



THE NEWSLETTER

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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1 (NRSVUE)

Pentecost falls on May 24 this year. We always celebrate this special day in the church calendar by wearing red, decorating the sanctuary with red balloons and pinwheels, and enjoying food together. This year, we have moved the church dinner to the fourth Sunday so that we can enjoy a special meal together. We encourage folks to bring red foods such as watermelon or tomatoes. We will welcome Rev. Nora Fitch to the pulpit on Pentecost and look forward to her message.

We have some traditions in our congregation, but what is the background to this big celebration? The Companion to the Book of Common Worship says, "The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, celebrating as it does the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ — the church." According to Acts 2:1-13, God sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. The rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire were outward manifestations of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10). With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. A spirit-filled community of faith opens eyes to needs in the world and sees its mission as God's new people.

We are getting ready to begin our summer mission of feeding hungry children in our community and a new mission of helping to provide clothing for people in our community, as we continue to provide food and other essential supplies in our food pantry. Thanks for the way everyone is working together.

In His Love, Ginny Raska



What We Prayed For In April

Keep In Prayer:

J.J. Giddions, Robin Harrington, Dwight and Janice Stahl, Jamie LeBouef, Shaun LaBreck, Nelda Gragert, Sandra Clarke, Alaina Grace Trevino, Sherry Evans, Linda Seth, Nancy Boyd, McKenna Buchanan, Shirley Plotts, Jim and Sandra Barnett, Ken and Sandra Gragert, Cindy Massingill, Kriztopher Alvarez, Marilyn Shockley, Jan Weber, Katie Weber, Timothy Kelly, Tommy Carter, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Betty Thacker, Veronica Grindle, Paul Erwin, Debbie Cole, Yolanda Castro, Lowesa Terral, Shelby Kelley, HuNoMi Rodda, Steve Pruett, Alvis Jacks, Nancy Oertli, Debbie Piantinada, Barbara Ferrel, Jesse and Wendy Abbott, Hugh Hamilton, Glen Salyer, Tammy Buhler, Landen Ivy, Lynette Williams, Tabitha Degges, Gary Hyer, Ed Wilson, Cynthia Hopwood, Allen Bercegecy, Wendy Abbott, Gail Chrysler, Kevin Crouch, Richard Wright, Charlie Brown,

Comfort and Hope:

Family and friends of Ronald Harmond (at his passing). Family and friends of Edwina Clingman (at her passing). Families affected by extreme weather. Peace of Christ for our neighbors, our country and the world [Cuba, Mexico, Israel, Iran, Ukraine...], Air Canada flight crash with fire truck

Other Prayers:

Rain, Margarita, Blake, Marilyn, Emma Dodge and Harley, Karen, Scott, and Chase, Cole Buchanan, First Responders [firefighters, police officers, EMS, dispatchers, volunteers, Military. Students SAT/ACT tests
Amalea (1 1/2lbs, NICU), our church, our families, education, arts, entertainment, social media...
Mission (Food Pantry, Blessing Box).

**Sharing the Joy: ...The Lord be with all of you.
2 Thessalonians 3:16**



Class of 2026

High School:

Madeleine Clarke-Dawson High School

Wesley Clarke— Archway Academy

Gavin Gregory-Kingwood High School

Charlotte Watkins— Edna High School

College:

Meredith Clarke— Texas A&M University

Michael Molenaar— University of Utah

Seminary:

Colton Hedrick— Austin Presbyterian
Theological Seminary



During the month of April

We served 23 families during the month of March.

The Food Pantry could use the following:

Dish Soap,
Laundry Soap,
Bleach

For more information please call

Nelda 979-799-7681

WORSHIP NEWS



Attendance	Total	Elders	Facebook
April 1	18	4	
April 5	27	7	
April 12	24	6	
April 19	18	4	
April 26	18	6	



You are invited to study God's word
on Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome (all ages). A
light breakfast is provided.



*** TREASURER REPORT ***

February Income	\$4579.67
February Expenses	\$5848.26
March Income	\$4778.50
March Expenses	\$5924.10



Blessing Box

The Blessing Box needs:

Water

**Easily opened canned soups, Ravioli,
Spaghetti...**

Vienna sausages, Beanie Weenies

Tuna packets

Crackers

Anything that is easy to open.



