



THE GRACEVINE

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Learning to Live by the Spirit

“Pentecost” comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church’s seven-week celebration of Christ’s resurrection. As the Lord’s Day is sometimes called the “eighth day” of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation—all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ’s mission throughout the world.

—*Book of Common Worship*, p. 344.

The Day of Pentecost falls on June 9, this year, and we will observe it in worship on that day through our prayers, our scripture readings, and our hymns.

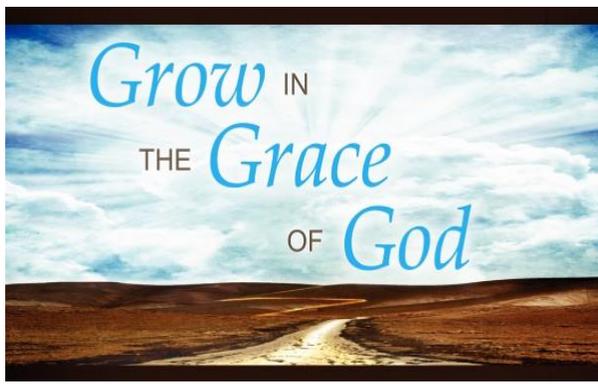
On Pentecost we are reminded of Jesus’ promises to the disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them, and particularly his instruction to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit’s arrival (Acts 1:4-5). As you read above, the Spirit did arrive on what we now call the Day of Pentecost in an unforgettable manner.

Just like Jesus’ arrival (which we celebrate at Christmas) and his resurrection (which we celebrate at Easter), the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was a unique event for all time. None of these events will ever happen again, so we commemorate them annually as a part of our history.

Pentecost is unique among these events, because it marks the “birthday” or the origin of the Church as we know it. Neither Christmas nor Easter does that. Pentecost is a reminder that now, in the absence of Jesus’ physical presence, we, as both the Church and as individuals, are to be guided in our life of faith by the Holy Spirit. I have found that we must learn to be guided by the Spirit—to follow the Spirit—to recognize the Spirit’s leading for what it is—to distinguish the Spirit from other forces that compete for our attention and our allegiance. It takes practice—trial and error—which takes time and patience to live by the Spirit.

Nevertheless, living “by the Spirit” can be a glorious and rewarding experience for those with the patience to learn to do it. And I believe it requires practice and devotion to Christ for the rest of our lives to learn to do it well.

--Rev. Pat



Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

4:45p.m. - Wonderful Wednesday

Church Office Hours

M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

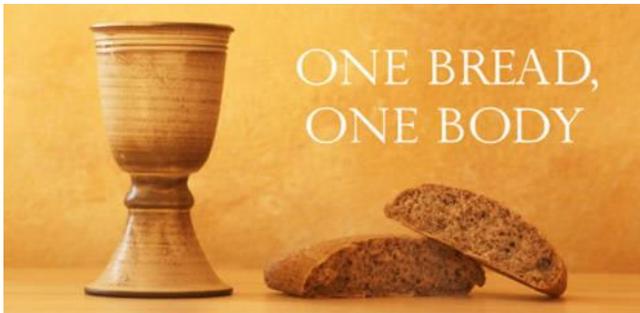
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY: Room 4

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

VINEYARD: Studying the book of Isaiah.

A Nursery is available every Sunday during Sunday School and Worship in Room 4.



COMMUNION - will be on **Sunday, June 2nd**. If anyone who is home bound would like to receive communion, please let us know in the church office so that we can get communion to you.



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable canned goods and paper products on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Our next collection will be on **Sunday, June 2nd**. Please consider donating to this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church.



Join us on **Wednesday evenings** for our study based on *The Call: The Life, Ministry, and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton. This study is a DVD-enhanced study and is on **Wednesday Nights** at **4:45p.m., followed by dinner**. We have 2 more sessions left of this study. This is a great small group study. We ask for a donation of at least \$3.00 to cover the cost of the meal provided that evening.



