



TRINITY TIMES



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Pentecost – What does it mean?

The easy answer many give is that "it's the birthday of the church." But the day is much more interesting — and riskier — than that. Because Pentecost is a time for Christians to be reminded that we're called to be a bunch of dreamers. All of us are, whether we prefer to worship sitting on our hands, or at our sides, or with a little more movement and feeling.

I'm not talking about individual "dreamers" who insist they speak for God or have "got a gift". I'm talking about communities of faith that discover they — **together** — can be a vehicle for showing God's vision for the world.

In our faith tradition, Pentecost brings the 50-day Easter season to a close. But it also points forward toward new beginnings. For it's a time when we followers of Jesus celebrate the coming of His Holy Spirit and the new possibilities this opens up for us to continue the mission and ministry of the Risen One.

When the Acts of the Apostles (in chapter 2) describes the imparting of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' followers on Pentecost, dreams and visionary experiences are part of the discussion. I know as "decently and in order" Presbyterians, these details make many of us nervous. But they should also make us expectant, eager to play a part in the emergence of God's hopes and dreams for us, for our church, and God's world.

The story in Acts goes like this: The Holy Spirit fills Jesus' followers and they begin speaking about "God's deeds of power" in other languages, which people visiting Jerusalem from regions all around recognize as their native tongues. The confused crowd asks, "What does this mean?"

Everything that follows in Acts 2 attempts to answer their question. And Paul begins to answer that question by quoting Joel, telling them that the faithful will prophesy, will see visions, and have dreams.

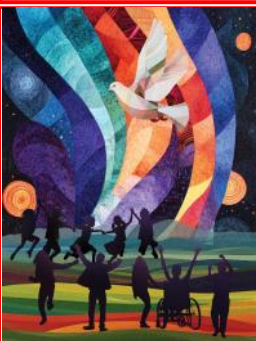
Words like "prophecy" and "visions" may make you think of wild-eyed doomsayers distributing leaflets in downtown Columbia or those late-night commercials promoting the Psychic Friends Network. But Pentecost isn't about that kind of prophecy. You see, Peter isn't saying God's Spirit gives people ability to see clearly into the future. He's telling us that the Spirit comes to us to help us make sense of the present. And that's what Paul does in the Book of Acts, explaining what God is making possible in the here and now, naming places and ways in which God is active or visible in the world with the coming of Christ's Spirit.

And the good news for Trinity Presbyterian Church is this is exactly what we are doing during this time of discernment and mission study, asking the Spirit to help us make sense of the present and to discover how Christ is active in our community and in our world so that we can join Him in whatever mission and ministry that might be.

So, may this Pentecost and time of discernment be an invitation for TPC to dream. To dream of what is possible. For when a community of faith quits dreaming dreams, it has little to offer either its members or the wider world.

I pray you join us June 8th as we celebrate Pentecost and discover what does Christ's Spirit coming to us at Trinity mean for us? **Don't forget to wear red!**

—Rev. Ronnie Osborn



Pentecost Special Offering

At-risk children, youth and young adults are supported by the church's Pentecost Offering. This year the Mission and Outreach committee selected Rooted 242 to receive the 40% of the Offering that stays in our local community area. Rooted 242 is a nonprofit organization located in downtown Moberly dedicated to empowering youth aging out of foster care and supporting families impacted by the foster care system. After aging out of foster care, in Missouri, 18% experience homelessness by age 19 with that increasing to 29% by age 21. Rooted 242 provides supportive housing to help youth reach independence and self-sufficiency. Finding these youth hard to employ because they lack job skills and experience, Rooted 242 has a café with a nontoxic work environment that provides a training ground for the youth to get experience in food service and hospitality services. High rates of mental health issues, including PTSD and depression are prevalent among former foster youth. Rooted 242 also collaborates with existing services, community events and support groups to create a nurturing environment for the youth. Your donations can make a big difference for the youth served by Rooted 242.

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June Worship Schedule

***Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Scriptures: Zechariah 14:1, 6-9 and Revelation 22:1-6, 16-17
Sermon: "The Church Is Called to Be 'Wet and Wild' "

***Sunday, June 8, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Pentecost Sunday—Wear something red!
We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

***Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Father's Day

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

***Sunday, June 22, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

***Sunday, June 29, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* In person service, *and* live-streamed on Facebook.

