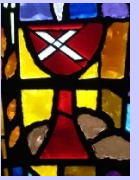


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Dear Friends,
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, 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 2:1-4)

This Sunday is Pentecost, when Christians mark and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers and the birth of the church on earth. The Spirit came and blessed the disciples with the ability to spread the good news in every language. This moment of communication and connection spread God's Word to people from every corner of the Roman Empire and beyond. The ability to tell others about Jesus and his life changed the world.

For you and I, Pentecost is a reminder of our Great Commission and Commandment. Jesus charged us with loving God more than anything else in our lives, and with loving neighbors as ourselves. And then Jesus sent us into the world with the directive to "make disciples of every nation". The gift of being able to communicate the love and grace of

Jesus is the spark that lit this fuse.

How are you communicating with the world and with neighbors about what Jesus has done in your life? How are spreading that Good News? It doesn't take a linguistic mastery of languages. You can communicate God's peace and love by being kind, by being generous, by being compassionate. So what language are you using? What blessing of the Spirit are you capitalizing on? How are you getting out the Good Word for today?

Happy Birthday Church!
Mark



Celebration of life

Donna Ward Celebration of Life
Longtime member Donna Ward passed last month.

Her celebration of life will be held on June 11, 2022, at 3:00 pm in Gezer Park, 13251 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS. All are invited to attend.

Pastor Mark's Message

In case you missed any of Pastor Mark's messages sent by email, here are the last two weeks!



May 22nd, ["Go. Heal."](#)

May 29th, ["There Are No Words"](#)



GKC June Regional Evening DWM Dinner Meeting

Pleasant View Christian Church
19114 E. Salisbury Road
Independence, MO 64056

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Registration 6:00 PM
Diner 6:30 PM

\$6.00

(Reservations: Martha Schmidt 816-358-4522 or bot-
tlemrs@aol.com by Monday, June 20

Speaker
Rev. Mary Lou Kegler
Moderator of the Region

"Working Together As A Regional Church"

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Hope you all had a good holiday. I did.

Just a reminder to attend our Third Thursday meeting on the 16th. We have a good program and a good time. Also, we have a bus going to Pleasant View on June 23rd. We will need a count, so plan, and let Connie or me know.

For all of you who knew Donna Ward, there will be a Memorial Service on June 11th, at 3:00 pm, at Gezer Park, 13251 Mission Road, Leawood, Ks. I can take a few in my car if you need a ride.

That's it for now.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes



May 9th, ["The Good Shepard and The
Wolf"](#)

May 15th, ["The Good Shepard and The
Lord's Supper"](#)



Those Needing Prayer:

Sam Roach announced in church he is going to be a big brother! Congratulations Sam! (And **Katie and Bruce!**)

Paul Jorgenson's family has called in hospice for him.

Connie Harshner at the Shawnee Parc Rehab facility. This is at 75th & Antioch. Her direct phone number to her room is 913-444-7313. Connie is in Rm. 101.

The celebration of life for **Donna Ward** will be held on June 11, 2022, at 3:00 pm in Gezer Park, 13251 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS

Requests for Family and Friends:

Jim Owens and Alice Goff's good friend Betty Rhodes, passed away unexpectedly. Please lift the Rhodes family and her friend in prayer as they grieve.

Susan Bonjour's sister, Patricia Snow, passed away. Please keep Susan and her family in your prayers.

Alice Goff's neighbor's son, Mark Passaro, who had been struggling with rejection of a lung transplant, passed away at age 40.

Alice's Goff's niece, Linda Kimzey, had a softball-sized mass removed, and it was found to be NON-cancerous!

Cayleigh, our nursery worker, was out sick Sunday.

Jim Owen's best friend, Bill Harper, passed away unexpectedly last Saturday night.

Marge Willards' son Jewell is undergoing chemo treatments, and had a biopsy done to determine further treatment.

Pastor Mark performed a wedding for **Phil and Catherine Harmon** last weekend. Please pray for them as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

Please pray for the **families of DeNean Jones, Joe and Leatha Davison, and Dr. Clarke Mangun**, who Pastor Mark performed funeral services for this past week.

The People of Ukraine. Pray for their safety, pray for their deliverance, and pray for peace.

The families of the 19 children and 2 teachers who were shot and killed, as well as the entire community of Uvalde, Texas.

Wear Red for Pentecost

Please wear red for worship on June 5th to celebrate Pentecost: the birth of the church!



Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, June 7th

Rick Ferguson & Susan Neill

Tuesday, June 14th

Jan Pankey & Pam Boyd

Tuesday, June 21st

Mark Willis & Rick Ferguson

Pick up meals at 10:30 am at the Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater

SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE For May / June 2022 Liturgist

June 5, 2022	†	Carole Prentice
June 12, 2022	†	Donna Rankin
June 19, 2022	†	Anita Collins
June 26, 2022	†	Wayne Hooker

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our Sunday School class meets from 9:00 -9:45 each Sunday. Following our class time we have a 15 minute break to prepare for Morning Worship at 10:00. We have a nice group and if you haven't started back now would be a good time. Hopefully you will also find this a good support group in many areas.



Free Hot Soup

MCC Outreach has joined forces with the Free Hot Soup organization to help our homeless population. We are working with Free Hot Soup Organization again to collect items for homeless.

We're continuing to collect cases of individual water bottles for this organization to hand out to KC's homeless population. Drop them by the church or if you'd prefer to make a monetary contribution, you may do so by writing "Free Hot Soup" on the memo line of our check or indicate your wishes through EasyTithe.

[Amazon Wish list](#) of items in need. Bring them any Sunday this month and place them in the shopping carts. If you have any questions, reach out to Pam Boyd.

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

- **Write a check.**
- <http://www.easytithe.com/merriamcc>
- **Text giving:** 913-444-6397

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study sessions with family, friends and
neighbors

