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Paul's Ponderings...

Pentecost

Pentecost is the third most significant event in our Christian liturgical calendar...just behind Easter and Christmas...but its origins are Jewish. In the Old Testament we hear of the Jewish celebration called the Feast of Weeks, sometimes called the Feast of Harvest. (Exodus 23:16, Numbers 28:26-31, and Deuteronomy 16:9-12).

Israel had an extended growing season with two harvests. The early harvest came somewhere between mid-May and early-June. The final harvest came in the Fall. The Feast of Weeks was a celebration of the very beginning of the wheat harvest in the Spring. The date of the Feast of Weeks was determined by counting to the 50th day following Passover. Since 50 days equals 7 weeks, (49 plus 1) The Festival of Weeks was celebrated a "week of weeks" after Passover.

When Christians incorporated this harvest celebration into their observed feast days, they placed it exactly 50 days after Easter and changed its name to Pentecost from the Greek word "pentekoste" meaning 50th. Christians observe Pentecost as a special day, not to celebrate the wheat harvest but to remember when the early followers of Jesus



were empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2)

The account in Acts 2 reports that after Jesus ascended to heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Weeks and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in languages that would be understood by all the people from other nations on pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Spring harvest festival. This strange occurrence drew a massive crowd and Peter stood up to speak about repentance and the good news of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. By the end of this day three thousand people believed in Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah and the church was born.

The coming of God's Spirit had been predicted by the prophets, including Joel (Joel 2:28-29) and promised by Jesus. (John 14:26). Jesus had told his disciples that he would be crucified but that he would send the comforter, the Holy Spirit to empower them after his death. The first evidence of the fulfillment of Joel's prediction and Jesus' promise was when Peter stood up in the middle of thousands during the Jewish Feast of Weeks and said, "Let me tell you about the Messiah...let

me tell you who he is...he is Jesus of Nazareth, the one who died on a cross but God raised from the dead." (paraphrased)

Today we celebrate Pentecost as the day when a small sect of believers who followed a Jewish rabbi from Nazareth welcomed thousands into the faith and the church was born. We come to worship on this special Sunday wearing red to remember that the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples as tongues of fire and we celebrate with balloons to remember that Jesus taught that the Spirit of God is like the breath of God that brings life.

This year we will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 28th. May the Holy Spirit empower us to observe this special feast day rightly...to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Cami Thistles, Mary Faas, Macey Duncan, Olivia McDonald, Lerici Racine, Jamie Raskin, Joe Currie, Kevin Carter, Sharon Thomas, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Abbe Theodore, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Scott Olson, Norma McKeithan, Irene Klein, Cindy Nell Ostby, Wink Hilliard, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Bob Macdonald, the family of Robert Carpenter, the family of Vance Lowe, the people of Ukraine and Syria, the people of East Palestine Ohio, and the people devastated by tornados in the south.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Nancee Letter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Joan Tourt, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Tamara Lee, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Esther Robinson, Glenda Clendenin, Peggy Olson, and Jon Tichenor.



President's Corner

Here we are in May, a beautiful time in Seven Lakes. This year our normally terrible pollen season has been fairly mild, and we will hopefully have a beautiful month of open windows and fresh air.



April was a busy month at the Chapel. The board has been active as have other Teams. We have made major decisions to sustain the Chapel buildings and the cemetery. All of the items that we have addressed concerning the Chapel have repaired problems that we have suffered with for some time now.

When you look up at the bell tower now, we have had new windows installed so you can now see the bell clearly.

When you come to the front door for the offices area, you will see that the sinking sidewalk has been replaced, with a complete underground plumbing system to divert all the rainwater and down flow from the gutters underground to eliminate any leaking into the downstairs areas and erosion in the courtyard.

Soon you will see additional efforts at the Chapel Cemetery. We are adding four new free-standing columbarium's that will support the future demand for niche's. We have contracted with the manufacturer and this project is underway. It will be done in stages that should be completed in the early summer.

The final major project is the replacement of the complete roof on the Chapel and Fellowship Hall. This is needed now and will protect the buildings for 40 to 50 years into the future. We will be installing a black metal roof. We have awarded the bid for this work to Elite Roofing, Aberdeen. This work will not begin for eight weeks and should be completed by the end of June.

As we enter this project, we do have a need to raise additional funds to fill out the balance of the money's needed to pay for this new roof. The total cost is \$57,750. We currently have approximately 50% of this cost available. We do need your help in raising the balance needed. We try to keep these types of appeals to a minimum but at this time it is necessary. Since I announced this project on Sunday, we have received \$4,740.00. The Board would like to thank each of you that has donated for this need, Thank You.

These projects were driven by Mike Barry. We all should thank him for all the efforts that Mike put into maintaining our buildings, grounds, and the cemetery. I also want to thank Dick Van Horne for his efforts in the bid process for the roof project and the Building and Grounds Team.

