack, and the C.E. Wilson classroom still has no quilt on display; it probably never will.

Completed quilt blocks and verses far exceeded the number required for a quilt, even a very large quilt. A quick arrangement and rearrangement of the blocks on the floor of the class room became the inspiration for a revised plan: lap quilts for church members residing in nursing homes. Enough blocks for three had been completed. While several women knew how to piece and to sew, the class member with the greatest knowledge of the quilting process was Helen McKinley. She took home the three and quickly hand quilted them.

The project might have ended there, but the church had more than three members no longer able to attend church. More quilts were pieced and more verse blocks were added. While several church members and friends of members have been involved in creating the quilt tops, only Helen has actually quilted them. To date, she has completed, by her own records, more than fifty. Not only does she keep up with the demand for quilts for adult members, Helen is now finishing the quilts for the newly developed project of baby quilts.

Helen McKinley was introduced to quilting by her mother, Mrs. Clair Haag who quilted as a way to earn money for the school clothes of her children. Helen remembers playing under the quilt frame long before she was allowed to take any stitches on her mother's projects. Her practice came on small scrap quilts she created for her dolls. For more than sixty years, Helen has been completing projects on her own. While she knows how to piece, her love is the actual quilting.

Only one lap quilt has been completed by someone other than Helen McKinley - the one presented to Helen from the group of grateful women who have made the quilt tops and who, just this one time, took on Helen's job of quilting and binding. With the request that she not look too closely at the stitches, Helen was given her own quilt at a luncheon on Saturday, May 7th. This quilt and others that Helen has recently finished will be on display at coffee hour on June 11th before they also are given away.

Presbyterian Women will meet Thursday, June 1st, 11:30 a.m. in the education

building. Mary Fleeger will lead the devotions. Betty Grunstra will act as hostess. The Bible study will be Lesson 9 - "Pentecost and Ordinary Time" based on scripture from: Ecclesiastes 3: 5a; Acts 2: 1-21. Please

bring a sack lunch.

REMEMBER - **ALL WOMEN** are welcome to attend!!

LOOKING AHEAD

The **Church Picnic** will be Sunday, July 9th, at the Memorial Park. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to share and come hungry for some good food and good fellowship.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 31st - August 4th. The theme is "Fiesta - Where kids are fired up about Jesus."