

*Day of Pentecost*

10:00 AM

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

Acts 2:20-21

**PRELUDE**

Debbe Picerno

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**P: For God has done wondrous things for us.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

**P: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

**P: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMNS**

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 450

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you poured out your Holy Spirit at Pentecost and by Your power the Church formed and grew. We have lost some of the zeal of the early church and have become complacent towards the spiritual and physical needs of the world. We are lukewarm in sharing the Gospel with the nations and our neighbors. Forgive us and help us to follow the example of the early believers by living out our faith boldly. May the experience of Pentecost spur us to excitedly serve You and be led by Your powerful Spirit in every aspect of our lives. Help us to trust Your Spirit to guide us and shape us as we do Your work in the world. In Jesus’ Name, Amen. (Silent Confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

“Gloria Patri”

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE:**

“Doxology”

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION- ALL CHURCH RETREAT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 60:1-3

**ANTHEM**

“Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord”

Choir

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 28:16-20

**SERMON**

“Mission”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 435

**POSTLUDE**

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

*The Chancel Flowers today are in honor of Ed & Ruth Monnie’s 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, presented by the Monnie’s.*

**Ushers:** Elders

**Welcome Desk:** Nancy McCombs

**Liturgist:** Barry Coley

**Greeters:** Ed & Ruth Monnie

**Fellowship Hour:** Autumn Moore

**Childcare:** Pam Greb

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Lunch</b>
	<b>12:30-2:30 PM</b>	<b>Club 35 @ Alameda</b>
	<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**-A big thank you to all of our Sunday school and junior church teachers. We are very appreciative of your extra time and commitment to our youngest covenant partners. We will be taking our annual summer break from our children's Sunday school and begin again in September. We are always looking to incorporate new volunteers to help with Junior Church. Please contact Laura Franklin if you can help throughout the summer.

**NEW MEMBER DISCOVERY LUNCH**- If you are interested in joining the church or would like more information about who we are and what we do, join us today following worship in Parker Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE ALL CHURCH RETREAT**- November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock.

**SUMMER MUSIC**- We need volunteers to provide special music during church this summer. If anyone is interested in providing music for one of our services, please see Debbe. Whether you play an instrument or love to sing, we welcome you to share your gift with us!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**- Please let Pastor Mike and the office know if you have a senior graduating this year. We would like to honor them during worship on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

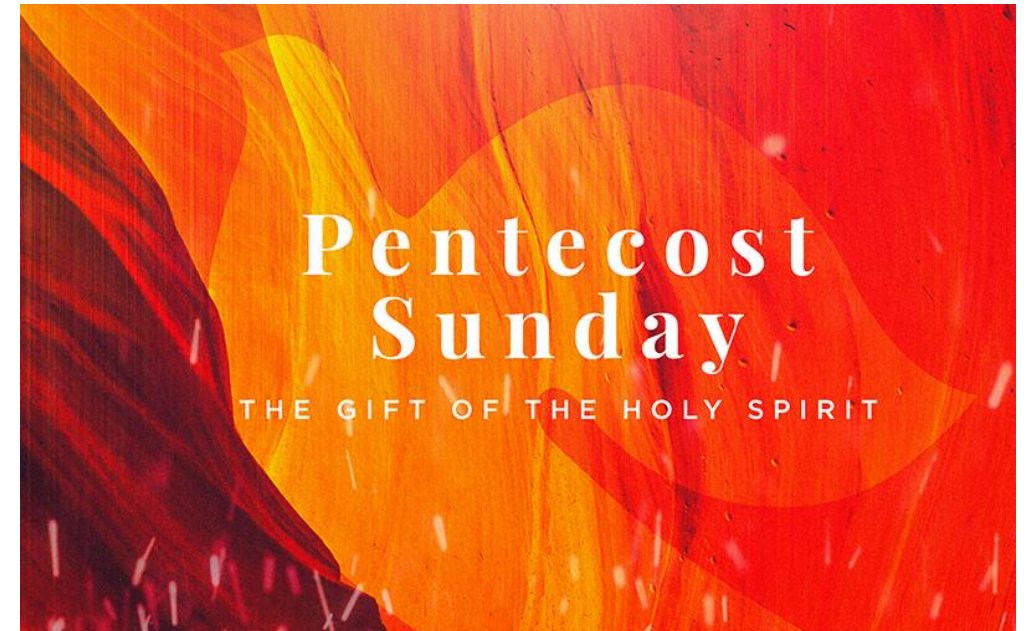
**BLOCK PARTY**- Our Community Block Party will be Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 4-7 PM. There will be a bounce house, face painting, free food, and more! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. We also need cookie donations. There is signup sheet in the Library.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**- This summer we will be exploring God's victories throughout the Bible and his promises to us. Registration is now open for kids preschool through 5th grade. We will join together from 5:15-7:30pm from Sunday July 28th - Thursday, August 1st. Please see Laura Franklin if you are available to help in any capacity this summer. A volunteer sign up is in the library. Email [kidsmin@meridianpres.org](mailto:kidsmin@meridianpres.org) for more information.

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**“Mission”**

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**