Chapel Growth Program

We are moving forward slowly, making sure that the plans we put in force are acceptable to the Chapel Community and work to achieve



our goals of attracting new Members and Friends of the Chapel. We will be conducting our fourth Chapel Café in May. The date will be set in the next few days. I want to invite each of you to participate in the next Café where we discuss and make plans for the initial rollout of the growth program over the next few months.

Stewardship

As we move into the summer Stewardship Season begins. We need each of you to begin to look at your hidden talents, the time that you have available. One hour or twenty hours of all your time is valuable to the Chapel. Then there is your Treasures. As we appeal to each of you this year, we want you to know the Board appreciates all of your financial support. You are most appreciated.



See you each Sunday,
Thank you,
George Norman – President

Team Updates

Worship Team



We are very pleased to again announce the wonderful turnout and success of the Chapel's Maundy Thursday Soup, Bread, and Dessert supper. It was souper! (forgive the play on the words)

In May, we have more reasons to celebrate. We can enjoy Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. But amidst all of these days, we also have The Gathering, taking place on Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. Celebrating The Ascension of Our Lord and Holy Communion following supper. We will inform the congregation as soon as we choose whether the our team will be cooking, or if it will be a covered dish, or catered.

Another important day is Pentecost Sunday, on May 28th at which time we will have Communion. So, as busy as April has been, it doesn't look May is slowing down for us very much.

Mission Team

Our final Chapel Rummage Sale, was a huge success. Everyone worked hard and had fun doing it! We couldn't have done this without everyone chipping in and helping us donate, price, pack, organize, move tables and boxes. Community Thrift Shop located at 1680 NC5, Aberdeen graciously agreed to pick up all of our unsold items. They will sell the donated items for a better community. If you get a chance, visit their store and thank them for helping us. Also, a big thank you to everyone who donated baked goods! The table looked beautiful with all the homemade goodies!



We made \$4,477.00 at the sale, despite the rain. This will help the Mission Team moving forward, helping those in need. Just a reminder of the agencies we help: West End Elementary, West Pine Middle School, The Sandhills Food Bank, Mercy Chefs helping feed those who have experienced disasters in their community, Moore Free Clinic to name a few.



Look for an invitation to all women to play Bunco to benefit the Mission Team!

We will be exploring new ideas moving forward to build up our Mission account to continue helping others in the community.

Building & Grounds

Bell Tower



The three windows in the Bell Tower required replacement due to cloudy glass and a small water leak. After bid proposals from two glass firms, The Board awarded a contract at an estimated cost of \$4,250. During installation, the contractor didn't require a "lift" to access the bell tower. A \$475 credit was applied to the original estimate. Installation was completed in March and we can now see the **bell** again.

Sidewalk Replacement

Forty feet of cement sidewalk, at the Chapel office entrance, needed to be replaced due to ground water seepage over several decades. The contractual expense was \$3,600, which included re-routing drainage piping to an existing sump, adjacent to the Fellowship Hall entrance. Work was successfully completed in mid-April.



Roof Replacement

The Sanctuary roof needed replacement, due to age and minor water leaks. In addressing the long term needs of the Chapel, the Board compared asphalt shingle vs. metal roofing and recommend a metal roof for the entire Chapel. The metal material (matte black) is lighter and its life expectancy approaches fifty years. Three roofing contractors were sent specifications and invited to bid. Two firms responded and the low bidder was Elite Roofing, Inc. of Aberdeen. Their winning bid was \$57,750. Installation is expected to be completed with two months.



Cemetery Team

We have 4 interments secured for the first two weeks of May at the Chapel Columbarium and a celebration of life at the Cemetery Gazebo.

We are also looking at making Section A of the Cemetery, that has the Wall Of Honor in it, a special section for military only, as a way of honoring our veterans.

Custom Monuments is working on our new columbarium's and we should be seeing them soon.

Mike Barry
Cemetery Team Chair



Upcoming Events

Tuesday-May 2	4:30 pm	Worship Team
Wednesday-May 3	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday-May 4	2:30 pm	<i>Fran's Friends</i>
Sunday-May 7	9:00 am	5th Sunday of Easter
Wednesday-May 10	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday-May 12	10:00 am	Mission Team
Sunday-May 14	9:00 am	6th Sunday of Easter
Wednesday-May 17	5:30 pm	<i>Mother's Day</i>
Thursday-May 18	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		The Gathering—
		The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday-May 21	9:00 am	7th Sunday of Easter
Wednesday-May 24	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday-May 28	9:00 am	Pentecost
Wednesday-May 31	5:30 pm	Choir Practice



***Please notify Church Administrator
for events to be added to the Chapel in the Pines
calendar to assure availability of dates and times.*





Birthdays/Anniversaries



Monday, May 8
Wednesday, May 10
Wednesday, May 10
Wednesday, May 10
Wednesday, May 17
Sunday, May 21
Tuesday, May 23

Connie Ambrosio
 Dick Van Horne
 Marilyn McCaskill
 Ray Tourt
 Bob Dantzer
 Barbara True
 Jane Lowe



Monday, May 1
Saturday, May 27

Dick and Sue Van Horne
 Rev. Paul and Julie James



Usher Schedule

Offertory – after you hand the plates back to Paul and he turns to the alter, just turn and go to your seat. If you need a sub, the usher list is below.

