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FPC Meetings

- May 2 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's 9 AM-12 PM Church Work Day
- May 4 5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting 6:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- May 5 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting
- May 6 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting
- May 7 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer /Temple Plaza
- May 9 9 AM-12 PM Church Work Day
- May 11 5:30 PM Communications Team Meeting 6:30 PM Finance Ministry Meeting
- May 12 6:00 PM Personnel Ministry Meeting
- May 14 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry
- May 18 **CHIMES DEADLINE**
- May 19 6:30 PM Session
- May 15 3:15 PM Comfort My People 6:00 PM Adventures in Worship
- May 25 **OFFICE CLOSED**



IT'S TIME TO MULCH

The Facilities Team has scheduled 2 Saturday workdays to spread mulch in the flower beds in the parking lot. We need all the able bodied members of the church to come out for a fun day of shoveling. Yes I said FUN. Bring your shovels, wheelbarrels and rakes on Saturday May 2, and Saturday May 9 from 9 AM to noon. The more we have, the shorter the workday. If you don't feel you can lift and shovel, you could provide water and snacks. Please let Sheila, Nick or Judy know if you are willing to help. Hope to see you there.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 AM Choir practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Youth Group	27 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting 6:00 PM Facilities Meeting	28 12:30 PM Fold Chimes 12:30 PM Knit Wifs 1:00 PM PDG	29 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir practice	30 7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir practice	1 8:30 AM Love INC Annual Mtg 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mental Health Support Group	2 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church Work Day 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
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Dr. Jimmy's Spiritual Rx: "Remembering and Celebrating Pentecost"
Suggested Scriptures: John 14; Acts 2:1-42; & Romans 5:1-5; 8:26,27

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And it was on this day that Jesus' disciples gathered, according to Jesus' instructions, fifty days after Passover, but also fifty days after the resurrection and ten days following his ascension into heaven.

Now obviously, this was not the first act of the Holy Spirit. This is the same Holy Spirit who hovered over the darkness of the waters at creation and who raised Jesus from the dead.

This is why Pentecost is called by many the "birthday" of the Christian church. And for the first several hundred years after the close of the New Testament period, Pentecost and Easter were the two major events remembered in the church year.

And as Christmas became the biggest of all Christian festival seasons and days, especially in the West, Pentecost gradually faded in importance and observation.

It will last from May 24 until Christ the King Sunday in late November. The color for Pentecost Sunday is red depicting the tongues of fire of the Spirit which fell upon those gathered that first Pentecost Sunday.

So we can also say that how each Sunday is supposed to be a little Easter since Jesus was raised on the first day of the week, each Lord's Day should also be a little Pentecost.

What is also good about the celebration of Pentecost is that this is the only major festival in the church year that has not been "secularized" by the world at large, like Christmas and Easter.

Pentecost calls us to remember that each day by the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ's promise to be with us always is constantly being fulfilled - Matthew 28:20 - and that Christ's presence is even closer than the air that we breathe.



The Food Pantry is a Blessing from April 4 - April 25 we have served 15 families with 36 people total.



We NEED Canned Meats. Spam, Ham, Roast Beef, Chicken, Hash, Corned Beef, etc.; any kind you can just open and eat with crackers. NO perishables please! The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity.

- May 3 Boxed Meals with Meat/Canned Meats/Velveeta Cheese
May 10 Boxed Cereals/Canned Vegetables/Cookies/Crackers
May 17 Tooth brushes & Paste/Soap/Pancakes/Syrup/Soups
May 24 Soups/Canned Pasta with Meat/Bar Soap/Shampoo
May 31 Peanut Butter/Jelly/Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce

Circle Meetings

Tuesday, May 12 ~ Ruth Circle will be meeting at 10:30 AM in the church lounge.

Thursday, May 14 ~ Rachel Circle will meet at 9:30 AM in the Board Room.

Thursday, May 28 ~ Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 2 PM, in the Classroom at the church. Hostess will be Esther Williams. This will be our farewell to Esther, who is moving to Arizona in June.