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday
after worship for light refreshments and
conversation with church friends.**

**VIDEOS OF PAST WORSHIP SERVICES
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE.**

Go to

<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>

Please Complete Your Mission Study Survey by June 1

If you have not yet done so, please complete your survey by this coming weekend. This is a great opportunity for you to assist in the planning for Trinity's next installed pastor. The Mission Study Team (as well as the Pastor Nominating Committee) will be using the collective input of the congregation as they put together the mission study document and then complete the Ministry Discernment Profile which will be used during the search process.

If you have completed a paper copy of the survey, please return it to the church office by June 1. This data has to be entered into the survey data base so that it can be tabulated with the answers of those who took the survey online.

The investment of about 30 minutes of your time it will take to complete the survey will be greatly appreciated.



Sunday School Classes

9:15-10:10 a.m.

Final adult class on June 1st.

Children and Youth classes are over and will resume in the fall.

June News for Presbyterian Women

I hope you are enjoying a nice summer break (in spite of our tumultuous weather.) I just wanted to let you know that our study books for the 2025-2026 year are being ordered this week and I will get them to you as soon as they arrive. Hope you are looking forward to our new study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". Though circles will not meet again until September 2 and 3, that Tuesday and Wednesday will be here before we know it! Take care; have a good summer, and see you at worship.

Charlotte Larrick, PW Coordinator, 573-447-0552



Lunch at the Claysville Store



Please join us for good old-fashioned home style cooking at the Claysville Store in Hartsburg on Sunday, June 29, at 12:30 p.m. Complete meals of fried

chicken and/or country ham with all the fixings are served family style.

Make your reservations by calling/emailing Debbie Newkirk at 573-443-6840 or newkirkd@missouri.edu. or text name and # of party to 573-673-8997. A sign-up sheet will also be placed on the kiosk. Carpooling will be made available. (Please let us know if you are available to assist with transportation.) No credit/debit cards! Reservation deadline is Sunday, June 22.

Thank you,
Debbie Newkirk
Fellowship Committee Chair

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Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian—Columbia July 7–10, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

All Trinity children, grandchildren, and friends ages 3 yrs. through completing 5th grade are invited to join in the summer fun at First Presbyterian downtown for four evenings of small groups, games, mission projects, science and more. Dinner will be provided each evening free of charge. Registration is now open. Please contact Audra West at First Presbyterian—audraw@fpccolumbia.org for more information or use the link below. Youth helpers are also needed, so contact Audra or go to the FPC website to volunteer.

<https://first-presbyterian-church-columbia.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



Highlights from the April Stated Session Meeting

Trinity's session met on Tuesday evening, May 20, for their monthly, stated meeting.

- ◆ Session received Jim West's resignation as Organist with deep regret.
- ◆ The Property Committee is exploring options for replacing the exterior Fellowship Hall surface. Birds have opened holes in the front and back walls and are nesting there. Several bids are being sought for a concrete siding which would have a similar look to the current façade and keep the birds from returning.
- ◆ The committee is also seeking quotes for church insurance. The current carrier is doubling the premium for the next policy year.
- ◆ Mark Virkler repaired the concrete ramp from the parking lot to the Fellowship Hall west door.
- ◆ The Stewardship and Finance Committee submitted a "Purchasing Policy and Procedures" document for first reading.
- ◆ The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8. Guest preachers will be needed for Sundays, July 6 and July 27, when Rev. Osborn is on vacation.
- ◆ The Worship Committee will explore new procedures for offering communion to homebound members.
- ◆ David and Shioko Shimomura were removed from the active roll; all contact has been lost with them since they left Columbia.
- ◆ The wedding of Anntoine Hughes and Tarmarke S. Jenkins (non-members) was approved for Saturday, April 24, 2026. Anntoine is the daughter of Maria Dawson and the late Rev. Dr. C. W. Dawson.
- ◆ Session discussed the building use request from CoMo Estás, a new Spanish language program for children. Como Estás is a for-profit organization, and at the present time, there are concerns about the possible impact on Trinity's non-profit status if the church rents space to a for-profit organization.

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Be a "Joiner"! Build connections by joining one of these small groups:

Fiber Fellowship - Will not be meeting during the summer months.

Geocaching -

Sunday, June 1st. Delbert Botes and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

Geocaching

Sunday, June 1st, after worship

Bring a sack lunch and meet in Room 12. Delbert will discuss how to find a Multi-cache. There's one in Kiwanis Park that we can walk to.

Dining Out -Cathy and Larry Holder are contacts. The group usually gathers for lunch after church at a local restaurant.



Men's Breakfast - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (June 11) at 8 a.m. JJ's Café on 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men of Trinity are invited.

