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General Information:

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

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A shared experience

What comes to mind when you hear the word Pentecost? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?



Dogs' best friend

A 71-year-old graduate in Turkey has become an inspiration to many. Fevzi Uyar had retired after teaching biology for 42 years but decided to pursue another degree. Known as the "grandfather" of homeless animals, he routinely traveled 90 miles every two days to feed stray dogs, who came to recognize his van. Uyar also built dozens of plywood shelters, complete with rugs and blankets, for the dogs.

But Uyar often encountered dogs needing medical care and racked up debts with a local veterinarian, so he enrolled in classes himself. The recent graduate now vaccinates and treats the animals he loves so much.

"God spoke: 'Let us make human beings in our image, ... so they can be responsible for ... every animal that moves on the face of Earth'" (Genesis 1:26, MSG). Fevzi Uyar's care for stray dogs beautifully reflects God's intent for creation.

Special dates

National Day of Prayer, *May 6, 2021*

Mother's Day, *May 9, 2021*

Ascension Day, *May 13, 2021*

Pentecost, *May 23, 2021*

Victoria Day (Canada), *May 24, 2021*

Trinity Sunday, *May 30, 2021*



Dear Friends:

On May 23rd we celebrate Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church. We most associate Pentecost with the Holy Spirit, which we believe descended upon the early church as the disciples gathered for Pentecost. This is recorded in the second chapter of Acts.

For the Holy Spirit there are a variety of images. Probably the most prominent symbol is the dove. We often see that in our stained glass windows, paraments (altar cloths) and bulletin covers. It's a comfortable image and one that makes us feel pretty safe. It landed on Jesus at his baptism, it brought the olive branch to Noah. The mourning doves in our front yard coo softly, don't fight with other birds, and peck gently at the ground. They don't give you a minute's trouble.

But is that too tame an image for something as powerful as the breath of God, the Holy Spirit? Maybe we need to balance the image of the dove with other images. We can think of the tongues of fire in the story in Acts of that first Pentecost. Not such a comfortable image. Recall the story of Moses who was tending his sheep when an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush. Because Moses was curious enough to turn aside from his path to look, God spoke to him out of the burning bush. Had it been a dove, I doubt Moses would have turned aside to see it. There is nothing gentle about the image of fire, but it will definitely wake you up!



The breath of God is also thought of as wind. It can be a gentle breeze that caresses your face on a pretty spring morning. Wind is not necessarily gentle, though. It might be more like that force of wind you see on the Weather Channel when those weather people are on the beach filming the hurricane and they can hardly stand up in it. The breath of God is not something to mess around with!

Then there is an image we are probably not familiar with, the Celtic tradition which depicts the Holy Spirit as a wild goose. I vividly recall a time that we were on a walk and encountered a flock of geese. One of them chased us down a lane! Honking, flapping its wings--it was nothing like those nice doves in my front yard. The wild goose as an image for the Holy Spirit brings to mind something very unpredictable, unsettling, and even dangerous.

Just when you think you have God under control, that God agrees with everything you agree with, that God likes who you like, and dislikes who you dislike...the Spirit of God breaks free and upsets the religious apple cart. The wild goose of the Holy Spirit is always on the move, wild and free.

Those upon whom the Spirit rests will be like the Spirit itself, passionate and courageous. It is not an easy journey. A primary message of the Pentecost experience is that Spirit brings people together, to travel with and support each other on life's journey. People with a common vision get to travel farther. To follow the Holy Spirit is to live a life that matters, a life lived to the fullest. Breath, wind, fire, dove, wild goose...however we think of it, the Spirit is a holy gift. Life should be a holy adventure that uses every bit of that gift.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kim



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
3	Adam and Sara Weaver	13	17	Sally and Donald Hoover	36
6	Stephanie and Scott Markle	32	18	Tammie and Don Knight	30
8	Jacquelyn and Byron Thoman	34	21	Melanie and Russell Berwager	38
13	Kellie and Jim Musselman	26	26	Jean and Greg Yiengst	48
13	Jennifer and Bryant McCusker	21	29	Sharon and Scott Fuhrman	39
15	Kathy and Andy Hansford	50	30	Rachel and Andrew Betlyon	10

Note: *If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records.*



Dorcas L. Transeau

Born

March 18, 1926

Died

March 12, 2021



Rodger Saltz giver	May 1
Hollis Arentz	May 3
Johanna Berwager	May 11
Shirley Krepps	May 25
Edith Menchey	May 31



Special Thanks!

The William & Judith Foreman family would like to thank Trinity congregation for their continued prayers the past 3 years with their daughter Leigh Anne's fight against ovarian cancer. During her ordeal we appreciated the special help from the Men & Women of Trinity, the Knit Wits, The Reverend Kim Blocher and all the cards and condolences received following her passing. Those who knew Leigh Anne will cherish the fun, laughter, love, sadness and joy she shared with you. May God Bless the members and leadership of Trinity UCC.



To members of the Consistory & Pastor Kim,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful plaque that has been placed in the library. It was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated. Having the opportunity to work on the archives was such a joy and very interesting. I want everyone to know how much it meant to me for the opportunity and I am very proud of the completed items. In closing, always remember that tomorrow is a new day and today is now history. I am hopeful that the history of Trinity can continue to be archived.

May God's blessing be with you all,

Bill Spangler

To our Trinity friends,

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support during our mom, Dorcas Transeau's, final months. And now, we take comfort in receiving your expressions of sympathy after her passing.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Judy and Steven Steinke

Sheely-Hicks Endowed Scholarship

The Sheely-Hicks Endowed Scholarship is for young adults who are affiliated with Trinity UCC in Hanover, PA. Some restrictions apply. The restrictions are as follows:

*The scholarship is to be used in the following disciplines: music, languages, nursing, religion, Christian education, philosophy, economics and related majors, and political science.

*The scholarship is to be granted to Trinity affiliated young adults for attendance at accredited liberal arts and science undergraduate colleges or theology schools.

*The applicant must demonstrate financial need (FAFSA).

*The applicant must hold a high school or prep school rank in the upper 1/3 of the class and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Applications are available in the church office or by email

May	2	9	16	23	30
	Communion	Mother's Day		Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Consistory Team	6	1	2	3	4
Worship Leader	Jim Barnhart	Eric Leib	Bill Foreman	Grant Reichart	Lorene Crooks
Altar Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Open	Junga	Open
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Open	Jim Berwager	Open
Bulletin Sponsor	Rhodes	Open	Wilson	Wilson	Open

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available Sunday. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins.

May Trinity Times

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Trinity's Mission Statement: Trinity United Church of Christ strives to be a warm, caring family of Christian believers. Our calling is to witness and strengthen the Christian faith through meaningful worship, Christian education, and Christian living in the home, the community, and the world.

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