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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4

Although it is still the Easter season the first two Sundays of this month, the Day of Pentecost is coming on May 20, which will be an extra special joint service at 10:00 a.m. in the Union City Park followed by a picnic together. Each of our churches have now held our respective summits on the past and the present, and are praying for how the winds of the Spirit may be blowing through us and our ministries as we look ahead to our respective summits on the future at the end of the summer. Please look for the announcement, including directions, elsewhere in this newsletter.

Before then on Sunday, May 13 we will observe "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" Sunday with three of our own women presenting monologues by biblical women in Jesus' life and ministry.

And then looking ahead to next month, we will host our Union sisters and brothers as well as any General Assembly guests who may attend for a special joint worship service and lunch on Sunday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. Please look for the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we did after the Summit on the Past, summaries of the surveys and conversations for the Summit on the Present will be compiled and distributed to you later this month as we continue praying for God's guidance during this transitional ministry time.

If you haven't already, please check out our church's new website at www.pacificpresbyterianchurch.org. The more often you check it out, the higher it comes up in the Google search engine and we want it to be the first place people go to check us out. And hopefully will be another source of information for you and for folks checking us out to learn about our ministries and ways to get involved. If you have pictures, especially candid ones, from our church family life together, please email those to me at revmsgamm@gmail.com for possible use on the website.

See you in worship, at the Dinner With Us meals, and around the church, continuing to get to know you as we serve together during this time of ministry transition!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Marilyn

Clerk's Corner

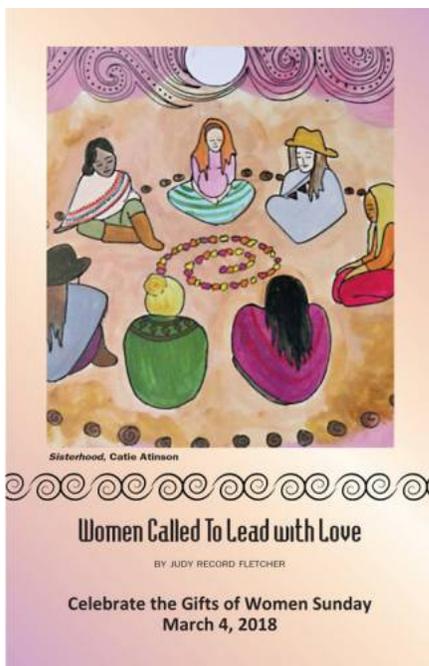
- The lectern mic was replaced that was causing the static in the speaker system.
- A roofing contractor is being contacted for the ceiling leak in the narthex.
- The sanctuary furnace was repaired so we have heat in the sanctuary again.
- The sanctuary bathroom repairs are in progress.
- Notices have been sent to area colleges, papers, and websites advertising for the administrative assistant position open after Jean's retirement. Please check our church website, www.pacificpresbyterianchurch.org, if you are interested or know someone who may be.
- A dogwood tree was planted by our own honorary Presbyterian, Dan Manes. It's in the courtyard between the service building and white house.

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday Mother's Day Sunday, May 13

We will observe the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" Sunday on Mother's Day Sunday, May 13 with three women in our church sharing monologues portraying biblical women.

This year's Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday focuses on women who have modeled for us what it means to "lead with love." Two characteristics we hope to particularly highlight will be the gift of hospitality and the gift of building consensus.

Come celebrate women's leadership in sharing our faith down through the ages and from within our church family on Mother's Day Sunday, May 13!



Joint Outdoor Pentecost Worship and Picnic Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. Wear Red or another "Fiery" Color!

First Presbyterian Church in Union will host our church family for a joint outdoor Pentecost worship with communion service followed by a picnic in the Carpenter Pavilion of Union City Park on Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. Directions can be found via this link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//38.450158,-91.0128/@38.4499165,-91.0151356,695m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Wear red or another "fiery" color and come worship with us and our sisters and brothers from First Presbyterian, Union out in God's beautiful creation and feel the "winds" of the Holy Spirit blowing through our two church families! Bring a dish, drinks and table service and stay after worship for a shared picnic of food and games and fellowship. Meat will be provided. And watch and listen for announcements about carpooling from Pacific to Union.

GA News

The 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA) is being held in St Louis this year June 17-23 at the downtown convention center. The theme is “Renewing the Vision: Kindom Building for the 21st Century”. (That is not a typo.) This is a wonderful opportunity to show off the St Louis region and our own Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. Volunteers are needed for many roles throughout the week for short shifts one time or more. Some of PPC’s choir members are already signed up for the mass choir at the opening worship service Saturday, June 17. Others are helping at booths or as bus hosts. On Sunday, June 18, PPC and Union are hosting a joint worship service and luncheon for GA participants here at PPC. Please check the website, www.stlouisga.com, if you are interested in more information.

Joint Worship with Union Hosting General Assembly Guests Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Late last year our Session agreed to welcoming commissioners and guests for the 2018 General Assembly to worship and lunch on Sunday, June 17, 2018. Since then our Session invited First Presbyterian Church in Union to join with us in hosting General Assembly guests for worship and lunch, and we will do so in a joint service at 10:00 a.m. in our church – regardless of whether we end up with any General Assembly guests.

Plans include a joint choir from our two churches singing as well as Union’s praise band sharing in leading the music.

Please watch for more details in the June newsletter and in the weekly worship bulletins.

Sunday Morning Worship for May

May 6 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Communion – “Being Jesus’ Friends” from John 15:9-17

May 13 – 7th Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day/Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday – 2018 theme is “Women Called To Lead with Love” – 3 different women playing the roles of biblical women - “Being Set Free: The Bent Over Woman” from Luke 13:10-17; “Living by Faith: The Canaanite Woman” from Matthew 15:22-29; and “Welcoming Jesus for Dinner: Mary of Bethany” from John 12:1-8

May 20 **at 10:00 a.m.** – Day of Pentecost – Communion – **Joint Outdoor Worship with Union in Union City Park** – “Breathing God’s Spirit” from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

May 27 – Trinity Sunday/Memorial Weekend Sunday – “Saying Yes to God” from Isaiah 6:1-8

POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PACIFIC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PACIFIC, MO

Pacific Presbyterian Church in Pacific, MO, is requesting applications for the part time position of Administrative Assistant. The purpose of the position is to provide administrative and secretarial services to the pastor and other church staff. The position will require applicants to have strong computer skills, strong organizational skills, excellent command of English composition and punctuation, and proficiency in the use of standard office tools. Hours for the position are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The salary range is \$15 to \$20 per hour based on qualifications and previous experience. The position also offers paid vacation each year. For inquires please contact the church office at pacpresby@gmail.com. You can also visit the church web site at www.pacificpresbyterianchurch.org To submit an application visit the church web site and click on the link for the form. Please submit your application along with your resume and cover letter by May 10, 2018.

No-Sale Rummage Sale

Watch for more information about the up-coming Savers Store fundraiser. 33 gallon bags will be passed out to those interested in participating. Take the bag home and fill it with clothes, shoes, purses, hats, linens, pillows, etc. Savers will pay us by the weight. Things like books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, other household goods will be accepted but must be in boxes. No furniture, please. More information will be available. The collection date is June 15 and 16.