



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS: "Come, Holy Spirit"

May 9, 2024

It's almost Pentecost! (The day of Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter, this year May 19th.) I can tell because our "Alleluias" are becoming a bit less joyful each week. Yet, we should never tire of giving thanks for and celebrating with joy the resurrection of Christ. Every Sunday is a "little Easter"!

Speaking of Pentecost, I do believe that the Holy Spirit was blowing through St. Paul's committee meetings this week! There is so much news to report from just the two meetings I attended that the remainder of my article is the information you'll need/want to know from these meetings. Please read carefully and decide how you can participate in the life of the church in the coming weeks and months!

~ Sunday, May 19 – the Day of Pentecost, and red is the color of the day!

During worship on this day, we will be celebrating milestones. Since this has not been done since 2019, we should have lots of "new" and "firsts" to celebrate. Here's some that we are thinking of; feel free to share your own: graduations, new (grand)babies, new members, marriage/engagements, new homes (RVs included), new jobs or promotions, baptisms, scholarships or awards earned, new schools, new sports/hobbies/activities. We want to celebrate it all! Plus, there will be prizes....

THEN, join us for brunch afterwards (location TBD based on weather). We will pass around the food and beverage sign-up sheet during announcements

this Sunday. Sherry Reynolds and the Fellowship Committee are coordinating this event. (Note: Both adult and children's Sunday School will be held that day.)

~ Seeking Graduates: Is someone in your family graduating (or has graduated) from pre-school, high school, college or technical school? If so, we'd like to know about it! Please send details about the person, school and appropriate dates to Ann in the church office so that we can properly recognize them.

~ Join us for Faith Night at the Senators on Friday, June 21 on City Island. The game begins at 7:00 pm with fireworks at the conclusion of the game. Here is the link to sign up for tickets: <https://ttsu.me/spatsenators>. Or contact Ann in the church office.

~ Worship in the pavilion will be held at 9:00 am on the first and third Sundays of the months of June, July and August. All of the outdoor services will utilize the summer setting from Of the Land and Seasons, which we know is a favorite for many.

~ Wine & Cheese Wednesdays will be held from 7 – 8:30 pm on June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17, and August 14 & 28, concluding with a potluck picnic on August 28. The summer schedule will be shared with St. Paul's New Cumberland, Zion Enola and Trinity Lemoyne and their members encouraged to attend. If you haven't participated previously, we hope that you will consider joining us this summer.

~ In lieu of a week of Vacation Bible School, we again will have several evening events on Wednesdays throughout the summer (dates to be announced). If you are interested in helping with story time, games, crafts or snacks, see Wendy Cekovich.

~ Our Bottle Blast in support of the Capital Area Pregnancy Center will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day. See Sherry Reynolds for details.

Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

~ The Christian Education Committee is in search of Sunday School teachers for our elementary-age students. No special qualifications are needed, just a willingness to work with children. The curriculum we use follows the lessons from weekly worship. If you feel called to this ministry, see chair Wendy Cekovich.

~ On Sunday, June 2 the adult Sunday School class will be premiering the TV series Joan of Arcadia, which centers on a teenager who encounters God in new and unusual ways. Join us following worship in the pavilion.

I think this enough to keep all of us busy in the coming months. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for blowing through our church!

In Christ,



SUNDAY, May 12, 2024, 9am
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Scriptures: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26;
 Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John
 17:6-19
 Click [HERE](#) to watch live.

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SUNDAY, May 19, 2024, 9am
Day of Pentecost (wear red)
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm
 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27;
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
 Click [HERE](#) to watch live.

**POTLUCK BRUNCH
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

05/19 Bulletin

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	May 12	May 19 Pentecost	May 26 Holy Trinity	June 2	June 9	June 16
Asst. Min.	Denise C.	Steve C.	MaryJane M.	Nick C.	Denise C.	Steve C.
Lector	Denise C.	Emily B.	Steve H.	Wendy C.	McKenna S.	Denise C.
Ushers	Tim M. Mike P.	Tim M. Mike P.	Tim M. Mike P.	Drew K. Mike S.	Drew K. Mike S.	Drew K. Mike S.
Counters	Tim M. Jan A.	Tim M. Steve C.	Tim M. Jan A.	Trudy G.	Steve C.	MaryJane
Altar s/u	Tim M.	Amanda	Sherry R.	Deb S.	Deb S.	Deb S.
Altar c/u	Denise C.	Denise C.	Sherry R.	Deb S.	Deb S.	Deb S.
Lock-up	Tim M.	Tim M.	Tim M.			
Musician	Deb R.	Denise C.	Denise C.	Denise C.	Deb R.	Denise C.
Tech	Nick C. / Doug B.					

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School: We are continuing with *The Wired Word*. Come join in the lively discussions every Sunday between 10:30-11:30am. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are available.

Children’s Sunday School will meet on May 19.

"CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY LIFE"

If you have any milestones (graduations, new jobs, new homes, new child/grandchild etc.) to share on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, please let Wendy or Pastor Gwenn know (via email).

PENTECOST POTLUCK

Please sign-up in church to bring a dish to the potluck brunch following worship, or contact Sherry R. with what you will bring. Weather permitting, we will be in the pavilion (there are outlets for crockpots, etc.).

BABY BOTTLE BLAST

Bottles will be available in church on Mother's Day, May 12. We will be collecting filled bottles until Father's Day, June 16.

Many thanks to Doug Bowers who is serving as Chair of our Stewardship Committee. If you are interested in helping with this very important committee, please talk to him.



Wine & Cheese Wednesdays begins on June 5th. If you have any topics that you'd like to discuss, or suggestions for speakers, please see Pastor Gwenn.

ST. PAUL'S AT THE SENATORS! Faith Night at the Harrisburg Senators is Friday, June 21, at 7pm. Please sign up in church or [here](#) to indicate your interest (and how many tickets you need). Contact Sherry Reynolds with any questions.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

May

6 Kenneth Getz
8 Addison Herman
8 Robert E. Diehl
8 Logan Hunter
8 Darrell McMillan
9 Anita Cox
10 Howard Locke

May

11 Heidi Getz
12 Michelle Thorn
15 Gary Radabaugh
15 Kathryn Getz
21 Trudy Getz
28 Cheyenne Cain
28 Spencer Verchick

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

May 12 Denise & Steve Casella

May 18 Miste & Lance Diehl



The loved ones of Arla H., Andrea G., Cindy H.,
Kody G., Jay U., Jerry J., Doug E.,
Jordan B., Christian, Naoma C., Holly, Andy D.,

*Please let the church office know if anyone you've placed on the
prayer list can be removed.*

ONGOING LONG-TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

Elizabeth D., Sheree H., Janie S.,
Marge & Jerry, Terrie J., Boden R.



Next Council Meeting: 05/13, 2pm

Click the button below for documents from the
most recent Council meeting.

[Council Meeting Materials](#)

**If you have any news you would like to share in the Epistle,
please email or call the church office.**



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