Greeters

- May 3 Bob & Janet Martin
May 10 Ruth Pancoast & Ashley Peaslee
May 17 Dick & Norma Burch
May 24 Jan Goodwin & Carryl Fox
May 31 Mary Thompson & Ellen Gramm

Cookie Bakers

- May 3 YOUTHWAFFLE BRUNCH
May 10 Nancy Boesdorfer
May 17 Marj Gilliland
May 24 OPEN
May 31 Jean Land

Flowers

- May 3 In Honor of Bob & Janet Martin's 30th Ann.
May 10 In Honor of Bob & Carryl Fox's 65th Ann.
May 17 In Honor of Janice Kain's birthday
May 24 In Honor of the Choir
May 31 In Honor of George & Libby Milner's 47th Ann.

Coffee Hour

- May 3 YOUTHWAFFLE BRUNCH
May 10 OPEN
May 17 Steve Bowler
May 24 OPEN
May 31 Jean Land

Liturgists

- May 3 Rev. Pat Kuhs
May 10 Eva Cornwell
May 17 Lisa Taylor
May 24 Rick Welchans
May 31 OPEN

Flowers to Shut-Ins

- May 4 - 8 OPEN
May 11 - 15 Kolby Riggle
May 18 - 22 OPEN
May 25 - 29 OPEN

Meals on Wheels

- May 1 Mary Hardy
May 8 Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
May 15 Dale & Claudia Ferrell
May 22 Dale & Claudia Ferrell
May 29 Dale & Claudia Ferrell

Chancel Guild

May Captain, Marj Gilliland; Jim Gilliland, Eva Cornwell, Roger Cornwell

Ushers ~ Team #2

Ernie Curtis, Captain; Sally Masters; Jerry Prideaux; Kathy Delzell; Bill Garrison; Linda Anderson; and Jim Anderson.

FPC Choir

The choir will conclude its season on May 24. Special music will be featured in the summer months.



Ongoing: Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast's sister-cancer); Wilma Barry; Helen Cade; Roy Christison; Carlene Coddington (friend of Muriel Mullins); Doris Collins (Esther Williams' sister-broken shoulder); Wayne Dawes (friend of Lisa & Jay Cline-waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Dr. Robert Elghammer; Jane King; Robbie Lewis; Roberta McNeill (Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother); Nancy Orlea; Audrey Oswalt; Harriet Rauchbach; Catherine Ribbe; Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Karen Schildt; Don Van Pelt; Nancy Voss; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Our Nation's President and all elected leaders.

Recent: Diane Bales; Sharon Black; Betty Brown; Jeanne Burke; Debbie Catron (Mary Hardy's friend-cancer); Richard Chapman (friend of Jim Gilliland); John Crook (cancer); Tom Cooper (Doni Duckett's brother-cancer & stroke); Ernie Curtis; Linda Curtis (recovering from surgery for acoustic neuroma - benign brain tumor); Linda Foster (Connie Lovell's sister-surgery); Scotty Geades; Ray Griffith; Carol Ingram (cousin of George Milner); Dora Jameson (friend of Libby & George Milner); Mary Jane Johnson (Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant); Tom Kesler (Bob Kesler's son-cancer); Steve Kirby (cancer surgery); Inez & Deronda Kimberlin; David & Sue Laker (David is Stephen Laker's brother, caregiver of Sue-Alzheimer's); Phyllis Lawrence (cancer); Jane Lieb (on going health concerns); Dorothy Loving; Alex McMahon (Eva Cornwell's neighbor-cancer); Jim McHarry (friend of Judy Laker-heart infection/surgery); Monroe Melzer; Mert Meyer; Bob Miller (friend of Carol McLinden-cancer); George Milner; Jaxson Moles (Hurler's syndrome; great grandson of Nancy Jennings, grandson of Debbie Pruitt); Phyllis Morin; Debbie Mullins; Virginia Mullins (cancer); Craig Page (Larken Parr's uncle); Colten Robertson (family of Lisa Cline-congenital heart disease); Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker's sister); Taylor Schendel (multiple sclerosis-friend of Harriet Hymer); Shirley Sherwood (Sheila's mom-pneumonia); Harlan Smith (advancing dementia); Barbara Todd (friend of Judy Laker); Julie Tyndall (daughter of Jackie Bean-cancer); Nancy & Charles Winchester; Families of Margaret Ward, Thomas Owen, Augie Hoeflinger, and Marion Maden.

