Cowtown Services

Cowtown services will be held Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. at Cowtown. We will worship in the white frame church which was the second place of worship for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. Completed in November of 1870 at a cost of $1500, it was originally located on the southeast corner of Wichita and Second. It was sold to the Catholics in 1872. It then served as rooming house until it was vacated. Because of a heightened awareness created by The Wichita Eagle, it was saved from destruction. In the early ’50s, the building was disassembled and moved to its current location.

The newly formed Kell Class held the first Annual Cowtown Service in June 1975. You are invited to commemorate the early years of First Presbyterian Church at services of worship at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Hospitality fellowship will be held between the two services in Turnverein Hall. A hymn sing prelude will begin 10 minutes before each service. The now famous Cowtown Quartet extraordinaire will add their special vocal touch to the services.

The 10:45 a.m. church service will be held in the Sanctuary with communion being served. There will be no chapel service. No communion will be served at Cowtown.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Presbyterian Church is hosting our first ever VBS to include adults. When: June 5, 6, & 7. 5:30-8p.m. Bring your family and enjoy a variety of activities for the entire family. We will be serving dinner at 5:30 p.m. Then we will break off into our groups. We will hold a traditional VBS for ages 3-13. For our other members & neighbors, we will have a different speaker each night, as well as yoga, adult fellowship, and fun. Please RSVP for the adult portion so we will have enough food for all who attend. See more details on Page 6. If you have any questions please contact Liz Norris 316-214-4318.
**Congregational Care**

Let Us Focus Our Prayers on These Members:
Aimee & Dean Wallace, Michelle Sears, Jim Gross, Mark & Phyllis Robertson, Tom & Peggy Church, Jerry Devins, Todd & Angelia Jones and family, Donna Coldwater, Bill & Francie Copeland, Jim & Karen Graves, Scott Lyon, John Doll, Betty Jo Dotzour, Eleanor Hall, Don & Sara Hutchison, Phil & Judy Michel, Joel & Sheli Blessant and family, Ruth Collingwood, Gary & Sharon Gates, Carissa Crittenden, Jack & Jan Harrison, Brett Aldrich, Melinda & Sheldon Sears, Tom & Monze Basham and family, Gary & Lilly-Ann Huffman, Nancy Clausing and Eric Engstrom.

**Sympathy:** Sympathy to the families of Janice and Pete Savute, Kristin & Mike Caradine and Steve & Elizabeth Wilkes. Please keep these families and friends in your prayers as they grieve the recent loss of their loved one.
From Brent's Desk

WRCC Update:

As of this writing (5/6/19), I will be taking the WRCC leaders to the regular stated meeting of Presbytery in Newton at the First Presbyterian Church on May 14. It will be my delight to introduce to the Presbytery their desire to become a PCUSA congregation and our commitment to walk with them on this journey. When so many PCUSA congregations are closing, it reminds us that the future will no doubt look radically different from the past and, yet, no less exciting. For behold God is doing a new thing, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19).

The future of the PCUSA will come less from our Scottish forebears but from the fruit born from our worldwide missions. It is the Great Commission in reverse. The United States is a great mission field, but the point of contact is Jesus Christ not in asking people to be like us. We must remember the call to discipleship is asking them to become like Jesus—which transcends race, ethnicity, gender, class, or sexual orientation (Galatians 3:28).

Just as we helped start the Korean Presbyterian Church, so we are called to be the Mother Church to the WRCC in helping them become a PCUSA congregation. Towards that end, I am proposing that we offer the use of our church van on Sunday morning for them to offer rides to their church members. However, this will require several of their members to join our church for our insurance company to be happy. This the Congolese leadership are willing to do. Effectively, they will hold dual membership like some people hold dual citizenship. Already the combining of the children and youth of FPC and WRCC has borne fruit as seen with the melodrama and upcoming VBS, Games Camp, and mission trips. The WRCC was very appreciative of the use of the camp to worship on Easter and showed their appreciation by helping at the Camp work day. So, it is my hope that this bit of news is cause for much rejoicing as we make the shift to view the WRCC as our sister congregation, not an outside group using our building.

