



PresbyPress

*"Everyday...is the day the Lord has made—
Rejoice! and be glad in it!"*

May, 2012

The Pastor's Pew

Pentecost is the one holy day that Hallmark has not discovered and marketed -- yet. No gift exchange. No big family meal. No Midnight Worship Service. No animals toting baskets or duffel bags. However, even Church folk far too often let Pentecost slip by quietly.

Pentecost (*which means the 50th day*) is the Birthday of the Church.

As Christians, we remember when the resurrected Jesus poured power and boldness and energy and enthusiasm into His disciples, as He had promised, fifty days after Easter. On that first Pentecost, the disciples were so inspired by their religious experience that they spilled out into the streets and began to tell others about Jesus Christ. They declared that the Holy Spirit of God was with them and that Jesus Christ was Lord and Savior. Others heard the good news and believed and joined them, and so the Church was born. Happy Birthday!

Medieval churches were wonderfully imaginative in celebrating Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. Worship services dramatized the Spirit of God by creating "Holy Spirit Holes" in the ceilings of churches, opening the sanctuary to the sky, showing the openness of churches to receive the Spirit of God. Doves (symbols of the free spirit) were let through these holes to fly about the church.

We also need Holy Spirit Holes in order to welcome the Spirit into our own lives. Christ desires to fill your life with the same Presence, Power, and Purpose that He had for His first disciples. He is willing to help us become disciples, people engaged in worship and service, who are confident and strong in love, not simply a member of a church.

News from the Pews

We celebrate the Baptisms of

Lindsey Elizabeth Cobb
Kiariah Yahneik Jones
Skylar Gail Treadway

We welcome the following
into the fellowship of our church family
and we look forward to their ministry among us

Brian Cole	by the Sacrament of Baptism
Shelly Treadway	by the Sacrament of Baptism
Bobbie Walker	by Reaffirmation of Faith
Martha Walker	by Reaffirmation of Faith
Owen Walker	by Reaffirmation of Faith

STAFF APPRECIATION

Please come Join Us

Sunday, May 6

After our Church Worship Service:
Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
Meat and Beverages provided

Show your appreciation by
bringing a covered dish to share
(salad, casserole, fruit, dessert)

In Recognition
of the Dedicated and Faithful Work
of Our Church Staff





May 1	Jacob Neubert	May 16	Betty Heidenreich
May 3	Dave Davison	May 18	Dwight Sherman
May 4	Amy Little	May 21	Evan Harkins
May 6	Charlotte Raines	May 23	Custer Holiday
May 9	Amy Holland	May 24	Linda Amburgey
May 11	Dan Clark	May 25	Becky Kimmons
May 14	Jacob Stahl		Becky Nelson
May 16	Adam Good	May 26	Glenn Snyder

We give thanks to God for those
those who placed flowers in
the sanctuary on Sundays in April



Barbara Cruickshank placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, **Thomas Newcomer**

Flowers in the sanctuary were placed to the glory of God and in honor of the worship leaders and participants of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter

Becky Nelson placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, **Isabelle Nelson**

Spring Night of Music!
May 7

**The one event of the year
that you do not want to miss**

Starting with our annual
Church Spring Dinner
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Served by Master Chef Lora Hayes

\$ 7.⁰⁰ adults \$ 3.⁰⁰ children

Please make your reservations

(744-2333)

Invite Friends and many Neighbors

A Spring Night of Music

We are excited to welcome

Special Guests:

The Great Three

Mark Hornbaker

Alan Pennington

Bill Rainey

Men of Praise Chorus

The BluesTone





Presbyterian Women

Thank You to all of the Presbyterian Women who helped in any capacity to make the Easter Brunch a great success

Circle of Love Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 pm, Parlor

Please bring a friend and join with our circle family for fellowship and Bible study

Circle of Faith Thursday, May 10, Noon, Mizpah Room

Join us for lunch, fellowship, and Bible study.
Bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be furnished

Mark your calendar now for the following events:



Baby Shower & Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 7, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a pot luck dish to share and a small wrapped gift for bingo prizes. This event is for all women of the church.

2012 PW Southwest Regional Gathering, Synod of the Trinity, will be held at West Virginia Wesleyan College, in Buckhannon, West Virginia, on June 24 & 25

Missions at First Presbyterian South Charleston

The year is nearly one third over and already several successful mission projects have been completed

1. The Habitat for Humanity luncheon raised \$1,119, one of the largest amounts Judy Lowe remembers collecting during her years of involvement with the mission. Money will be used for a “Blitz Build” where the entire house is built in as short a time as possible, often to accommodate the immediate needs of a particular family.
2. Eight people from First Presbyterian participated in a build on Saturday, April 7. With volunteers from other churches, a house was refurbished and made habitable for a family.
3. The next build is May 19, 2012. If you would like to participate in this mission, contact Judy Lowe.
4. The Furniture Mission is ready to get started for 2012. As always, this mission is in need of workers to pick up and deliver donated furniture. If you can participate in this community project, contact Betsy Greer, Tom Titus, or leave a message in the Church Office.
5. 50 children were treated to pizza and drinks at the Easter Festival.
6. Over \$697 was given for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters (including Haiti and West Virginia), provide food to the hungry, and help build strong communities in Third World countries.