Online giving to our church is now available
through a program designed by the
Presbyterian Foundation. Our online giving
page can be accessed by clicking on the Give
Now button on our website. When you click on
the button, it takes you to a secure webpage
OR you can scan the QR code below.





May Birthday

5/6 Jessica Navarro
 5/11 Addelyn Mercer
 5/13 Emmalyn Mercer
 5/14 Sandy Tinnon
 5/15 Brian Fitts
 5/17 Sandra Clark
 5/17 Bonnie DuBose
 5/19 Janiece Tischler
 5/27 Molly Molenaar
 5/30 Paige Hyer
 5/30 Caitlin (Hyer) Hendrick
 5/30 Norma Peterson

May Anniversaries

5/7 Linda & John Matheson
 5/18 John & Sandy Tinnon
 5/24 Ronald & Jennifer Mercer



At the recent Feed My Lambs planning meeting, the start date was set as June 1. As always, we need volunteers for a variety of tasks: preparing sandwiches and hot dogs, sacking lunches, folding agape,, delivering meals. We welcome donations of your time and talents as well monetary contributions. Please make checks to First Presbyterian Church with Feed My Lambs in the memo line. For any questions, please call : Ginny Raska @ 798-1628.



In May we will continue our Bible Study about the Apostles Creed on Tuesdays from 11am until noon. We are also continuing out monthly Horizion Bible study. This month we will meet on the fifth Sunday after worship. The lesson for May 31, the eighth lesson is "Remembering Jesus' Baptism."

Ginny Raska

CHURCH DINNER

Wow am I glad it is finally May! April started out with Easter Breakfast with pancakes, sauage, casseroles, fruit and juices along with sweets. It continued with regular church dinner on the 18th, which I unfortunately couldn't attend, but with Nelda's help went off without a problem.

May's dinner will **not be held on the third Sunday** as usual, but on May 24th, which is Pentecost Sunday, the birth of the Christian church. The theme is Birhtday Party with red items. I can hardly wait to see what everyone brings!!

Robin Harrington

979-482-3750

Smoked Salmon Spread

1 (15 1/2 ounce) can salmon, drained and flaked

1 (8 ounce) carton low-fat cream cheese

1 tablespoon prepared horseradish

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/8 teaspoon liquid smoke (more or less to taste)

1 tablespoon grated onion (optional)

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Combine first 6 ingredients in a medium bowl; stir well. Transfer to a serving bowl; cover and chill thoroughly. Sprinkle with chopped parsley before serving. Serve with crackers or Melba toast. *From Low-Fat Way to Cook Oxmoor House 1993.*

KEY LIME DUMP CAKE

Provided by Sandra Barnett

1-13.25 oz box Betty Crocker vanilla cake mix

1– stick butter, melted

3/4 cup key lime juice

28 oz sweetened condensed milk

2/3 cup sour cream

1– tablespoon grated lime zest

1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray inside of glass or ceramic 9x13 casserole dish with cooking spray. In large mixing bowl add key lime juice, sweetened condensed milk, sour cream, lime zest and salt; stir until well-combined. Transfer lime mixture to bottom of baking dish; spread out evenly. In medium mixing bowl combine dry cake mix and melted butter; stir until crumbly, breaking up large chunks with spoon. Sprinkle cake/butter crumble mixture over lime mixture in dish; spread evenly. Bake 20 minutes; allow it to cool at least 20 minutes before serving. Serve warm or refrigerate and serve cold. Serve with ice cream. Cool Whip and/ or toasted coconut.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The church office will generally be open Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The exception will be holidays.					1 10-Noon Food Pantry	2
3	4	5	6	7 National Day of Prayer	8 10-Noon Food Pantry	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 Ascension of the Lord	15 10-Noon Food Pantry	16 Church Workday
17	18	19	20	21	22 10-Noon Food Pantry	23
24 Day of Pentecost Church Dinner	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26	27	28	29 10-Noon Food Pantry	30
31 Horizon Bible Study	<div> <div>Every Sunday</div> <div> 9:15 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship </div> </div> <div> <div>Every Tuesday</div> <div> 10 a.m. Prayer Group 11 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Game Night </div> </div>					