COMT (Church Orders Ministry Team)

I am a member of the Church Orders Ministry Team whose responsibility is to train, examine, and oversee Teaching Elders and Certified Ruling Elders, those who would exercise the office of Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery of Southern Kansas, and to support local congregations in the Call Process and help resolve any conflicts that might arise between Pastor and Congregation.

Presently as Liaison, I am working with two congregations (Trinity and First Hutch) to help them form a PNC and see the process through to calling their next pastor. I am also moderating the Session of First Hutch since their pastor, Mark Miller retired.

Summer Preaching Series—Politics of Power: The Rise and Fall of David

Given the extraordinary times in which we are living with respect to the ever-increasing polarization of politics, I thought it might be a Kairos moment to revive a Sermon Series I did for a congregation I served many years ago in Lincoln, Nebraska. It was entitled “The Politics of Power-The Rise and Fall of David” which looked at how David used power for good and ill. Lord Acton once said, “Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” This sermon series will begin June 16 and run for 6 weeks with an opportunity to discuss the sermon in The Well over brunch. I call this, “And the Conversation Continues” which turns the Sermon from a monologue to dialogue. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to see how the characterization of David as an idealized Shepherd King critiqued and legitimized the royal use of power.

Celebrating Judy’s Ministry with Us

It is with joy and sadness that we celebrate Judy’s ministry with us in her capacity as Parish Associate now that she has decided to resign effective June 12. (Supposedly wanting to spend more time traveling and enjoying her first year of marriage. I think it was an excuse to spend more time with Phil instead of me.) In all seriousness, Judy has been a joy to be around and to have as a colleague in Ministry. Thus, it with sadness to say goodbye to her in her official capacity with us. However, the good news is that Judy still wants to preach from time to time. Judy has already agreed to preach for me September 1, 2019 after she and Phil come back from their Safari honeymoon. All I got to say is don’t get too close to the wild animals-- better to see them at the zoo up close and personal than in the wild!

We will be celebrating Judy’s ministry with us on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Following the 9:30 a.m. service there will be a reception in The Well with cake! So, mark your calendars and plan to attend. And please send me your digital pictures of Judy.
Once a month, for the past thirteen years, I have written “a few words” in the church newsletter for whatever congregation I was currently serving. I’m sure that what I wrote was not always “inspiring”, but I have enjoyed the challenge and opportunity of this task. Until now...that is. As I write my last ever column for the PresbyNews, as a member of staff, I know exactly what I need to say. I just don’t want to say it!

As I prepare to step down from my position as Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church at the end of this month, I rejoice in the time spent here together with you - as a congregation committed to the church’s ministry and mission, and in the knowledge that this church is securely in God’s hands.

Step down is not the same as leave, and my hope is that we can continue to seek His will for our future through the faithful reading of Scripture, prayer, worship...and fellowship with one another. (In other words, I’m not leaving town/moving away!) When I close my eyes my mind floods with the memories of my time in this church, beginning in 1985 when I moved to Wichita and joined FPC, and I thank God for the privilege of serving on the pastoral staff for the past three years. Without question I look at my experience with you and realize that this has been a “Spirit-thing,” not a Judy-thing. Your love and support have given me the courage and strength to try my best to follow God’s will. I know that God will continue to use me in some way for His Kingdom, and He will continue to use you for His Kingdom as well!!

Grace, peace and much love,

Judy

Second “Be Well” Seminar set for Saturday June 29

The Parish Nurse and the Evangelism/Hospitality Commission are sponsoring a second “Be Well” Seminar on Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in The Well. The session is FREE, limited to 20 individuals with lunch and materials provided. To register, contact Joan Aldrich (409-7249) or Mary Knecht (942-8068) by noon, Sunday, June 23. If you make a reservation, please plan to attend, or cancel to make room for someone else.

“Be Well” is presented by Rev. Dave Fulton, a retired Lutheran pastor and Chaplain at the Dole VA Hospital. He received a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation and has been leading “Be Well” Seminars with great success for the last year. He is offering this program to members of FPC, their family and friends so encourage someone to attend with you.

