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June 2023

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## Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School

Grades K5-4th

June 5th—8th

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am to 12:00pm

Inviting all children to come and learn about Jesus.

VBS is filled with bible lessons, crafts, games, music, snacks, science, and lots of fun!

register at [www.manningumc.com](http://www.manningumc.com)



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### **From the Pastor**

I am currently preparing for Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday. For Christians, Pentecost is the 50<sup>th</sup> and last day of the Easter Season. Pentecost is associated with the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and the other first disciples. But Pentecost was around before that day as suggested by Acts 2:1, “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.” (NRSV) Originally Pentecost (meaning 50 days) was a “Feast of Weeks” or “Feast of 50 Days” after the day of Passover.

The original purpose of the “Feast of Weeks” was to create anticipation for the remembrance of the day when Moses gave the Torah (literally meaning the teachings), what we sometimes call the “Law.” On Passover, the Hebrew people remembered being set free from slavery to Egypt, and on the last day of the 50 days of anticipation, they celebrated the giving of the Torah that bound them together as a people and formalized their covenant with God.

Christians see our celebration of Pentecost as being in the same room with the Jewish festival of Pentecost. It was on the Jewish festival day that the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus’ Apostles and first disciples. The giving of the Holy Spirit marked them as a people and bound them together with Christ and one another, just as the giving of the Torah had done for the Hebrew people. We celebrate Easter for 50 days in anticipation of the giving of what Jesus called “power from on high,” (Luke 24:49 NRSV) the Holy Spirit. Jesus had instructed them to wait in the city of Jerusalem until they had received this gift promised by his Father.

We have various symbols for this special day of celebration. Those used most often are wind, fire, the color red, and the dove. Wind reminds us that the coming of the Holy Spirit was accompanied by the sound of a rushing wind, that the Spirit (the Hebrew word also means wind and breath) of God hovered over the waters at creation, and that Jesus used a metaphor of wind in the trees to describe our knowing that the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives. Fire reminds us of the tongues of fire that settled over the Apostles' heads, "Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." (Acts 2:3 NRSV). I can't help but think of Scripture's use of the metaphor of the fire used by the refiners of metals. Fire heats the metal and impurities float to the top of the molten metal so that the refiner can scrape them away. Similarly, the Triune God removes our impurities as the Holy Spirit refines us, conforming us to the image of Christ in the process we call Sanctification (being made holy). The color red is reminiscent of the giving of the fire of the Spirit to the Church and so we use red paraments on Pentecost Sunday. Last, the dove reminds us that John the Baptist saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

The photograph at the top of this article was taken by the Very Rev Fr Lawrence Lew, O.P., who is the Prior and Parish Priest of St Dominic's Priory in London. It beautifully captures all of the symbols that I have named, including an inventive use of flames in the shape of a dove descending toward the baptismal font. It is a beautiful reminder of how God meets us in our baptism.

These symbols remind us of that God has continued the giving of Godself, begun in the incarnation of the Son of God in Jesus of Nazareth, by sending God the Holy Spirit to dwell with (and in) believers in Christ; to empower us to carry on the ministry of our Lord, Jesus. It is tempting to want to start quoting verses of Scripture to spell out what the Holy Spirit does for us. But what I really want to do is call your attention to the gift itself. In your baptism, you were given the Spirit of God. In that, God is always with you and we have the most amazing promise that this same Spirit fills our hearts with the very love of God. Through the Spirit who dwells in the whole Church, the Risen Christ continues to be with us as we work together to serve him in making disciples.

Dear ones, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

*FRASER DAVID*

**COMING THIS AUGUST!**

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

*Come ask our pastor. Thursdays @ 7 pm*

**Our Prayer List** Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

	Bill Flynt	Family of Nick Meistrell
Blane Brown	Lindsay Furse	Family of Henry McFadden
Isabelle Brown	Hattie Furse	Walter Peacock
Chuck Buddin	Kathy Gatlin	George Ridenour
Paul Butler	Mike Horan	Tim Russ
Cooper Canady	Joe Huffman	Janet Sexton
Lynn Collins	Paulette Jackson	J.B. Sinclair
Ann Cutter	Spencer Jordan	Kathy Tittle
Matthew David	Lamar Kennedy	Wayne Vincent
June Davis	Jackie Lamb	Alice Whitehead
Family of Nita Denny	John Lesemann	Rebecca Whitehead
Alice Dupont	Linda Liscio	Karen Wood
Claire Eadon	Judy Masters	