A new mission that is expected to start in the next several weeks involves collecting teddy bears to donate to the South Charleston Fire Department. When the department responds to a fire, the bears will be used as gifts to comfort children who may have been affected by a fire. Watch the bulletin and the newsletter for further details.

All interested persons are welcome to participate in our meetings, the first Thursday of each month in the Mizpah room at 6:30 pm

If you have comments or suggestions, contact Joe Fuller (joefull@aol.com) or Shawn Hawkins (slhawkins@access.k12.wv.us)



Pentecost Sunday Come Ready to Worship!

May 20, 10:55 am

Please invite a friend

Pentecost Sunday is an exciting time to celebrate the birthday of the church and celebrate the Holy Spirit, who brings new life and hope!

There is a special Pentecost envelope included in your box of offering envelopes (and also in the pew rack). This special offering helps to put a smile on the faces of **children at risk**, and you'll be wearing a smile too. Our gifts can have amazing impact! Forty percent of your gift stays here at our church, for our support and mission to our children



We're having a BIRTHDAY party
for THE CHURCH!

Join us for our annual Chili Luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall following worship

June 10 – 14

**Soar into SKY
Vacation Bible School
6 pm to 8:30 pm**

Find a friend to bring



Furniture Pickup Season has begun
Call Church Office for pick-up
Furniture goes to the needy
Volunteers still needed to help pick-up
Contact Betsy (Bgreer2@aol.com)



Since Presbyterians were important in the early history of what is now West Virginia, it seems to be a perfect opportunity to affirm that part of our history and our legacy, through special music on Memorial Day Weekend

***May 27! Seventh Annual Worship Service
Celebrating our Appalachian Musical Legacy***

Here is your fine opportunity to enjoy the church's old-time hymns and songs.

Music includes fiddle, banjo, bagpipes pennywhistle, violin, guitar, dulcimer.

The service is designed to emphasize the heritage of Appalachian spiritual music.



Please come and invite all your friends!

An Important Message from your Youth

We are ready to go on our **annual mission trip**, this year to Caguas, Puerto Rico (July 15-20). We're eager to help the people of Caguas, while enjoying Christian fellowship and making new friends. Workcamp has always been a spiritually uplifting experience for our own youth (and also our adults).

But before we go to Puerto Rico, we have an important task to raise the necessary funds to make these trips possible. This year ***our Mission Trip will cost more than in previous years.*** As always, we are thankful to have such a supportive church family to make our dream a reality! You make a difference. Here are some events that you are invited to mark on your calendar:

Friday, May 11th

6:00 pm

Dinner and Open Mic Night – Join the Youth for dinner in Fellowship Hall and step up to the microphone and show us what you've got! Want to read a poem or sing a song or tell a joke? – then this is your opportunity!

Saturday, May 19th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Car Wash – Hand washed and dried to perfection.

Your car never looked this good!

Saturday, June 2nd

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Yard Sale/Hot Dog & Bake Sale – We need your junk and your used books! Please bring any donated items for the sale to the church office anytime during May.

Sunday, June 24th

12:05 pm

Heritage Sunday Celebration Luncheon

Following morning worship, join the youth in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch



Little child, for you Jesus came into the world; for you Jesus did battle in the world; for you Jesus went through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you Jesus cried, It is fulfilled; for you Jesus triumphed over death. Little child, you do not yet know anything about this. But thus is the statement of the apostle confirmed, We love God because God first loved us! Baptismal Service of the French Reformed Liturgy

**When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place,
and there appeared to them tongues as of fire, resting of each one of them**

Acts 2: 1-3

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 Committees	2 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	3 6:30 Mission	4 11:00 Prayer Fellowship	5 Furniture Pick-Up
Holy Communion 6 9:45 Church School 10:55 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 12:30 Handbells 7:00 AI-Anon	7 6:00 Young at Heart Dinner for all 8:00 AA Manna Meals: Marsha Miller	8 7:00 Circle of Love	9 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	10 12:00 Circle of Faith 6:30 Worship	11 11:00 Prayer Fellowship 6:00 pm Dinner and Talent Show	12
Mother's Day 13 9:45 Church School 10:55 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 7:00 AI-Anon	14 8:00 AA Manna Meals: Marsha Miller Jack Shamblin	15	16 7:30 Chancel Choir	17	18 11:00 Prayer Fellowship	19 10:00 am Car Wash Furniture Pick-Up
Pentecost 20 9:45 Church School 10:55 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 7:00 AI-Anon	21 5:30 Friends of Veterans 8:00 AA Manna Meals: Bill Miller, Jack Shamblin	22 9:00 Presbytery Committee 7:00 Session	23 6:30 Child Care Center Pre-K Graduation Ceremony & Reception	24 12:00 Young at Heart	25 11:00 Prayer Fellowship	26
Vandalia Sunday 27 9:45 Church School 10:55 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 7:00 AI-Anon	Memorial Day 28 Office Closed 8:00 AA Manna Meals: Martha Racer Barbara Lockhart	29	30 7:30 Chancel Choir	31		