Grace Presbyterian would like to welcome our newest member **Elke Hitt** to our congregation. Elke joined by transfer of letter on Sunday, May 26th. She has been very involved at Grace the past few months and we are grateful to have her join our congregation.



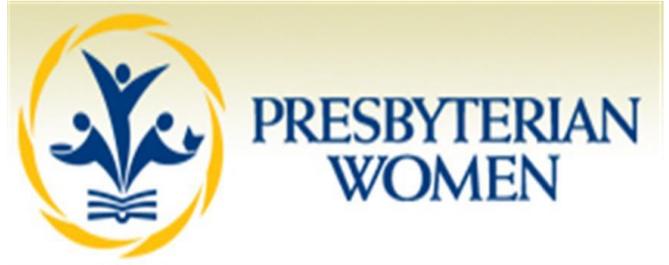
After worship on **Sunday, June 9th**, we will go out to lunch as a group to **Olive Garden**. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship! Contact **Margaret Boone** if you plan to attend so she can make reservations.

Committee Meetings

SESSION MEETING – will be on **Monday, June 17th** at **6pm** in the Session Room. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.



THANK YOU to **David & Jysele Jones** for cooking for the Fish Fry which was held on Friday, May 3rd. We had a great turnout that evening. Also thank you to those who brought food and contributed to the dinner.



The **2018—2019 PW/Horizons Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You***

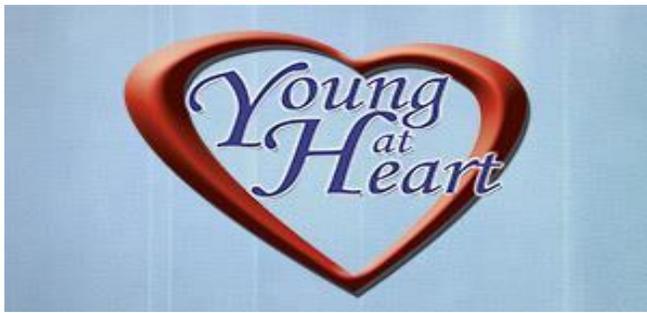
PW Home Circle – will be on **Monday, June 10th** at **10:00 a.m.** at the home of Mary Lou Montgomery (106 Whisper Wood Lane, Lafayette). All women of Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study.

PW Day Circle – **Tuesday, June 11th** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Church Library. All women of Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering which was taken on Sunday, May 5th. We collected \$213 thanks to the generous help of the congregation.



The Presbyterian Women hosted a bake sale after worship on **Sunday, May 26th**. The sale raised \$244 for scholarships for the Grace youth that will be attending Camp Agape & Synod Youth Workshop this summer. Thanks to the congregation for your generous support in making this sale successful. Special thank you to all the Presbyterian Women for baking the desserts!



MASH (Mature and Strong at Heart)

BIRTHDAYS – MASH will be providing a birthday cake after worship on the 1st Sunday of each month to celebrate members' birthdays. If we do not have your birthday on our church calendar, please email it to gracpreb@lusfiber.net or call Sarah in the office at 337-984-6400. We would love to include everyone on our list.

TAI CHI CLASS – will be on **Saturday, June 15th** from **10-11am** at Grace. There is **NO Fee** for this event. Snacks will be provided afterwards. Tai Chi is gentle flowing exercise that is great for health of mind & body. Please let Pam Fontenot or Betty Couch know if you plan to attend this class.

PAINTING WITH A TWIST EVENT – on **Tuesday, June 25th** from **1-3pm**, our MASH Group at Grace Church will have an enjoyable afternoon at Painting with a Twist. If you are interested in this event, please let Pam Fontenot or Betty Couch know. **To attend this event, the cost is \$35. You can either pay \$35 cash to Betty Couch or Pam Fontenot or pay by credit card by calling Painting with a Twist at 337-234-9783. Payment must be received at least 48 hours before the event!**

BLUEBERRY PATCH – on **Friday, May 17th**, our MASH group took a trip to Kidder's Blueberry Farm located near Grand Coteau. Everyone that attended this event had a great time picking fresh blueberries to bring home. Afterwards the group had breakfast at Cracker Barrel.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT



MOTHER'S DAY TEA – was held on **May 9th**. This is one of our biggest events each year at MDO. Our Mother's got to enjoy a program put on by the kids, breakfast and gifts their children made for Mother's Day.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT SAFARI – on **May 16th**, **School House Safari** joined the MDO Students for a fun morning learning/playing with animals.



