



Dublin Presbyterian Church Newsletter



June 2017

A growing family of faith that welcomes you into our midst!

From the Rev.....

What is Pentecost???

This coming Sunday, Christians across the world will celebrate Pentecost. This high holy day is traditionally honored in liturgical churches (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Mainline-Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, Eastern Orthodox), Pentecostal and Charismatic churches, as well as many other congregational Protestant congregations. Though it is not as well-known or as popular as the Christmas and Easter, it commemorates an important event in Christian history. In many ways, Pentecost is the birthday of the church.

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

"Pentecost" by Jean Restout II, 1732. Public domain.

What does the word "Pentecost" mean? The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means "fiftieth day."

But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (*pentekonta hemeras* in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

Shavuot was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of *Shavuot*/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.



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Sunday Worship
Adult Study 9:15AM
Worship 10:30AM

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What actually happened on that day of Pentecost?

This event is recorded in the New Testament book known as The Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 2 begins, “And when the day of Pentecost [*ten hemeran tes pentekostes*] had come, [the first followers of Jesus] were all together in one place” (2:1). All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak” (2:4). (Notice the tongues of fire on the heads of the people in the painting by Restout.) The languages spoken by the early Christians were intelligible (not other worldly) and were heard by thousands of Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate *Shavuot*. The content of the miraculous messages had to do with God’s mighty works (2:11). Many who heard these messages in their own languages were amazed, though others thought the Christians were just drunk (2:12). At some point, Peter, one of the leading followers of Jesus, stood up and preached his first sermon. He interpreted the events of that morning in light of a prophecy of the Hebrew prophet Joel. In that text, God promised to pour out his Spirit on all flesh, empowering diverse people to exercise divine power. This would be a sign of the coming “day of the Lord” (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32). Peter went on to explain that Jesus had been raised and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God’s promise through Joel (2:32-33). When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:37-39). Acts reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (2:41). Not a bad response to Peter’s first sermon!

Presbyterian 101-The Holy Spirit

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve;
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—“Brief statement of Faith,” lines 5-6, 80

This triune God is the creator of the universe the savior of the world who has been revealed as the perfect model of humanity in Jesus Christ and is the ongoing presence and power of God in the world.

Biblical references

On Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter, Christians commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ early followers. But the Bible contains several earlier references to the Spirit as well — for example, in the accounts of Mary’s conception: “... she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 1:18) and “The Holy Spirit will come upon you ...” (Luke 1:35); the accounts of Jesus’ baptism: “... he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him” (Matthew 3:16) and of Jesus sending his disciples out for the first time: “... do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say ... for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you” (Matthew 10:19-20).

Through the Holy Spirit, God empowers us to grow in faith, make more mature decisions and live more faithful lives. The Spirit gives us the will, as Jesus said, to “be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). The Holy Spirit gives believers the authority to accurately interpret the Bible, just as the Spirit enabled the original writers of Scripture to tell truthfully about God, Jesus and everything else we need to know. The Spirit also gives authority to the church to act



in God's name for the good of humanity. The Spirit gives every person a sense of "calling" to a special function in the world, in keeping with God's providence and Jesus' summons to "follow him." Among the "fruits of the spirit" identified by the apostle Paul are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22).

Presbyterian

The "Westminster Confession of Faith," a historic Presbyterian document, refers to the Holy Spirit as a source of God's grace and "the only efficient agent in the application of redemption." For all humans, the confession says, the Spirit "convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith." It further states that God is willing to give the Spirit to all who ask.

The "Brief Statement of Faith," the most recent Presbyterian confessional document also speaks about the Holy Spirit:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God
and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and
apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of sal-
vation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the
Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and
Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and
peace.





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July/August Newsletter will be distributed on August 15th.

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Deadline for articles

For July/August Newsletter

August 1, 2016

Multiplying Joys / Dividing Sorrows

Remember in your prayers:

**Family and Friends of John Ecos (Zent)
Family and Friends of Jude Kraft
Mary and Bethlehem Wright
VBS Leaders and Participants
Summer Travelers
Survivors and Families of victims of bombings in
Manchester and Kabul.**

Prayers for Wisdom for our world leaders.