Deep Spiritual Wellness (DSW) is our natural vitality and source of wellness. Our spirit is the inner energy which makes us well. Spiritual practices such as meditation (mind), yoga (body), and spiritual conversation (relationships) open us to deep spiritual wellness. Stress in body, mind and relations take us out of DSW. Living in Deep Spiritual Wellness empowers vitality!

From Psychology Today: “Stress generally refers to two things: the psychological perception of pressure, on the one hand, and the body’s response to it, on the other, which involves multiple systems, from metabolism to muscle to memory. Prolonged or repeated stress, a characteristic of modern life, can have harmful physical and psychological consequences, including heart disease and depression.”

This summer is a perfect time to relax, to get renewed and to get right with God. Sign up today to “Be Well” in body, mind, and relationships!
From the Parish Nurse

Know Your Medical History and Medications

There’s an easy way to improve the healthcare you receive: track and keep your medical information in one place that is easily accessible. By tracking your own medical and medication history, and recording it, you can be your own best health advocate. We know that over time, it’s easy to forget when and where and what treatments we received. It certainly can get confusing if these important facts don’t get written down or electronically compiled into your own personal health record. You may have to contact your medical providers to obtain copies of your medical records to begin compiling your medical history. Keep in mind that health records are not kept indefinitely, and that paper records may be misfiled or destroyed by fire or water, or simply lost. Also, older records may be stored on microfilm and the quality can deteriorate over time. So, get started now!

Here are some tips for creating your personal medical and medication history:

- Exercise your HIPAA rights by ordering copies of your medical record soon after your visit to the health provider (Dr office, hospital, dentists, physical therapy, pharmacies, laboratories, etc).
- Request a summary of records rather than the entire file. Providers may charge fees for preparing the summary based on the work involved.
- Maintain your own medical journal. Record Dr. visits, conversations, medications ordered (dose and how often taken), allergies, immunizations, test results and referrals.
- Utilize the online patient portals (electronic medical records) offered from your Dr’s. offices to help compile and summarize your protected health information.
- Compile medical history files for your children, particularly immunization records and serious health issues.
- Talk to older family members about their health history and medical issues. Develop a family tree of health issues that may affect you or later generations.
- Let trusted family members know where to find your medical records especially in the incapacitating event you may not be able to speak and advocate for yourself.
- For more information and templates on Personal Health Records, visit PHR (Personal Health Record) @ healthfinder.gov
- For more information on Personal Medication Records and templates, visit www.aarp.org/health/drugs.

Many of you may have the Vial of Life, a large pill container that has your vital medical information papers tucked inside and placed on the top shelf of your refrigerator. This vial may be accessed in the event of an emergency so that emergency personnel can assist in administering proper treatment. (To obtain your free medical information kit, go to www.vialoflife.com). I no longer have the Vial of Life containers but have many of the Vial of Life Health Information Sheets that you can pick up at Blood Pressure Checks offered the 3rd Sunday of the month from 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in The Well. In the summer months, please visit me from 9 a.m.-9:30 a.m. on these Sundays in The Well.

Joan Aldrich
Children’s Ministry News

Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE for VBS June 5, 6, & 7 - *Note this year VBS will run for 3 days in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. * VBS planning is underway, and we are working on some big things this year. Our theme will be “WHO’S My Neighbor?” The workgroup has been working very hard to make this the best VBS yet. This year, we are excited to partner with Adult Education to add an adult component and hope everyone will join in for a fun three evenings of learning and fellowship. We will be having dinner so if you are over the age of 18, we ask that you RSVP to the church office or to the Facebook event link. This will help us plan accordingly for food and supplies. Children 0-18 must have registration forms completed by May 20th.

Games Camp (at Whispering Winds camp) will be June 11 through June 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to have another lock-in on the Thursday, June 13 of Games Camp. Space is limited. Cost per camper is $40 for the entire week of Games Camp. Payment for this camp is due now. If your child needs a ride, the church van will depart from the FPC @ 9 a.m. and will return at 4 p.m. Please be FPC to pick up your child at 4 p.m. if they go to the camp on the van. If you wish to apply for a scholarship, or have questions, please contact Liz Norris at (316) 214-4318.

