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And they were all filled with the

HOLY SPIRIT.

ACTS 2:4

A Pentecostal Secret

By Rev. Bill Pollack

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

Pentecost Sunday commemorates the birth of the Church as we know it. We may be familiar with the what of that day with the wind and flames. We are surely aware of the boldness of Peter and the other disciples as they preached Jesus to the multitudes who had gathered for the great feast. It was a time of great power and proclamation of Jesus crucified, risen and ascended. Amazement and wonder filled the minds of the onlookers. I would not be surprised if the disciples gathered back together weren't a bit amazed themselves. Yet, this moment will solidify the resolve of those Jesus entrusted to share the good news to all the world. And, boy did they! You and I are a result of this fantastic movement of God through the Holy Spirit. We are now the ones entrusted with the Gospel.

Yet, there is something I want to share with you today that I believe can be overshadowed in the midst of the Pentecostal movement so many years ago. I am not going to say that this is the secret behind the power experienced at Pentecost; but it certainly laid the groundwork for God to move. What

is it? ***"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place."*** This is a simple, yet profound, statement that I believe speaks volumes to us today.

There is no doubt that we need to experience a Pentecostal moment in our world, our church and even in our lives. We need to be enflamed with the reality of the Holy Spirit once again. How? The answer is obvious — ***"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place."***

I'll leave it to you to consider what the key ingredient is for a re-fired congregation. But, let me share what I believe is needed. A oneness of body, mind, soul and spirit that unites with each of us that prepares the way for God to move in our midst. Do you agree? Imagine with me a congregation where men, women, youth and children bring all their gifts and graces together. Everyone working toward the sharing of the gospel message to those who are seeking for something more hopeful. Everyone doing what they love doing for the sake of God's kingdom. It may be as simple as greeting new guests, or lighting the candles at the start of worship. It might be helping in VBS or a First Friday. It can be as we pray, read our Bibles faithfully and ask God where we can be put to best use. This is already happening here at FPC. I, for one, can't wait to see what's next! ✝

Memorial Gifts Given

Memorial gifts were given in memory of:

† **Sally Hermansdorfer** by the Hermansdorfer Family; Kathy Hermansdorfer; Rev. Jennifer Johnson; Richard & Frances Martin; Martha McGuire.



- Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Men’s Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
- VBS, Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Pentecost Sunday, June 5
- Men’s Lunch Bunch, Thursday, June 9, 11:30 p.m.
- Trinity Sunday, June 12

- Committee Meetings, Monday, June 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Flag Day, June 14
- Men’s Lunch Bunch Outing, Saturday, June 18
- Happy Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19
- Sew Blessed, Monday, June 20, 6 – 8 p.m.
- First Day of Summer, Tuesday, June 21
- Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 5:30 p.m.
- Men’s Lunch Bunch, Thursday, June 23, 11:30 a.m.
- Session /Elder Training, Tuesday, June 28, 5:30 p.m.



VBS – Antioch A.D. 49

Join us for an unforgettable one-day Vacation Bible School! You will be able to experience biblical times during the time of the Apostle Paul. Enter the marketplace and become apprentices. Learn Hebrew and Greek writing. Hear stories about Paul and much, much more! It is **Saturday, June 4 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** All kids grades Preschool—6th grade are encouraged to attend. Older kids are encouraged to be helpers. You don’t want to miss this!

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is the day we recall the three manifestations of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a time for grateful reflection and for showing our love for God and to one another. Join us this **Trinity Sunday, June 12.**



Men’s Lunch Bunch Outing



The Men’s Lunch Bunch is planning a **Saturday, June 18** (time to be determined) trip to Portsmouth for lunch, and then on to the Ohio Serpent Mound for the annual summer solstice event. Archaeologists Dr. Matt Davidson from Winchester, and Dwight Cropper from South Portsmouth have agreed to accompany or join us. A program featuring the chiefs of the two Shawnee Tribes and Dr. Brad Lepper, the head Ohio archaeologist will be presented at the covered pavilion at the serpent site. The debate continues as to when and by whom the serpent was built; hopefully there will be a good debate, and we can decide the question! If you would like the packet of information on the serpent (whether you plan to go or not), please contact Charlie Holbrook at kyrower@yahoo.com, or 606.316.0063.

member spotlight



Kara Adkins has been the childcare provider here at FPC since 2016. She has served faithfully our children and she is much loved by all the kids. Kara

was a lifeguard at the Ashland City Pool. She has always kept herself busy in reaching for the next thing in her life. After studying Surgical Tech at Ashland Community & Technical College and graduating in 2019; She found employment at the Tri State Surgery Center and was recently named the Employee of the Quarter. Congratulations Kara! We are proud of your hard work here at FPC and your employment accomplishments.



- Pastor Bill:** June 12
- Summer Whitman:** June 15
- Brittany Bentine:** June 17
- Emma Hall:** June 19
- Christopher Conley:** June 21
- Pat Sharp:** June 21
- Andrew Potter:** June 22
- Kim Smithson:** June 24
- LillyGrace Wheeler:** June 27
- Bettie George Frye:** June 27