CHURCH MEETINGS

- Mon. June 5** Business/Finance Committee Mtg
Worship/Music Meeting
- Sun, June 11** Mission Trip Leadership Group Mtg.
- Mon., June 12** Session Meeting
- Mon, June 19** Deacons Meeting
- Mon, June 26** Membership Committee





Stewardship Message

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

May 14, 2017

I stand here today to give you my teenage perspective on how I came to acknowledge and now see and use God in my everyday life.

Sometimes, committing to a faith is challenging. When I'm absorbed with myself - my needs, my wants, my desires, doing things my way all in reference to me - it is tough to fit God in. The core of me is pre-occupied and my axis of self awareness is irregular. After all, we live in a demanding world. I have to manage Soccer, Baseball, Band, AP tests, co-curriculars, chores, school studies, and a job. Plus figure out what I want to do past high school, college, and all the logistics that with that. So where does my commitment to the Christian faith and the church fit in this picture?

Often my feelings of stress or doubt come out of a fear that I won't be able to succeed in my undertakings.

A fear of imperfect grades, a fear of not being in top condition for sports, a fear of public speaking, even. In the past, I would fear the uncertainty of failure so I would work for certainty. While not only extremely idealistic and unreasonable, this egregious doctrine could never be manifested. A change in philosophy was necessary. When I became less and less focused on what I lacked and more and more focused on how much is being given to me through the Church, I realized how little everything else actually matters. Knowing in the back of my head that I there is a being who appreciates me for who I am and not my ACT score or how fast I can run installs a sense of serenity in my being. God's presence in my mind straightens my conscience. I said in my faith statement two years ago that coming to church was like a mental reset button for the week, a fresh start. In a fast-paced and demanding world where you are tossed about the waves, God's involvement rights the ship and drops an anchor of security. I believe once you adopted this mindset of morals and lessons rather than results or achievements, you find yourself more accepting of others, you make time for others, and you can grasp the hidden gems in the world.

It is impossible to go through a single day without encountering sin and temptation- in me and in the world around me. You can choose to admit evils exist and comply, but I believe our faith presents an alternative. For every problem I believe one should find a Christian solution. I try and look for these in everyday life. Take my high school for example.

I see God's work in the student who picks up their peer's books after they drop them.

I see God in teachers staying long after hours to assist struggling students.

I see God in the student created drive to build handicapped seating in the theatre.

It is in ordinary places- where one sees uncertainty, doubt,

Concern, or just simple beauty- that God is most powerfully present.

I see God in Guidance counselors and Special Education teachers.

I see God in the youth of the church.

I see God in sportsmanship on the sports field.

I suppose the point I am trying to make is: Once you acknowledge the presence of God in your everyday ventures, you see the work of God more clearly and thus have new perceptions of life.

Lastly, I could not talk about God's work in everyday life this Sunday, especially this Sunday, and fail to mention mothers. As a Hebrew proverb deftly put it, "God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers." I want to thank my mother, mothers in this community, and mothers elsewhere, for embodying God's work on this Earth.

**Benjamin Sarver, 10th grade
Dublin Coffman High School**



Education



Kids/Klub and Teens N Tweens end another great year!

May 7 marked the end of another great Kids Klub and Teens N Tweens year. The celebration pizza party was combined with rehearsal for May 21 worship and games.

Thanks to all Leaders, teachers, table parents, and participants!