Starting this summer, First Church will have a program for parents or caregivers with young children (0-5 years of age). This playgroup is designed to meet once a month and allow great enrichment opportunities, socialization, and involvement in the life of the church for both children and adults. Be on the look-out for more information coming out soon. For questions, contact Liz Norris.

After a successful fundraising opportunity with Big, Bang, Bingo....and the not so Silent Auction last fall, the Christian Education Committee happily reports TWO initiatives in action that are utilizing the $4,000 raised. The commission’s vision is to utilize the money for educational opportunities that enhance or boost our Christian experience and connection with each other.

To begin, CE recognizes that parents in our congregation with young children between the ages of 0-5 need an outlet to connect and do family, friendly outings. Thus, a playgroup will begin this summer that meets once a month where parents or caregivers with youngsters do themed outings that allow socialization, enrichment for children, and engagement in the life of our church. The financial support subsidizes the cost of activities and the time of the Playgroup Coordinator.

First Church Cares…. Cards is the second program that CE has already put into action since February. This creative and heart-warming outreach increases communication and connection with members within our church family. With handwritten notes of love and encouragement, ten cards are mailed out every month to individuals or family units. The purpose of this program is to recognize member needs and nurture relationships. The financial support aids the cost of card stock, envelopes, and postage. Our Big, Bang, Bingo....and the not so Silent Auction will return this fall! Looking forward to seeing you all there with your super hero capes and making a difference in the lives of others!
Youth Activities for June 2019

As we transition into good ole' summertime, we still hope to see our youth at Sunday worship (C.R.E.W.), Summer Splash and other youth activities whenever possible. Remember that our youth group is very important, and we rely on our youth to come together in a cohesive effort to keep their youth group strong in friendship, faith, fellowship and worshiping God. Youth group will still have Youth C.R.E.W. each Sunday because we have many activities, but worshiping God is the most important!

June 1 (YOUTH Saturday) – Community breakfast, **please plan to arrive at 7:30 a.m.** Summer Splash for Young Adults 2-6 p.m. at Whispering Winds Camp. (For young adults who have completed high school.)

June 2 (Sunday) – Cowtown services at 8 and 9 a.m. Regular service at FPC at 10:45 a.m. Summer Splash 2-6 p.m. The church van leaves the church at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. (Summer Splash is for youth who have just finished 6th grade through 12th grade.)

June 5-7 (Wednesday-Friday) – VBS week! 5:30-8 p.m.

June 9 (Sunday) – We move to (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m. for the summer. Summer Splash 2-6 p.m. The church van leaves the church at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. (Summer Splash is for youth who have just finished 6th grade through 12th grade.)

June 11-14 (Tuesday-Friday) – Games Camp week! 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. if dropping off & picking up @ church/9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. @ camp.

June 15 (Saturday) – Summer Splash for Young Adults 2-6 p.m. at Whispering Winds Camp. (For young adults who have completed high school.)

June 16 (Sunday) – (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m. Father's Day! Summer Splash 2-6 p.m. The church van leaves the church at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. (Summer Splash is for youth who have just finished 6th grade through 12th grade.)

June 17 (Monday) – Westminster Woods 7th & 8th Grade Camp-leave at 2:30 p.m.

June 19 (Wednesday) – CE Commission meeting at Ediger's house 5:30-7 p.m.

June 21 (Friday) – Pick up campers from Westminster Woods 7th & 8th Grade Camp at noon.

June 23 (Sunday) - (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m. Summer Splash 2-6 p.m. The church van leaves the church at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. (Summer Splash is for youth who have just finished 6th grade through 12th grade.)

June 24 (Monday) – Westminster Woods Highschool Camp-leave at 2:30 p.m.

June 30 (Sunday) – (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m. Freedom Fest at Whispering Winds camp begins at 2:00 p.m. **No** Summer Splash- Pick up campers from Westminster Woods Highschool Camp at noon.

Questions? E-mail Geri Doll doll@firstchurchwichita.org, call or text 316-737-8855. We are happy to give you a ride if needed.

