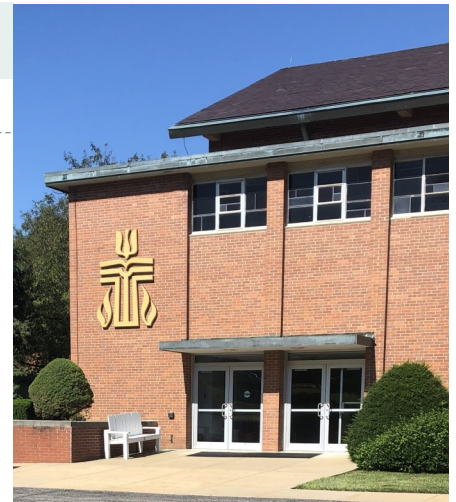
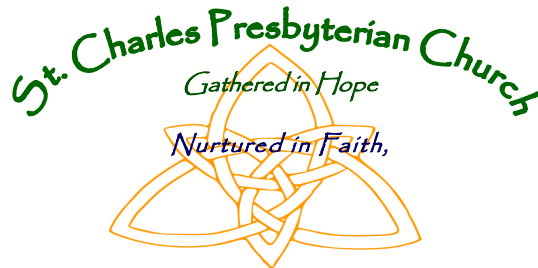


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"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8, NRSV

June Newsletter

SEASONS OF THE CHURCH: PENTECOST

Simply put, Pentecost is new creation. God's gift of the Holy Spirit was to empower witness to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, a cosmic language, the rush of a mighty wind, all invaded the house where the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as burning fire. The unseen power of God-The Holy Spirit- gripped them and moved among them. That same "unseen" power of God works among us today.

In Joel 2:28-29, he is talking about new creation. People will dream and have visions of hope; they will be able to loose themselves from the way things are now, because God is establishing a new creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. This is the result of living in the economy of God's new creation.

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost's new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible; therefore, on the day of Pentecost we celebrate this gift. It draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan in reconciling all people in the name of Christ. (Ephesians 1:10)

Without the gift of the Spirit, we are left with only our broken selves. With the gift of the Spirit, our community of faith opens its eyes to the needs of the world, and sees its missing as God's new people. The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, celebrating as it does, the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ-the church.

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See what is happening in the life of our church this month and never miss an opportunity to serve or celebrate.

JUNE CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

If we have missed your birthday or have the date wrong, please notify the church office at 636 946-4467. We wish all of our June birthdays a very special day and a year filled with joy and the knowledge that you are loved by God and your church family.

If you know of a special event or date on the calendar for the month of June, please let us know that as well. Thank you!

May everyone ease into the summer season with slowness, relaxation, and doing the things you love most. That's what summer is for!

"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different." John Steinbeck

June 6: Book Club, 1:00 pm Java with Jesus; VBS decorating night, 6:00 pm, meet in the Sanctuary

June 9: VBS, 6-8:30 pm

June 10: VBS, 9-11:30 am

June 11: VBS Worship Celebration & Luncheon, Sanctuary/FH

June 14: PEO, 12:30-3:00, Java with Jesus

June 15: Session & Deacon's Meetings, 7:00 pm, Adult Classrooms

June 21: Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Lewis & Clark

June 27: STL Area Foodbank work day, 3-5:00 pm

WEEKLY:

Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

Tinkers, 8:00 am

AA Groups: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm; Saturdays, 10:00 am; both groups meet in the Parlor

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Josh Wilson

4 Michael Eoff

4 Jeff Besselman

5 Aida Smith

7 Sara Mitchum

7 Jenny Jadrach-Wicks

9 Ashley Fawcett-Buck

12 Carolyn Newcomb

13 Bill Sill

14 Mary Kay Lyon

14 Audri Scott

15 Jim Watkins

16 Bea Blazek

21 Spence Kelly

21 Ava Wilson

21 Tommy Wade

24 Bill Ebersole

27 Art Day

28 Emmanuel Litumbe

28 Liam Nagel



Happy
Birthday



For Children entering K-6th
grade

Family Fun Festival following Saturday VBS!

Click here for more info:

<https://vbspro.events/p/da605d>

VBS 2023

St. Charles
Presbyterian Church
131 Gamble St., St. Charles

Fri., June 9th
6pm-8:30pm
and
Sat., June 10th
9am- 11:30am



*VBS is almost here! It is not too late to sign up!
All are welcome!*

VBS FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL, CELEBRATION SUNDAY & LUNCHEON

Family Fun Festival: Following the end of VBS on Saturday, June 10th, there will be a festival taking place on the church lawn from 11:30 -1:00. Hot dogs, chips, and lemonade will be served and there will be a petting zoo and pony rides for the first hour and a bounce house. All are welcome from the community and our church family so don't miss out on the fun!