Military Service: Nicholas Harvey (Marine Parents: Allan & Lisa Harvey); SFC Thomas Kuchefski (Pat Phillips' nephew); TSgt. Adam Beal (Lois Stevenson's grandson); Billy Jackman (Sharon Huffman's grandson-in-law-Saudia Arabia); John Tanner; Samantha Grimes (US Marines); and all men and women that serve and others on prayer board across from office.

FPC Inquirers for the Ministry: Rachel Riggle (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary); James Potts (McCormick Theological Seminary).

Seminary Students: Mina Choi (Princeton Theological Seminary); and Cody Watson (Johnson University).

Regular Weekly Bible Study Continues through May

Our Bible study theme for this year - Jesus is the Question - has been completed. But our time together will continue through mid-May as we take a survey look at the New Testament book/letter of First John. This will then conclude our time together in study and sharing until September. Here is the full schedule for the month:

- Sundays: May 3, 10, & 17 (5:30 PM)
Wednesdays: May 6, 13, and 20 (10:00 AM)

Memorials

Jean Christison: Mrs. Agnes Geades
Janet Redmon: Michael Rortvedt; Mr. & Mrs. George Schildt
Augie Hoeflinger: Mr. & Mrs. James Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burch; CRIS Senior Services; Glee Cumbow; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Laker; Michael Mains; Roger McBroom; Daniel Rodriguez; Colin Treworgy; Rebecca Withers
Jim Van Pelt: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burch; Mrs. Helen Bury; Delilah Cummings; Mr. James Knight; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Laker; James & Mary Liggett; Mr. & Mrs. George Milner; Karen Nunez; Mr. & Mrs. George Schildt; Mary Thompson

Primetimers:

May 15-- We will be traveling to Homer to visit the Homer Soda Company and some of the other shops in Homer. We will leave the Church at 9:30 A.M. We will eat

lunch at the deli in the soda shop.

June 19-- We will travel to Champaign and visit the Idea garden and arboretum on Lincoln Ave. We will eat after we visit. Of anyone has a suggestion where we can eat, let Judy know.

Please let Judy or Sheila know if you will be going with us so the Van will not leave without you.

July 17--Open

August 21-- Open

September 18--Boat ride on Lake Vermilion

October 16-- Park County Covered Bridge Festival. We will go to Rockville

November 20-- Tuscola Tangier Outlet Mall

December 18-- Lunch together at Red Lobster



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Bob Kesler May 3
Cindy Crucitti May 4
William Hymer May 4
Kolby Riggle May 11
Aujah Gibson May 12
Andrew Torrey May 14
Caitlin Whitehair May 16
Bob Rudolph May 19
Linda Valdes May 19
Dr. John Adams May 21
Janice Kain May 21
Dorothy Loving May 22
Robert Crabb May 24
Rita Adams May 26
Mertyce Meyer May 30
Virginia Stewart May 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Bob & Janet Martin May 2
Mike & Joyce Schmitt May 7
Pete & Marge Krainock May 10



Growing Kids Through Golf
Scheduled for this summer - the week of Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19.



Our Spring-Summer Sunday Schedule Is:

- Worship: 9:15 AM
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Coffee Hour: 10:30 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS): 11:00 AM
Worship: (Saturday) 5:00 PM

SUMMER Office Hours ~ 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



FAITH LINE -- 444-5999 -- A Voice of Inspiration available 24 Hours

www.fpcdanville.org

Summer Office Hours



Begin After Memorial Day

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday



Deacons to Give out 25 and 50 year pins

Sunday, May 17, 2015 the Deacons will do their annual celebration of our longest church members. There will be pins presented for those who are reaching 50 or 25 years of membership at First Presbyterian Church. This is a wonderful tribute to the faithfulness of our members. If you think that you have earned such an honor, please contact the church office. We don't want to leave anyone out.