May

- 7 Sun 9 am** Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill,
Leslie While, Gisela
Danielson
- 14 Sun 9 am** Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman,
Wendy Tetreault, Carole Faas
- 18 Thu tbd** (Ascension & Gathering)
Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman,
Lee Connelly, Thalia Beam
- 21 Sun 9 am** RJ & Tim Peppe, Marilyn &
Jimmy McCaskill
- 28 Sun 9 am** Cathy & George Norman,
Joyce Singletary, Dot Macdonald

(tbd – to be determined)

Coffee Fellowship



Join us Sunday mornings after the service for coffee/light refreshments and good fellowship with friends.

Reminder: If you or a friend would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact our Church Administrator, Susan Williams at 910-400-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com and let her know which Sunday works for you. You can also sign up at the podium just outside the entrance to the fellowship hall.

May

- 7** Denis and Sandy Cifranic
14 Leslie While
21 Cris & Jim Beck
28 Kathy & Stacy Golzio

June

- 4** **Volunteer Needed**
11 **Volunteer Needed**
18 **Volunteer Needed**
25 **Volunteer Needed**





Flower Schedule

If you are interested in volunteering to provide flowers for the chapel, please contact the office at 910-400-5188 or e-mail Susan Williams at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

<i>May</i>	
5-7	Jerry Moss
5-14	Donna Cantwell
5-21	Carole Faas
5-28	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<i>June</i>	
6-4	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
6-11	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
6-18	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
6-25	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

We Need Your Help—

Please Donate as Often As You Can!

Backpack Pals

Juice Boxes, any flavor

Pop Tarts, any flavor

Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers



Mathew 25:40

Capri Sun Juices, any flavor

Pop Tarts, any flavor

Chef Boyardee Micro Cups, in yellow and red

Small Water Bottles

Protein Bars, all flavors

Fruit Cups

Apple Sauce Cups



Calling all Women! Let's Play Bunco!
Never Played? No Problem!
A Fun Dice Game — No Skill Needed!
Millions of people play each year!



**Sponsored by
The Mission Team**



The idea evolved during the Rummage Sale in April. When talking to various women who currently work, we realized there is a need to have other social events that they can attend. This would help them to get better acquainted with people outside of Sunday Fellowship. Fran's Friends continues to be a wonderful opportunity for us to socialize at the Winery at 2:30 when many cannot attend.

**Looking for Eager Women
who like to have FUN!**
We will need Permanent Players and Subs to fill the spots
(Subs are generally needed for every game)

We ask that if you play, to donate \$10 each time to help with outreach programs (\$5 will be set aside for prizes and the other \$5 will be donated to the Mission Team).

This is a **Win-Win!** What a wonderful social event to meet new friends! There is nothing better than fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

Bunco will meet once a month at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

This event Kicks Off on **June 13th @ 6:30 pm.**
We will continue to meet on the Second Tuesday of each month.

You may bring whatever you would enjoy to drink and a snack to share if you would like.

If interested Please call or **text:**
Tracey Olsen 704-604-7930/email tolsen415@gmail.com
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No Later than May 19th.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 **Note: OLA Choir Our Ladies of The Americas	1 	2 4:30 Worship Team Kiwanis 11-2 Bingo 5-10	3 5:30 Chapel Choir	4 11a-3p Women of 7Lks 2:30 <i>Fun & Friends</i> 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	5 4:30 Hayes/Phillips Rehearsal 3:30 Hayes/Phillips Wedding and Reception 	6 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services 3:30 Hayes/Phillips Wedding and Reception CLEANING
7 5th Sunday of Easter	8 	9	10  5:30 Chapel Choir	11 2p-4p 7 Lks Garden Club 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	12 Board Team Rpts Mission Team Mts 10:00 am	13 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
14 6th Sunday of Easter 	15	16 Armed Forces Day Kiwanis 11-2 Bingo 5-10 	17 5:30 Chapel Choir	18 5:30 The Gather- ing—The Ascen- sion of the Lord 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	19	20 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
21 7th Sunday of Easter Chapel Board Mtg	22 	23	24 5:30 Chapel Choir	25  7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	26 June Newsletter Deadline	27 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
28 Day of Pentecost  Holy Communion	29 	30	31 5:30 Chapel Choir		