Senior Singles - Arranges activities 6-8 times a year. Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

Mahjong Group - Meets every Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

Women's Coffee Group - Meets the second Friday of each month (June 13) to socialize at Love Coffee on the Business Loop, 9:30 am. All women are invited!

Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers! If you can help, you can take on a route (which usually consists of approx. 6 stops) one day a week. If you have a vacation coming up, they have subs, so you are not trapped in a unrelenting commitment. You can even be a sub!

Contact: volunteer@mealsonwheelscolumbia.org



We are looking forward to serving
next on

Thursday, June 12th

4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve. We are always grateful for monetary donations as well.

Donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:30 and those helping to serve will need to be at the Ashley Street Center by 3:30 for prep work.

The Wardrobe:

**Columbia's all
volunteer,
non-profit thrift store**



A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church lobby, or volunteers can call Anne Seymour, Trinity's Wardrobe Coordinator.

*Trinity's day to work is
Wednesday, June 18th
and volunteers are needed for the
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.*

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Trinity's Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others

The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's elders as the pastor's discretionary fund that is completely confidential. It is used by the pastor to help out those in our community who may be in the midst of a financial crisis. The Brotherhood Fund also provides assistance to organizations, other churches in our presbytery when special needs arise.

Simply make out your check to "Trinity Presbyterian", write in the memo line, "Brotherhood Fund", and mail it to the office or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.



Prayer Requests

Recent Prayer Requests

Holly George— Samantha Boka's 5 year old daughter, who is recovering from surgery

Sarah Grim—experiencing bouts of severe vertigo

Georgia Morehouse—suffered a mild stroke Tuesday morning and is in Boone Hospital

Jim Muench—had hernia surgery on Tuesday

Karen Neely—serious upper respiratory viral infection

Jim West— continuing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer

Long Term Prayer Requests

Lou Boka - father of Samantha Boka (George), who is under-going treatment for cancer

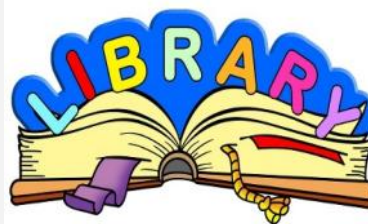
Paul Conditt - Sarah Humfeld's father, who has health issues

Esther Muench Plonk - Jim Muench's mother, on hospice

Anne Stahr—at Lake George Assisted Living

Our Sincere Sympathy

is extended to Shelby and Matt Schondelmeyer on the death of Shelby's mother, Bettie Dale, on May 2, 2025. A celebration of life service will be held in Trinity's sanctuary on Friday, June 6, at 1:30 p.m.



Trinity Library Book Highlight
with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

The Psalter ~ Psalms & Canticles for Singing by Westminster/John Knox Press

In 1981, a task force of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was appointed to develop a new psalter. The Psalter Task Force gave its collection of metrical psalms to the hymnal committee for consideration in development of the new psalter. This collection brings together work of many of the leading composers of contemporary psalm settings.

In the collection, one will find a variety of responsorial psalm settings ranging from old forms to the contemporary. This work of ten years may be sung or chanted.

Memorial Service for John Hewett



A memorial service for long-time member John Hewett will be held at Trinity on Saturday, June 21, at 11:00 a.m.. A luncheon reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you

We wish to thank all of you at Trinity for your prayers, and for the many cards and expressions of love and caring during this sad, difficult time. You are certainly all special.

Thelma Hewett and Family

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Ronnie and Margaret Osborn on the birth of a grandson, Eden D., to Jordan and Era Osborn in St. Louis County, MO on May 26. Eden weighed a healthy 8 lbs. 9 oz. at birth.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am Adult Sunday School Class 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 11:45am Geocaching Sm. Group	2 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance Committee (Zoom)	3	4	5 7:00pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	6 1:30pm Bettie Dale Memorial Service 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	7
8 Pentecost & Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	9 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10 2:30pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 7:00pm Christian Education Committee 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast-JJ's Café 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO	12 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes	13 9:30am Women's Coffee Club 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	14 1:00pm AAUW Book Club
15 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	16	17 7:00pm Session	18 11:00am The Wardrobe 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting	19 3:00pm Property Committee	20 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	21 11:00am John Hewett Memorial Service & Reception
22 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	23	24 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers 7:00pm Technology Committee	25 10:00am Congregational Care Committee	26 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee (Zoom)	27 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	28 8:00am Carolyn Doll Memorial (Quaker) Service
29 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 12:30pm Lunch at the Claysville Store	30	<p> <i>"It is the month of June, the month of leaves and roses, when pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses."</i> Nathaniel Parker Willis </p>				