25 Years

Jennifer Bender; Amy Moody; Anthony Strubberg

50 Years

Barbara Stover; Harold Krainock; Marjorie Krainock

Congratulations



Happy Mother's Day!

Also on Sunday, May 10, we will celebrate Mother's Day as well as honor all of our church women - age infant to 90+ years! A special gift will be available, too!

Men's Fellowship Group

Men in the church are invited to a time of coffee, fellowship, and prayer the first Saturday of each month. We gather at Charlotte's on Ann Street just off of North Gilbert St. and our meeting date for this month is May 2. Bring yourself and a friend!

Nominations for Elders and Deacons

Pending Session action, a Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held either June 7 or 14 during the 9:15 AM worship service to elect deacons and elders for the Classes of 2018. After election, these new officers will be ordained and/or installed in late August to begin their terms of service in September. *Please take note of the Officer Nomination forms that are in the Sunday worship bulletins this month for church members to nominate persons they think would be good elders or deacons. Self-nominations are also welcome and current officers completing one full term or a partial term are eligible for nomination and election to a second term.* Notices to the committee about needed meetings will be communicated from the church office later this month.

Youth Service on Mother's Day this Year

Sunday, May 10, we will enjoy the leadership of our worship service by the FPC youth group. Featured will also be special music by our youth and other presentations. Dress rehearsal for the youth service will be at a time to be determined on Saturday, May 9. Be sure to come to show our young people your love and support as they continue to grow like Christ, in wisdom and stature.

Also for Pentecost

Be sure to wear red – the color symbolizing the flames of the Holy Spirit described in Acts 2; there will also be a birthday cake to wish the church of Jesus Christ, Happy Birthday! and the sanctuary will be decorated with red geraniums given in memory or honor of loved ones.

One Great Hour of Sharing Totals:

\$313.34



From the Deacon's Desk

From The Desk of the Deacons

Janet Martin

The Deacons met Tuesday, April 7, for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Pastor Jimmy announced that we do indeed have a graduate to celebrate this year. Rachel Riggle will be graduating from the Pittsburgh Seminary. This is a "first" for our church and we are excited! Pastor Jimmy announced he will be attending the graduation in fulfilling his promise to Rachel's mother, Pam. Anyone who would like to join him, please note that Kolby would appreciate trucks! Rachel has to move the same weekend! A caravan would be a special mission for anyone who can join Pastor and Kolby! If interested, please call Kolby to get details! HooRay Rachel!

The Deacons thank you for your involvement in the many Deacon responsibilities. We are always grateful when you sign up for coffee hour, cookie baking, flower delivery and of course your financial donations are greatly appreciated as well.

The Deacons are once again sponsoring Summer of Service this year. We are setting aside \$3000.00 to support the program. Bill Garrison mentioned the Ambuc's Challenger Baseball program as something that our SOS group could assist with this year. The Deacons all agreed this would be a wonderful opportunity for our young SOS workers to participate in. Pastor Jimmy will contact Kelly with further information.

Don't forget the Waffle Brunch on the first Sunday of May. The youth always do a great job bringing us good food and we know they appreciate our financial donations!

The month of May celebrates the sixth year for our church to recognize Mental Health Awareness. The writer realizes this is not a Deacon project, but there are several Deacons who are members of the committee and we want to always recognize their efforts to bring love and compassion to those among us who have issues.

Happy May! Spring has arrived! Ah, the glorious days of summer are approaching!