Celebration Sunday & Luncheon: On Sunday, June 11th, we will celebrate another year of VBS during our regular worship hour at 10:30. Following worship, we will continue the celebration with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. The main dish, dessert, and drinks will be provided. All we ask is for church members to bring a side dish.

VBS Decorating Night:

Join Jess McMaken and others to help decorate and set-up for VBS on Tuesday, June 6. Meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm and stay as long as you can.

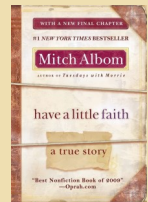
DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE EVENTS:

JUNE BOOK CLUB

Join us on June 6 at
1:00 pm in the Java
with Jesus area for a
discussion of the book,

Have a Little Faith, by
Mitch Albom.

Everyone is
welcome to
attend and
join the
discussion!



JUNE LUNCH BUNCH

When: June 21, 11:30 am

Where: Lewis & Clark's,
217 S. Main St.,
St. Charles, MO

Join for the fun &
fellowship!

RSVP to Sally Stumberg,
314 580-6424





HEARTS AND HANDS TO OTHERS

...in our Community,
nation, and world

“Not all of us can do
great things, but we can
do small things with
great love.”

Mother Teresa



ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK-SCPC WORK DAY

JUNE 27, 2023

Please join the Deacons and other members of our church community in serving others in our area by participating in the STL Area Foodbank work day. The details are as

follows: Tuesday, June 27, from 3-5 pm. at the Repackaging Center at 70 Corporate Woods Dr., Bridgeton, MO, 63044. We will be sorting and packing food boxes for distribution. Volunteers will be on their feet most of the time during their shift so please dress comfortably, including closed toe shoes.

The STL Area Foodbank is looking for 20 volunteers and in order to serve, you must register on their website, <http://vhub.at/SCPCChurch>. Adults and youth 16 and up must register by Monday, June 12, and youth, age 11-15 will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You may register online by setting up an account or Nancy Brakeman will be available on the following Sundays in the Narthex to assist you in signing up: May 28, June 4, and June 11. It only takes about 5 minutes to sign up and your help is greatly needed and appreciated. From the Foodbank's website, these words sum up your time spent there in this way: "Your time helps to build a stronger bi-state region by nourishing people, empowering communities, and transforming systems." Let's see what we can do to help build a stronger community!



FUNDRAISER For the Friends of Charlotte O'Brien SCPC Memorial

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Mod Pizza Fundraiser on May 21, 2023. Our sales that day came to \$555.69 and results in our church receiving \$111.14 to be used to help employ music students at Lindenwood University to help in adding to the worship experience at SCPC.

FISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE

Laundry Soap*

Mashed Potatoes*

Pasta Sauce*

Tuna or Chicken Helper*

Cake Mix*

Pancake mix/
syrup

Salad dressing

Mustard/Mayo

Peanut Butter/
Jelly



*These items are needed now! Other items such as bed and bath linens are always appreciated. Additionally, since FZE is on summer break we will not be collecting items for them until the fall. Thank you for supporting the needs of families in our community through these food pantries.

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Remember that special Sunday School teacher that truly made the gospel come alive for you? What a gift to have had that special person as a part of your spiritual journey! Let's remember the Spiritual Formation teachers that have volunteered this year and give them a big thank you for their time and effort.

Adult Teachers:

Dr. Travis McMaken

Dr. Ruth Smith

Dr. Marcus Smith

Rev. Ronnie Osborn

Youth Teachers:

Jerry Lyon

Mary Kay Lyon

Hilary Kelly

Jess McMaken

Jenny Wicks



*"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."
1 Thessalonians 1:2*

OUR 2023 GRADUATE: MAYA SOUTHARD

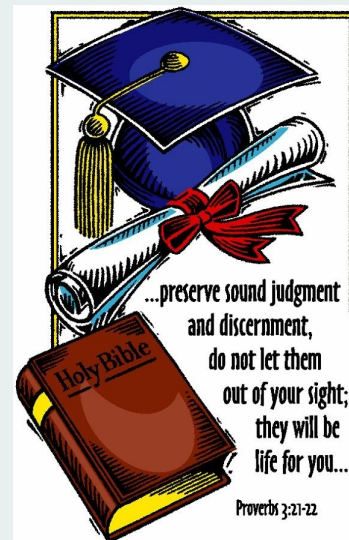
Maya Southard is daughter to Greg and Angie Southard and sister to Owen and Zack. She graduated from St. Charles West High School and will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology to study Biological Sciences. Her plan is to continue her education by receiving a PhD in Microbiology and conduct medical research to help others. Congratulations and good luck, Maya! Your church family supports you!