GRADUATION NEWS

We can certainly be proud of the hard work and dedication given by the following members, family and friends who have completed their studies: Sierra Coldwater, Bailey Bowles, Miriam Mangaza, Yamungu Prospa, Carley Phelps, Kennady Gales, Cade Howard, Ashley Haltom, Jackson Haltom, Brandon Jones, Michaela Patricia Killen-Bove, and Carina Staab.
News from the Economy Corner

April's total sales were $10,816.64. This is a decrease of $284.21 from April 2018 sales possibly due to being closed for two afternoons. FPC's share was $9592.53 and Grace's was $1,224.11. We filled 95 vouchers in April for basic clothing necessities which were equivalent to $1,358.75. FPC's portion of the vouchers equaled $977.75 and Grace's was $381.00.

We want to thank Steve and Elizabeth Wilkes for working extra shifts and welcome Walter Bryant as a new volunteer. The summer vacation season is upon us and we need folks to cover for the “regulars” (most of whom work extra shifts year-round). A shift is 3 1/2 hours, which is a small amount of time to help others. As you clean out and reorganize for summer, please remember that we always have an extra need for men's clothing and shoes. We so appreciate and rely on your generosity and support of our mission to serve and meet the daily needs of our urban community.

-Economy Corner Board

GOODBYE TO SUSAN AND HELLO TO THARIKA!

As many of you may know, our bookkeeper Susan Waters has turned in her resignation. She is moving to Oklahoma City in June to be closer to family and friends. Susan said she has enjoyed her time and her co-workers at First Presbyterian very much, so her going is bittersweet! Susan has done a fine job with us over the last year and a half and we will miss her!

Fortunately, we have been able to find a replacement for Susan and her name is Tharika Munaweera. Tharika will begin her time with us on May 15 and Susan has graciously offered to stay and help train her! Tharika's birthland is Sri Lanka. She has been in the United States for six years and has been speaking English since grade school. She comes to us with outstanding qualifications and education!

So as you have time, please come by the office and give your well wishes to Susan verbally or in a card, and please introduce yourself to Tharika and make her feel welcome!

Appreciation Reception for Judy Michel

Sunday, June 9, will be Judy Michel’s last preaching Sunday as our Parish Associate. We would like to celebrate her time with us with a reception after the 9:30 a.m. service. We will have a basket for your cards and well wishes!

Judy has been a member at 1st Presbyterian Church since 1985. Yes, that’s 34 years!! Over the years she has participated in various music, Christian Education and worship events. After her retirement from Exploration Place, Judy began to hear the call for lay preaching. The door that opened for her was with a UCC program for lay preachers. Judy successfully completed that program and for the next 10 years found herself as a commissioned lay pastor. She served Haven, KS for 3 years, Anthony, KS for 18 months, and Sterling, KS for 5 years.

In November of 2016, Judy accepted the position of Parish Associate at 1st Presbyterian Church, her home church. We have been blessed in many ways to have had her with us in this capacity. When asked to share her joys in this position Judy commented: “reconnecting with my church family, preaching, worship, pastoral care, and all of this has enriched my sense of purpose.”

After Judy and Phil complete a trip to Africa this summer, Judy will be searching out ways to become active at 1st Presbyterian and in the community. There is no question that she will find her new path and that she will approach it with all of the God driven gusto and sense of purpose that she continually carries with her! So please join us as we share our appreciation.

THANK YOU PENNA MOLER!

We recently celebrated Penna Moler's retirement from teaching the Luccock Class. Penna taught this dedicated group for more than 2 decades. During that time, they studied 65 books of the Bible, some more than once, following lessons that Penna developed herself. Thank you, Penna, for sharing your gift of teaching with our Christian family, and we pray for blessings for you as you begin this next chapter in your walk with God and with your church family here at First!
**World Refugee Day Party**

International Refugee Day is celebrated every year on June 20 to honor the courage and determination of refugees who are forced to flee their homes because of persecution and conflict. This day gives us an opportunity to meet them, visit face to face and acknowledge their strength. In order for more folks to party without having to miss work, the Immigrant Support Services Network is planning a celebration on Saturday, June 15, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilltop Community Center, 1329 S. Terrace in Wichita.

Plan to come join the fun and fellowship: potluck ethnic food (bring a dish), music and dance performances by artists from all parts of the world, a fashion show and immigrant stories, display tables, games for all ages and the presentation of the Immigrant Heritage Scholarship Award.