What Our Congregational Chapter Looks Like

I was challenged by the assignment to describe what a congregational chapter of PSMIN "should look like". I didn't know how to approach the task. I belong to a congregation that has accepted the idea of mental health awareness. I see what it looks like and I am humbled. This is what I see: I see happy faces, tired faces, young faces, older faces, those with ample means and others without – all gathered as one body of Christ and willingly seated beside one another in worship, praise and prayer. I see a menagerie of faces. There are the African-American mothers with babies and small children who utter "Amen" and "praise God" after hearing the sermon or singing a hymn that speaks to them. There are the oriental faces, young ones, so talented with their long fingers gliding across the keys of an antique pipe organ or a Steinway sharing their gifts. There are the Caucasian faces – some young, some old and mature, but all paying close attention to the testimony of the young man who came to share his journey with mental illness and his recovery. I see grandmothers searching the resource table for just the right trifold – the one that will explain her grandson's behavior and his odd ways so that she can be more attentive to him and his need for love and understanding. I see a high school teacher in the library, searching the references and books, hoping to get that special book which will help her with her troubled student(s) this year. I see retired doctors reading the inserts in the Sunday bulletin about someone's aunt who labored with mental illness throughout her life and who died, lonely, in a state facility far away from family. I see empathetic persons of the congregation get up from their pew and walk over to sit next to a young man in worship when he knowingly or unknowingly becomes loud, gestures with his arms, is restless and overly anxious. I see youth who willingly volunteer to perform a skit written by a member of the congregation that expresses someone's experiences with another who has a mental illness and is struggling for acceptance. I see laughter and tears – openly and willingly shared with one another. I see strangers coming into our church during days other than Sunday to find someone to talk to – someone to be open and honest with – someone who will guide them to find help in a time of desperation. I see a young mother of a child in a wheelchair approaching one of the committee members asking for guidance in helping another of her children to find counseling. I see a pastor who will welcome community members to the office, close the door and sit with someone for an hour and listening, caring and praying with that stranger who will be grateful for the time shared and who will return to worship with us next Sunday. I see a committee, small but mighty, whose main objective is to show the surrounding community that this church truly is "The church with a heart in the heart of the city!" Submitted by Janet Martin in cooperation with The First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Illinois' *Comfort My People Committee*.

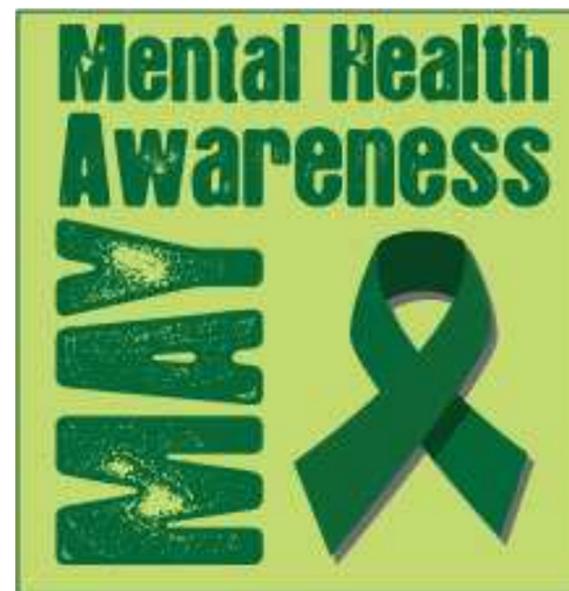
members of Session & Finance team met March 24th at 10:30AM for a teleconference with Joy Gruber, our investment advisor. The Investment/Endowment is being managed as stipulated in the directive established in 2012. The **Gatherers Group** has the funding for the Choir phase of the **Organ Renovation**. Repairs will begin in a few weeks. Thank you to all who graciously pledged and for doing so quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully, Harriet Hymer, Vice Clerk of Session

You Can Still Help with Per Capita for 2015

The Per Capita cost for 2013 that is split between Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly is about \$40.00 per active member. The Session asks for members to consider if they can give this extra amount that will help save the general budget some of its expenses in 2014. If you have questions, you may contact the church Accounts Manager, Paula, at the church office. Thank you for your consideration and many thanks to those who have already helped with this budget cost – we are ahead of budget receipts and giving for per capita over last year ☺



“Quick Facts About Pentecost”

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And it was on this day that Jesus’ disciples gathered, fifty days after Passover, but also fifty days after the resurrection and ten days following his ascension into heaven. The disciples and other followers were gathered in Jerusalem on Jesus’ instructions awaiting the sending of the Holy Spirit as he had promised.