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2017 VBS GOES TO PERU

June 5-9, 2017

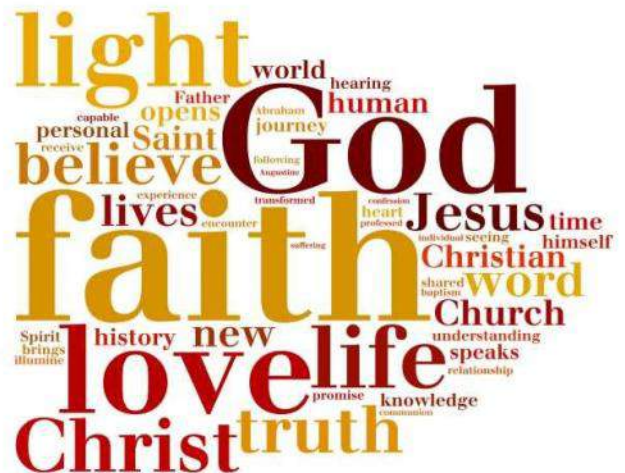
9:00 AM—Noon

Coming This Fall

Fridays from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM

Brown Bag Study on Genesis.

Keep watching for more information.





Worship and Music



On May 21st, our choir was honored with their annual Choir Appreciation lunch sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee and Deacons.



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Join us this summer as we study the miracles of Jesus. What constitutes a Miracle? Do miracles really happen? Does God really bother to intervene in the lives of God's beloved creation? Come and discover the presence of God in the extraordinary and also in our every day lives.

God revealed to us in the Person of Jesus the Christ who performed miracles to get the attention of others so that they may draw nearer to God. He healed the blind, the lame, the deaf, the demon possessed, and even raised people from death to new life. Jesus calmed the sea and walked on water demonstrating his power over the natural world.

Come learn more about Jesus, the Miracle and discover that miracles happen each and every day...if we dare to look for them!



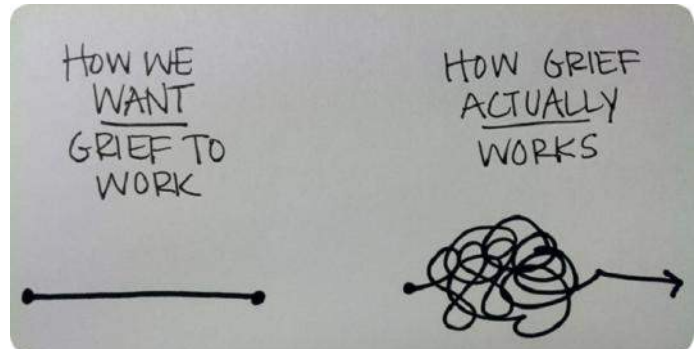
Membership Committee



The Membership Committee is now honing in on helping with the annual DPC rummage sale. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to work the sale, and items to be sold. So, if you have not already done so, please start setting aside the items you intend to donate. Also, if garage sales are taking place in your neighborhood, we have forms asking folks to donate left over items, and forms so they can take a tax deduction available. Those forms can be obtained from Rick Gerace (614-288-5520) and Rich Ferguson (614-792-7640). Rick and Rich can also arrange pick-up of leftover garage sale items from your neighbors. But, please tell folks we no longer take televisions or armoires. As in the past, a bake sale will be held, so folks can donate baked goods for sale. Baked goods are always a popular sale item. Storage space of donated items is a problem, so if you have extra garage space that we can use for a couple of weeks, again, please contact Rick Gerace. Pat Lewandowski (740-513-1018) is coordinating the event this year, so she is another point of contact if you wish to serve as a volunteer, or cannot get hold of Rick or Rich. Let's all support DPC and Pat by making this the most successful rummage sale ever!

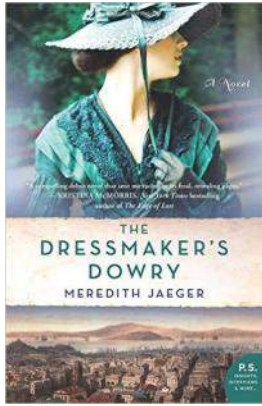
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Membership Committee is trying to determine the level of interest DPC members may have in attending and participating in a grief support group. If you have such an interest, please contact Linda Landis (614-989-9027) or Rich Ferguson (614-792-7640).





Fellowship / Community



Every-Other-Month Book Club

Wednesday,
July 12, 2017
11:00 AM
Panera, Dublin

We will be discussing *The Dressmaker's Dowry* by Meredith Jaeger.. Mark your calendars for a fun luncheon outing at Panera Bread.