Maya Southard

**What lies behind us and
what lies before us are
small matters compared
to what lies within us.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson



GOOD READS

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano-a modern take on *Little Women* beautifully written that shows what can happen when we choose to love someone not because of who they are but in spite of it.

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin-the story of a grumpy bookstore owner whose life is turned upside-down with possibility when a mysterious package arrives at his bookstore. A delight to read!

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave-a page turner/ thriller that will keep you reading. Hannah's husband has disappeared and all she knows to do is protect her stepdaughter while searching for answers. Lots of plot twists in this one!

Start With Hello* by Shannan Martin-a practical re-set in how we think about community and what to do in real life to go about getting it, because we all long for deeper connection.

Life Together** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer-a book that shows us how our life can be sustained in Christian community & fellowship, one that can be read and re-read.

*recommended by book club members

**recommended by Rev. Ronnie

SUMMER READING

because summer is the best time of year to read

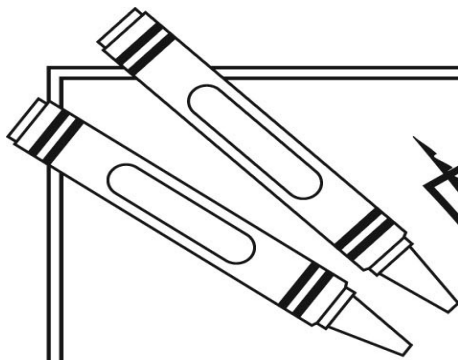
Do you plan to read more this summer? Many people read more in the summer because as kids we were taught that was the thing to do to keep our minds engaged and active during summer vacation. But there are other reasons that reading more in the summer is a good idea.

1. Summer is a good time to pause. The natural flow of our seasons creates a natural pause in activity for the summer. What better time to pick up a juicy book and let your imagination soar?
2. Summer is a time to dream. Precisely because we are pausing in summer, it presents a platform for dreaming. Reading fiction is a entering a world of make-believe where dreams come alive.
3. Summer is a time to love. Families hang out more in the summer, neighbors get together, and romance can spark in unexpected places. You can capture all of these different aspects of love with a great book.
4. Summer is a time to relax. Let's face it: it gets really hot and humid and sometimes the only thing to do is sit in a cool environment (perhaps even the library) and be absorbed by a good book.
5. Summer is a time to escape. You will most likely travel somewhere to a vacation spot and that is the natural time to bring along a book for companionship.

Summertime is the best time for reading! To help get you started, there is a list of good reads in the box to the left. Also, if you like to share your reading, consider joining one of our reading groups here in our church community. The Book Club meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month and is open to anyone. There is always information about their monthly book selection in the bulletin announcements and newsletter. One of their selections this year was *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* referenced in the list to the left. Another more informal reading group meets monthly at Ruth and Marcus Smith's home. This group shares a spiritual or devotional book together along with a potluck meal. For the summer, it is gathering just for the meal and sharing what each member is reading. For more information about either one of these groups, please contact Kenda in the church office.

"I cannot remember the books I have read, any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