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military**, or who have limited mobility:

Nancy Andrews	Woody Haynes
Joyce Bowers	Bettye Johnson
Deedee Clark	Kay Kirkpatrick
Rosella Daniels	Margaret Lee
Liz Denny	Wilson Lepp
Jared Dube`	Neal Mahoney
William Gamble	Joan Odom
Anne Haley	Jean Schmelzle
	Cliff Toner

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
April 30	9:30 am Sunday School—60 Worship 10:30 am — 93	Views 236
May 7	9:30 am Sunday School—61 Worship 10:30 am — 120	Views 246
May 14	9:30 am Sunday School— 65 Worship 10:30 am — 136	Views 145
May 21	9:30 am Sunday School— 71 Worship 10:30 am — 110	Views 144

2023 Tithes & Offering		
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,773.56	
	Received Weekly	
April 30	\$ 6,740.55	
May 7	\$ 8,278.00	
May 14	\$ 4,695.00	
May 21	\$ 9,795.71	
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 29,509.26</b>	
Needed Year to Date		<b>\$ 205,244.76</b>
<b>Total Received YTD</b>		<b>\$ 156,627.19</b>
Overage or (Deficit)		<b>(\$ 48,617.57)</b>

**Memorials:**

**Nita Denny** Given By: Bo & Amy Bozard, Artie & Beverly Felder, Sandra Brewer, Ashton & Alex, Billy & Betty Coffey, Carolyn Coffey

**Nick Meistrell** Given By: Billy & Betty Coffey, Tommy & Jane Benton, Artie & Beverly Felder, Bo & Amy Bozard, Stan & Lu Nickell

**Ernie Mahoney** Given By: Billy & Betty Coffey, Sandra Brewer, Ashton & Alex

**Frank Shaw** Given By: Bo & Amy Bozard

**Pauline Horton** Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

**Paul Floyd** Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

**Betty Hinson** Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

**Horace Browder** Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

**Honorariums:**

Kay Young Fox Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements. If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

**2023 Flower Calendar**

June	4	11	18	25	
July	2	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31



CIA Skits!  
Peter Trust Jesus  
The Good Samaritan  
Talk Show  
Zacchaeus Meets  
Jesus  
We had too much fun!



# JUNE

*Happy  
Birthday*

6/1 June Davis  
6/2 Smith Gardner  
6/5 Charlotte Herod  
6/6 Robby Elmore, Ashton Bozard, Rollin Barwick  
6/7 Elizabeth Anne Elmore

6/10 Sharon Cramer, Renee Russell  
6/11 Annette Browder  
6/14 Lisa Burns  
6/16 Ted Johnson Jr., Charlotte McDaris  
6/19 Gray Anderson

6/22-Linda Liscio, Betty Black, Jackie Barwick  
6/25-Cody Taylor  
6/27-Judy Masters, Kimberly Land  
6/28-Jean Witt  
6/29-Linda Lesemann  
6/30-Jim Black

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	5 <b>Blood Drive 10 am -3 pm</b>	6 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	7 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer 6:30 Chancel Choir	8 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	9 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	10 Fellowship Hall Rented
<b>VBS June 5th-8th 9am—12 pm</b>						
11 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	12 6:30 pm United Meth. Men (FH)	13 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer 12:15 Mission Committee Meeting	14 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer <b>6:00 pm Trustees Com.</b>	15 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	16	17
18 <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 am Sunday School	19	20 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	21 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer <b>6:00 pm Finance Meeting</b>	22 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	23	24
25 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	26	27 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	28 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	29 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	30	

*Happy  
Anniversary*

6/7 Don & Helene Ellis  
6/8 John & Linda Lesemann  
6/9 Gary & Gail Burris, Bo & Amy Bozard  
6/11 Glenn & Linsy Wells

6/13 Bill & Shelia Vanscoy, Shayne & Kitty Stephens  
6/17-David & Brenda Lee, Vann & Robin Page  
6/18-Hal & Frankie Lowder

6/19-Rhett & Dawn Still  
6/20-Scott & Anne Wannamaker  
6/23-Robby & Susan Elmore  
6/25-Wade & Tammy Martin

# The back page June 2023



We served popcorn to kids in town who watched a movie in the Firehouse



## Graduates service and potluck lunch