Our new neighbors are anxious to share their food and traditions and make new American friends. They need our encouragement and hospitality! Differences should enrich, not enrage us.

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**Presbyterian Hunger Ministry Celebrates 50 years**

Highlights of this important ministry:

- Established the first denominationally focused Hunger Program in the U.S.
- Raised over $260 million to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes.
- Encouraged individuals, congregations and middle governing bodies to engage in advocacy that addresses the root causes of hunger while also encouraging them to provide food for hungry people.

Is there more to do? Indeed. Until we reach a time, God’s time, when no child goes to bed hungry and when all God’s people can share in the abundance of God’s creation, living with dignity and worth, there will still be a need for the Hunger Program.

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**Challenge from Mission for Crisis in Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen**

PCUSA churches across the world received a letter dated April 29, 2019, asking them to respond to what the United Nations is calling “the largest humanitarian crisis since the creation of the UN more than 70 years ago.” More than 20 million people urgently need food aid for their survival in Northeast Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen. It is the first-time famine has been declared in four nations at the same time.

The reasons are complex. Violent conflicts have compounded the need and the suffering of intensely poor and vulnerable nations. Drought, flooding, erratic and dangerous weather caused by climate change are exacerbating the turmoil and jeopardizing food supplies and production.

The FPC Mission Commission has pledged $1,000 for this crisis and we are challenging the congregation to match or better this amount. If each family of our congregation would give the equivalent of the cost of one meal a week for the four weeks in the month of June, we could exceed the goal. Make your checks out to FPC and in the memo line write Presby Hunger Program. Each of us has experienced the feeling of hunger after missing one meal but none have experienced the hunger pains of having no food at all.

Your prayers and financial support in response to this alert from the United Nations are urgently needed! For men, women and children all over the world who are in deep and dire need, you can provide food and hope, even during despair. If we each do a little, it adds up to a lot. Remember what Jesus did with the loaves and the fish.
**Upcoming Events**

**Freedom Festival**

*June 30, 2019*

Whispering Winds Camp  
9601 West 73rd Street North  
Come one come all 2 p.m. to ?  
Pool opens at 3:00 p.m.  
*(free admission)*  
Activities & Games  
Live Music *(local talent)*  
*Vespers*  
*Tours of the camp*  
*BBQ, hamburgers & hot dogs provided!*  
*(Please bring a side or dessert)*  
*Fireworks*  
*(Bring your fireworks & lawn chair)*  
*Phlox Kansas*  
*Family Friendly!*  

Questions? Dave 316 371-1050

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**Pentecost Offering, Sunday, June 9**

Pentecost, celebrated on the seventh Sunday (49 days) after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This event is described in Acts 2:1–31 and is celebrated as the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future.

One of the four major offerings of the PC (USA) is the Pentecost Offering, a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Studies show that a foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood, helps ensure lifelong faith and service. Psalms 71:17 testifies to this truth, “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.” The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person’s life.

Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at-risk in their communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders. By giving to the Pentecost Offering we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come: children, youth, and young adults. Our church keeps 40% of the offering, 25% goes to the Young Adult Volunteer program, 25% goes to “Guiding Youth” for ages 12-18, and 10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” a national initiative.

Please join with the worldwide Presbyterian church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith with a special gift to the Pentecost Offering received on Sunday, June 9. And, don’t forget to wear red to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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**Ten Things You Should Know About Pentecost**

Here’s a basic understanding of what Pentecost Sunday is, and ten things you should know about the holiday:

1. Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.
2. Pentecost Sunday occurs 49 days after Easter.
4. Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
5. Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church."
7. Pentecost launches the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized.
9. Jews also celebrate Pentecost, but not for the same reason as Christians. The celebration by Jews of Pentecost is to observe God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Pentecost in Jewish tradition takes place 50 days after Passover.
10. In Western Churches, Pentecost is represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
Herb Bevan is celebrating his 90th birthday on Saturday, June 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be cake and drinks in the Parlor for all to enjoy. Please stop in to wish him a happy birthday and help him celebrate this special occasion.