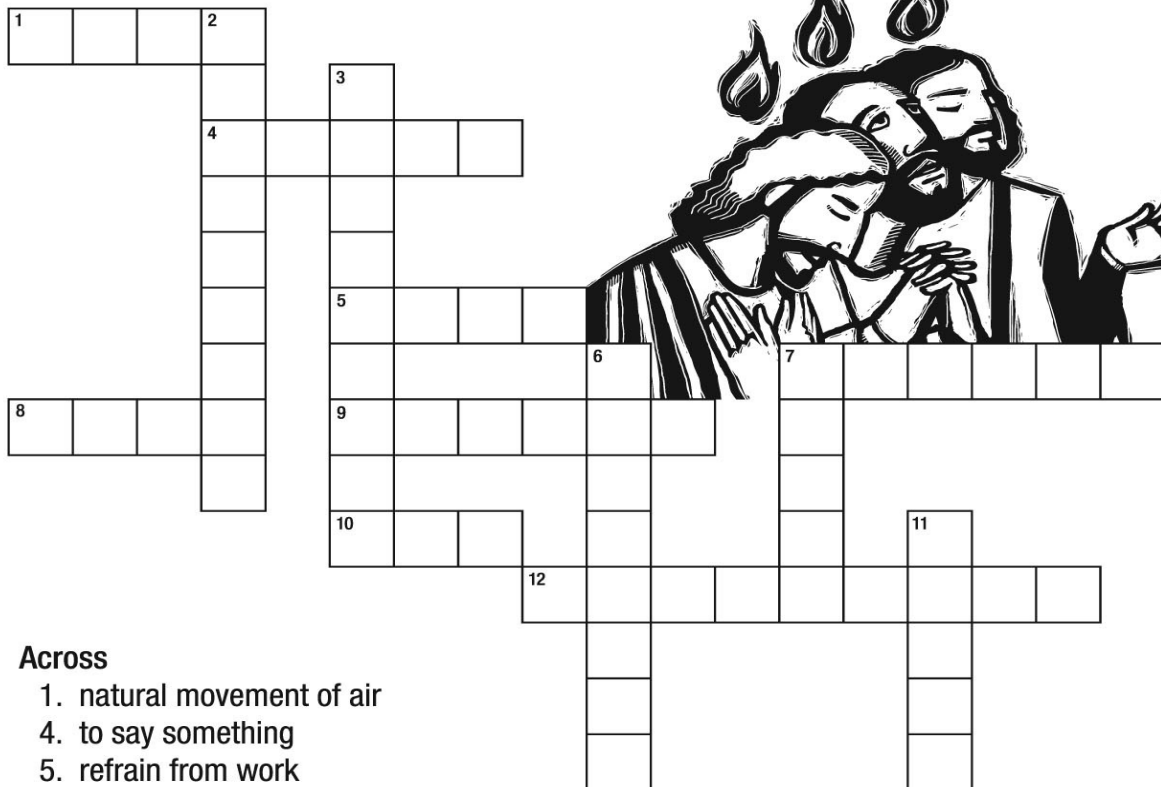


PUZZLE

The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

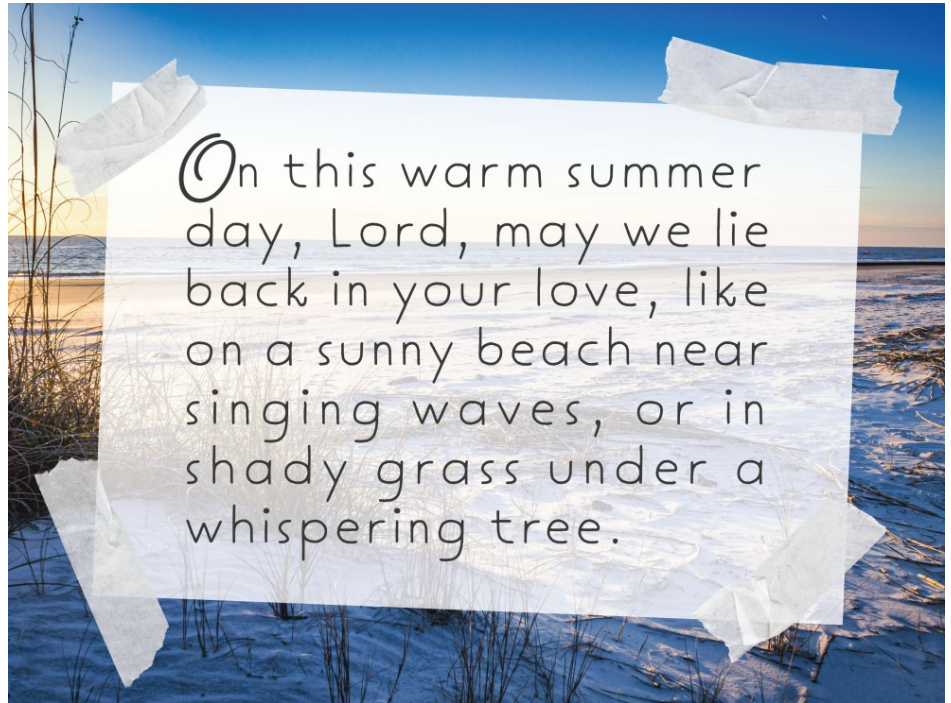
Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

IN LOVING Memory



Thelma Standefer

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD...
Psalm 46:10



COME TO THE TABLE

A NEW SERMON SERIES FROM REV. RONNIE

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus shared meals with his people. In a world where there is an increase of hate and dissention, as followers of Jesus, God calls us to make space for all of God's children at the table. This series will help us most fully see God as we are mindful about seeing one another. Join us live (in person) or on-line as we learn to expand our table by sharing God's Good-News with those in our community.

June 11: **Revelation @ the Table** - Luke 24:28-35.

When Jesus breaks bread with the disciples, their eyes are opened, and they recognize him. Communion opens our eyes to see God and others more clearly. At the table, we come to know one another and God.

June 18: **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!** - Luke 14:12-14.

Most would agree to share meals with individuals who are familiar to them or with those they know the best. Yet, Christ contends that the table is less about familiarity and more about hospitality and care.

June 25: **Enemies @ the Table** - Psalm 23

When you feel that people or situations are against you, God is still in control and can provide a blessing.

July 2: **Laughter @ the Table** - Genesis 18:1-15

God invites us to pay attention for God's unexpected ways of working in our lives in moments of tears and moments of laughter.