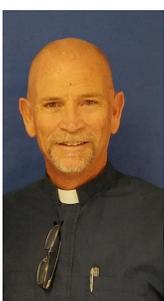


From the Pastor



The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit manifested itself with wind and flame, empowering the anxious disciples to

proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people, in all languages.

This year Pentecost is June 5. 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. On Pentecost we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world.

The classic Pentecost story in Acts has always seemed somewhat intimidating to me. Violent winds, divided tongues, as of fire. Disciples of Jesus suddenly speaking foreign languages they could not previously speak. No wonder most Christians have a disjointed and paradoxical understanding of the Holy Spirit. We relish that God is present in our lives; but we're pretty sure we don't want to experience the theatrics of that first Pentecost.

The Gospel of John gives us another understanding of the experience of the Holy Spirit. Rather than a roaring wind and tongues of flame followed by dynamic preaching to an international audience, Jesus offered promises of comfort and guidance to come, shortly before the disciples stepped out into the darkness of his arrest and crucifixion. The promise of the Spirit did not come to completely faithful, courageous people, already loving one another and the world boldly, already worshiping in spirit and truth. It came in the midst of confusion and fear.

This is certainly a context to which we can relate. In the chaos of our times the promise of the Spirit emerges from the mutual love of the Father and the Son, into which we are invited. In our love for Christ, we open our hearts to the presence of God in us in the form of another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, the Counselor, the Helper, who will guide us and embolden us for love.

Faith is not the absence of fear, but the courage to walk through the fear, to take the hand offered. Courage is the gift of the Spirit, that empowers and guides us

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

to choose love while the world around us chooses hate, self-concern, injustice, apathy, greed, death. We cannot control if we are visited by fear. However, we can choose whether we let fear live in our hearts and control what we do, or, whether we let the Spirit guide us in the ways of love as we step out into the darkness. The chaos of our times is great; the uncertainty of tomorrow is troubling. Yet, the Spirit lives in us; the Spirit guides us in hope and peace; the Spirit comforts our troubled hearts.

I look forward to seeing you Sundays, in-person or online! Let me know of any needs or concerns. If you would like to visit with me, let me know and we can arrange a time to meet.

Let's continue to choose kindness, compassion, and love; let's do justice and make peace; let's welcome the stranger; let's persevere in prayer, as we glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ken

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Words of Faith

Outreach & Evangelism

Courtland Lewis

Sunday, 6/5/22—Day of Pentecost. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and support our congregation’s efforts of faith formation in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Thank you in advance for supporting the Pentecost Offering. Please note: “Pentecost” in the memo section of your check.



Kids of all ages

On May 22 we welcomed guest clergy, Hallie Spence to FUPC. Her sermon, “Holy Hospitality” reached all ages, even the “big kids” from the FUPC Choir.



Service Opportunities

The church can use your service and help! We need people to be trained as back-up on the following church systems: Accounting, Email, Bulletin and other Publications, Web Site. Training will be provided. You can learn as many or as few of these as you feel called. Primarily, the need is for back-up for Brenda for those times when she is out of the office. If you have interest in any of these needs or have questions, call Brenda or speak with Pastor Ken.



Online Giving

Online giving is now available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the “Give Now” button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving for Building Repairs or Special Offerings that occur throughout the year. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



Happy Birthday!

June 2

* Dalia Menendez

June 5

* Ralph Moser

June 11

* Mozelle Mills

June 12

* Kathleen Ferguson

June 18

* Logan Burkham

June 19

* Rich Lewis

June 21

* Claire Stottlemeyer

June 22

* Dave Sloey

June 23

* Mary Silva

June 27

* Alex Shepard

June 29

* Freddy Simmons

* Patti Sloey



Homebound or Recovering:

- ♥ Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Tom Duell
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer



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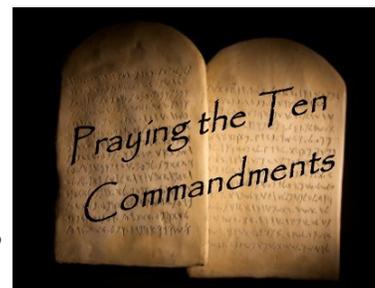
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Midweek Devotional / Praying the Ten Commandments

Pastor Ken will begin a new midweek devotional series on prayer June 15 based on the Ten Commandments. These ten words, or as sometimes called the Decalogue, form the heart of God's teaching to the people of God. They give shape to a life directed by Christ as we express the image of God in our lives. Rather than being a burden, they point us to a life set free in Christ. How might praying the Decalogue form and shape our lives of faith and faithfulness in these chaotic and anxious times? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Join us and spread the word! Someone who is not part of our church might be interested!



Weekly Bible Study class

Rich Lewis

The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They meet from 9:45 to 10:45 in classroom #4. Their current series: The Other Three Kings: Saul, David and Solomon. The kings were heroic, troubled, principled, and flawed. They will read about and discuss these characteristics and their effects on the Kingdom of Israel. Check the weekly News Brief for updates of their study.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	6 7 pm GA-Room #2	7	8 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	9	10 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	11 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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