PRE-K GRADUATION – was held on **May 29th** at Grace Presbyterian. Parents got to enjoy singing, awards/diplomas, a slideshow of their graduates as they grew up while attending MDO and refreshments.



NURSERY OPENINGS – Spots are still available in the MDO Nursery class for the summer session. (ages 6 months – 1-year). For more information, call Stacey at 337-993-1231.



Faith Lutheran Church in Lafayette will be having VBS on **June 17-21** from **8:30am-11:30am**. They are located at 104 Rue Fontaine. If interested, you can call and register at 337-216-9658 or register the morning of June 17th upon arrival. VBS is Free!

CAMP + AGAPE

Please keep in your prayers our Youth from Grace Presbyterian Church that will be attending Camp Agape at the Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA. Camp is from Sunday, June 9th to Saturday, June 15th. We have 3 youth from Grace attending this year.....**Julia Montgomery, Anna Montgomery and Lana Gaspard**. Also this year, **Andrea Montgomery** will be attending as a group leader.

REFRESHMENTS



We need volunteers for **After Church Refreshment Hosts** on Sunday Mornings. Something simple.....like cookies or fruit. Coffee, water and lemonade are available at the church. Sign up outside the Church Office or contact the Office if you would like to help! We need more volunteers on Sunday Mornings!!



We need **Greeters** on Sundays. Signup sheets are available outside the church office or you can call 337-984-6400 or e-mail the church office. Please arrive early to pass out bulletins and greet our members & visitors!



Synod Youth Workshop

When: July 8-13, 2019 (*Monday-Saturday*)
Where: University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
Who: Youth going to 9th grade to Graduated Seniors
Website: synodyouthworkshop.com
****Early Registration ends June 1**
****Late Registration will be June 2-30**
Cost: \$395 for youth and adults with a Home Group
****All Registrations requires \$100.00 deposit.**



Our Church Website, www.gracelafayette.org has a new look. If you have any current photos from Grace events, worship, etc., please email them to SLLDG2006@yahoo.com or text them to 337-652-5024. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions for our church website, please let Sarah know in the church office.

Communion

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, June 2nd.

Pastor's Office Hours

Rev. Pat is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 3:30pm and on Wednesdays from 1pm – 7pm. He can be reached at 337-781-1806 or wadpl@lusfiber.net.

Liturgists

2 Betty Adams
9 Jean McLain
16 Ellyn Macpherson
23 Paul Guillot
30 Margaret Boone

Greeters

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9 Ellyn Macpherson
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23 Ellyn Macpherson
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Refreshment Hosts

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

13 Margaret Boone
14 Lynette Kennedy
15 Lawrence Donohoe
19 Mary Conner
27 Pat Wadsworth

If we do not have your birthday on our calendar, please let Sarah know in the Church Office (984-6400) so that we can include your special day!



9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	6:30pm – Al-anon	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 9am – UL Writing Class 6pm – Co-Dependence	9am-2pm MDO 5-6:45pm – AA 7-8pm – Al-anon	1:30pm – Al-anon	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion	3	4 MDO Summer Session Begins	5 Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Austin Youth Group Overnight →	6	7	8
9 Pentecost Camp Agape Les Amis (Olive Garden)	10 Camp Agape PW Home Circle 10am	11 Camp Agape PW Day Circle 10am	12 Camp Agape Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm	13 Camp Agape	14 Camp Agape	15 Camp Agape Tai Chi 10-11am
16 Happy Father's Day	17 Session Meeting 6pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 MASH Painting with a Twist 1-3pm	26	27	28	29
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