This is why Pentecost is called by many the “birthday” of the Christian church. And for the first several hundred years after the close of the New Testament period, Pentecost and Easter were the two major events remembered in the church year.

But like each Sunday is supposed to be a little Easter since Jesus was raised on the first day of the week, each Lord’s Day should also be a little Pentecost. For as the Scripture promises, the Holy Spirit is the presence of God inhabiting our praises as we gather each time for worship.

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Session Highlights for April 2015

April 20, 2015 Session meeting opened with Prayer, lighting the Christ candle and hymn

Quorum declared: 11 present, 6 excused

Clerk’s report approved for March 2015

Clerk’s minutes approved for March 2015. There were 4 deaths.

Correspondence: None - Nominating Committee: Jim Anderson and Greg Hoss (elders) Nancy Boesdorfer, Tom DeTorres, Mark Mullins, Muriel Mullins and Bob Iverson (from the congregation at large)

Treasurer Report: Report approved.

Pastor’s Report: Church related team meetings and staff meetings; 5 chaplaincy calls at PUSMC, Weekly Audio article for WITY Radio and Column for Commercial News, Nursing home visits. 4 confidential office visits. 7 home visits, Home Communion, 3 funerals, pre-marital counseling, and prospective member visit. Action Item: Approved vacation for June 26—July 4, 2015. Action Item: Approved guest speaker/pastor for June 27 & 28, 2015.

Devotion: Bobbie McHone – “Shining Light in a Dark Place”

Team Reports:

There were no action Items from any of the teams.

The new sign has been installed. All Church work days May 2 and May 9 to spread mulch. One of the positions for Nursery attendant has been filed. Another attendant has resigned and so an ad was placed in the Commercial News and on the Church Website for a 2nd attendant. Pentecost is May 24, 2015. Two seminary students from Vermilion County have applied for aid from the Bremer Ministry Education Trust. Yellow Page and Internet service has been upgraded. An accounts manager has been hired thru Trillium Staffing Service. Tina Amadi (former Accounts Manager) is working with the new staff member to train her. Progress has been made on the creating the flyer for promoting the Retreat Site. The Endowment/Investment Oversight Team and any

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Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event Calendar for May

Saturday, May 2 – Mulch Day – 9:00 AM and Set Up for Waffle Brunch – Time TBA

Sunday, May 3 – 8:30 AM – Finish preparing for Waffle Brunch then serving and clean up after worship; 5:30 PM – regular Sunday evening meeting – practice for youth service

Saturday, May 9 – 9:00 AM - Mulch Day 2; final practice for Youth Service – Time TBD; 5:00 PM - help lead Spirit and Truth worship

Sunday, May 10 – 9:15 AM – Present and Lead Worship for Youth Service/Mother’s Day 5:30 PM – Supper and regular meeting to plan summer schedule

Sunday, May 17 – 5:30 PM – Supper and other activities

Sunday, May 24 – No evening meetings – Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 31 - TBA

Advertisement for 'Growing Kids through Golf' event. Includes an illustration of a child and a dog. Text describes the event on June 15-19 and 26, mentioning a parent's program and awards on Friday, June 19.

Financial report for the General Fund. Table with columns for Income & Expense MTD – March 2015, and rows for Beginning Balance, Current Income, Fund Transfers, Total Income & Transfer, Total General fund checking, Total General fund Expences, and Balance Forward.

*Current Income refers to money received during the month from pledges, loose offering, rents income from outside trusts and misc. donations. **Fund Transfers refers to budgeted money from the Endowment from earnings and allowable principle. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.



Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015

FLOWER ORDER

“RED GERANIUM”

Name: _____

They will be purchased from Lowe’s Home & Garden In [] Memory or in [] Honor of:

A series of horizontal lines for writing names or details for the flower order.

Deadline for Ordering: May 15th



does not make you a burden.



It does not make you unlovable or undeserving of care.
 It makes you human. Everyone struggles. We all fall apart.
 During these times, we are not always easy to be around.
 And that is okay. No one is easy to be around 100% of the time.
 The truth is you can be struggling and still be loved.
 You can be less than perfect and still be deserving