Action taken on May 16th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery



During the reports from the presbytery commissions, three Certified Ruling Elders, Judy Baker, Cindy McKay and **Peggy Holcomb**, were commissioned to pastoral service in the presbytery when needed for congregations without, or between, pastoral leadership. Judy

is retired from her position as commissioned pastor at Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church, Cindy recently served as pastor of the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church and **Peggy is currently commissioned to service in the Dublin Presbyterian Church.**

Happy Birthday to you!

June 1	Nathan Fisher Brian Hamilton
June 6	Colby Krummrey Wendy Miehl Gavin and Trevor Selig
June 7	Krissy Fisher
June 8	Sharon Hayes
June 10	Adava Gerace Julie Swan
June 11	Carolyn Buchanan Carter Leinberger Todd Leinberger Harry Wardhana
June 12	Marisa Schoening
June 14	Erick Stamm
June 15	Dave Williamson
June 17	Gus Mossman
June 19	Ralph LeVan Emmett Reichley
June 20	Dottie Jeggle
June 22	Lisa Andres
June 24	Barbara Byrum
June 25	Richard Ferguson
June 27	Jim Miehl
June 29	Heather Buck Colton Sundheimer



Fellowship / Community

From the Deacons

Grandparents and Grandkids Blessings Abound!

We recently became grandparents for the first time. While our love for our children is strong as ever, we've discovered a new and special love for our granddaughter Finley. We can only hope that she will come to love her grandparents in that same special way. Grandparents hold such a unique and meaningful place in the lives of grandchildren especially when we model God's love and demonstrate our faith.

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well." (2nd Timothy 2:4-5)

One of my recent favorite songs is "The Cost Of Living" – with lyrics that describe the physical, relationship, and emotional changes that impact us as we age. This 'cost of living' is something that everyone pays – gray hair, wrinkled skin, a slower pace to our walk. But in our special role as grandparents we can offer our grandkids the wisdom that comes from our experience. A Kansas Pastor recently wrote that "the usefulness of grandparents is in the value of their life's spent learning from their mistakes and building upon them."

"Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." (Deut. 4:9)

Blessings abound as we share our history of experiences, traditions, and heritage with our grandkids and create memories that our grandchildren hold long after we're gone.

While "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged" (Prov 17:6) and a joy to us grandparents, we can be a special blessing to them as well in so many ways. This brief excerpt from Family Matters shares how you can be a "blessing giver" to your grandchildren:

Spiritually by:

praying for them and with them
encouraging them in their growth and gifts
valuing them as God's special creation

Emotionally by:

celebrating their accomplishments
encouraging them through their struggles
listening with unconditional love always

Physically by:

providing a home where
they're *always welcome*
providing arms where they're *always safe*
providing an atmosphere where
they're *always accepted*

Carol Mowry

GRANDPARENTS
fill the world
with LOVE



Fellowship and Community

Congratulations to our Graduating High School Seniors



Class of 2017

Left to Right are: Katie Grodhaus, Will Gibbs, Leanna Stamm, and Abby Nelson

Will Gibbs, son of Dan and Susie Gibbs

Will is graduating from Dublin Jerome High School after his second year of Culinary Arts Certification at Tolles Career and Technical Center. His goals are to go on and further train at a Culinary Institute to become a chef.

Katie Grodhaus, daughter of Mike and Betsy Grodhaus

Katie graduates from Dublin Jerome High School on May 27. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University in the fall and major in business with an emphasis in marketing. She hopes to continue her interest in sports in college through participation with club or intramural teams. Katie is looking forward to making new friends and being more independent. Her favorite memories of church include being an acolyte with Reverend Janice and fun times with VBS and Logos. Katie appreciates the ongoing support of the DPC congregation and looks forward to the Deacon care packages.

Abby Nelson, daughter of Bob and Barb Nelson

Abby is graduating from Dublin Coffman High School and will attend The Ohio State University. She is undecided on a major, but leaning towards psychology and criminology. In high school she was in the marching band, pep band, and symphonic band where she played the flute and oboe. She also loves to play basketball and snowboard. Her favorite memory from church is teaching a VBS class. She looks forward to VBS every year!

Leeanna Stamm, daughter of Erik and Dottie Stamm

Leeanna is graduating from Dublin Coffman High School. She will be attending The Ohio State University with a major in Accounting. As a Girl Scout, she has earned her Gold Award by doing a project involving having a musical instrument drive and having volunteer teachers hold classes for underprivileged children in the Hilltop area of Columbus. She was a member of the Dublin Coffman Marching Band and played the flute. She was a squad leader that led a small group of underclassmen both my junior and senior years. She was on the Dublin Coffman Dive Team and was a co-captain for two years. Some of her hobbies outside of school are snowboarding, reading, and cooking. Her favorite memory from DPC is the Christmas Pageant each year. It is something that she always looked forward to.



Fellowship and Community



June 11 VBS Worship
please join us as we celebrate our VBS children
and youth in worship.

Ice Scream, You Scream,
We All Scream for ICE CREAM!!!!

DPC Annual Ice Cream Social

SAVE THE DATE

Come celebrate our wonderful VBS week and kick
off the summer with our annual Deacon
sponsored Ice Cream Social.

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Immediately Following Worship

MEADOWS ACADEMY UPDATE

Planting Seeds in the Garden

Students enjoyed planting carrots, squash, and zucchini in the garden last week! A special thank you to **Kevin Dauer** for donating the seeds for the children to plant and for preparing a portion of the garden! It was a super fun activity to end the year!

Congratulations to the Graduates!

We had our **Moving Up and Graduation Ceremony** last Thursday, May 25th. It was a special way to end the fun and wonderful school year we had! The program started with students marching in procession to "Pomp and Circumstances" with big smiles as they waved to their parents. They sang songs from their **Spring Musical Program** such as "The 7 Days of Creation" by Mindy MacDonald with kindergarteners **Nathaniel Bergerding** and **Ved Kothari** narrating. After the musical presentation, kindergarteners and pre-kindergarteners performed "Do-Re-Mi" from the Sound of Music. Then all students received their graduation certificates. A big congratulations to all the students!

A special thank you to parents and families; school staff (**Melanie Clark, Kendall Hoover, Denise Jennings, Angela Mankins, Lisa March, and Christine Walsh**); Musical Director **Irma Khouw**; office manager **Nola Taracko** and **Pastor Jennifer Hinkle-Eastman** of the Dublin Presbyterian Church for the work and effort, kindness, help, and support you've extended to make the past school year a success.



Mission



As a partnership church, we have signed up for DPC Saturday, July 15, 2017, to help build the new house on Manchester Avenue.. This is an opportunity for anyone who likes to work with your hands to be part of this worthwhile project. **Not only builders are needed, but also a lunch team to provide food for our workers.** If you have questions or are interested in being a part of this worthwhile mission, contact Rea Buchanan or Bob VanVliet. A sign-up sheet is located at the connections center if you would like to participate on Saturday, July 15th.

The building site is 1676 Manchester Avenue which is just east of Cleveland Avenue and a bit south of where Westerville Road intersects Cleveland Avenue. It is between Weber Road and Aberdeen Avenue. .

Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped serve at Trinity in the Garden on May 21. This is a busy season and putting aside time to help with this mission is gratefully appreciated.

Sarah Flanigan



Thank you



Thank you to all who helped with Open Shelter lunches. Whether you donated food, packed non-perishables, made sandwiches, or packed sandwiches and delivered lunches, this important mission would not be possible without you.

Barb Byrum



Join us at Max & Erma's

Mission

Join us on Thursday, June 1, 2017, for dinner at Max & Erma's for DPC night. Every first Thursday, 20% of the proceeds of each check go to support our Mission Trip fund raising. Clip the coupon below and enjoy a family night out. Additional coupons are available on the Connections Center, available on the DPC website or may be requested through the office.

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