



The Road To Reopening

The Session met recently to discuss a strategy for reopening sanctuary worship. Prior to this meeting the Elders fulfilled various assignments to inform our decision-making, including:

- *Learning how other Presbyterian churches in our area are responding and what policies they have implemented*
- *Studying CDC and denominational guidelines*
- *Investigating our air conditioning system and ventilation and air flow patterns*
- *Studying all current information about COVID, including infection rates and transmission patterns*
- *Considering strategies for cleaning, sanitation, and distancing*

The Session wants to ensure that all appropriate steps are taken, and that every proper preparation is in place, so a specific starting date has not yet been chosen. The hope is that we will reopen sometime mid-summer.

In the mean-time, please join us every Sunday at 10:00 AM for drive-up worship on our beautiful grounds, and let's pray for a joyous reopening!



On Sunday, May 23rd, we will celebrate *Pentecost and Trinity Sunday* with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who trust in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to come to the table of the Lord.

Pentecost, in a sense, is the birthday of the Christian church. It was on that day that the disciples—previously hidden and afraid—burst forth inspired by the Holy Spirit to begin their world-wide ministry, fulfilling Christ's great commission.

Trinity Sunday invites us to celebrate the God we know as Creator, Christ, and Spirit! Truly, our God is an awesome God!

From the Pastor's Desk...

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ~ Acts 1:8



“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.” ~ Acts 2:1-2

Dear Lafayette family,

Traditionally, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after what we know as Easter Sunday. In the Old Testament, the feast of Pentecost was also known as the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest, or the Day of First-Fruits.

Pentecost is almost larger than life on the Christian calendar, because it includes the Spirit, tongues as of fire, speaking in many languages, passionate preaching, and hundreds of converts! Many consider Pentecost the birthday of Christianity!

There are many debates within Christendom concerning Pentecost.

- ⊗ Was this overwhelming outpouring of the Spirit a one-time event only, or is this commissioning available to Christians today?
- ⊗ Did the apostles speak in tongues, or in other languages, or did God open the ears and hearts of those who heard the good news?
- ⊗ Should we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday or Monday?

My response to these questions is that we may never again see another day such as the New Testament Pentecost, but we can be inspired, nurtured, and commissioned by the Spirit. We may never speak other tongues, but the Lord will equip us to witness the gospel. We may never convert hundreds, but, in the name of Jesus Christ, we can be a blessing to those which God places in our paths.

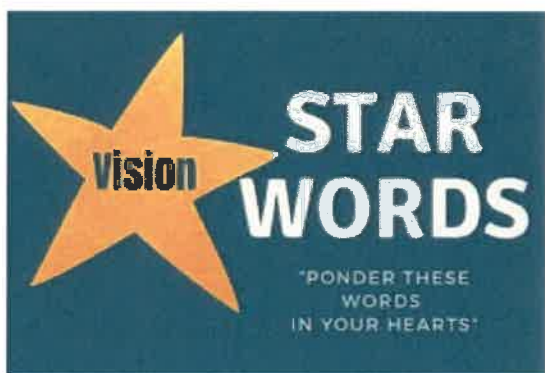


May the spirit of Pentecost fill your heart!

Pastor Steve

Honor a Mother in Your Life...

For Mother's Day, Chrys Graves is putting together a presentation of the mothers we have known and loved. Please email or bring to the office a photo of a mother who has been special in your life and a few words about her. It can be your mother, your wife, a grandmother, a daughter, or even a friend, but Mother's Day is coming up fast! What a wonderful way to remember and celebrate!



Every year, we distribute "Star Words" during the season of Epiphany, but this year, with COVID restrictions, we delayed the distribution of the cards.

On Sunday, April 27, those who attended drive-up worship received their new 2021

Star Words to pray over and contemplate throughout the year. If YOU would like a Star Word, you may receive yours at a Sunday worship service, or by calling the church office.

It's always a good time to "follow the star" and seek the Lord!

*Have you prayed about it as
much as you've talked about it?*

Submitted by Maree Peacock

CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS



Our May meeting date will be Thursday, May 27th at 1:30 P.M. We will meet in our Fellowship Hall so we can spread out. We will be following CDC guidelines regarding the Coronavirus. Please bring your mask.

In February and in April we had a lesson in greeting card making. In February we made a beautiful Easter card and in April a beautiful Birthday card. For the lessons we learned how to use the related materials and techniques. Returning by "popular demand," Peggy will give us another card lesson in May. She will also show us how she cuts out the various pieces for the cards with a Cricut Cuttlebug machine. You will be able to give someone a special one of a kind card, handmade by YOU. All of the materials to make our cards are provided.

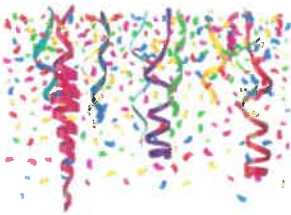
It is very helpful if we know you are planning to attend the card workshop. We want to be sure to have enough supplies on hand. You can touch base with Rita. *However*, if you find at the last minute that you can join us, we would love to see you!

If card crafting is not your thing, we are still be working on loom knitted hats, felt ornaments, or any other project that you are interested in. Our supply of colorful T-shirts for the braided jump ropes is low. If you are spring cleaning and have some you are disposing of, we could use them!

Join us in May. *"Come and see."* (John 1:46). It would also be great if you shared a new craft or mission with us. We are always looking for new ideas.



Coffee and a Cookie Contemporary Book Club



We have decided to resume meeting in-person with certain changes for safety precautions. We will be meeting in the Church Fellowship Hall with distancing and we will not be bringing home-prepared foods and drinks. We meet the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M and encourage anyone to join us and bring your own snacks and drinks. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact

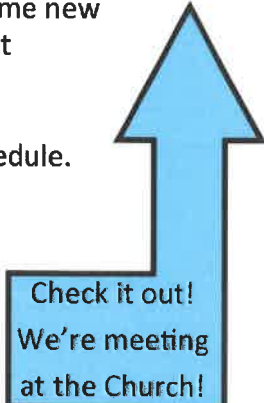
Denise Vandiver for more details.

We have also changed up the order of the books we are reading. Here is the current schedule.

Monday, May 17 ~ The City Baker's Guide to Country Living by Louise Miller.
(This is a Travelling Book Club Book from the Library and we have enough copies to loan to anyone wanting to join or read the book.)

Monday, June 21 ~ Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Monday, July 19 ~ Ellie and the Harpmaker by Hazel Prior



Check it out!
We're meeting
at the Church!



Calendar Dates and Special Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship-----Sundays-----10:00 AM
 Grace Sunday School-----Sun/Zoom-----11:15 AM
 Pastor's Bible Study-----Tue/Zoom-----11:00 AM

MONTHLY EVENTS

Circle of Friends-----2nd Monday-----6:30 PM
 Contemp. Book Zoom----3rd Monday-----7:00 PM
 Morning Circle-----As announced
 Session Zoom Meeting --3rd Tuesday-----6:30 PM
 Evening Circle-----TBA
 WOW Circle-----As announced
 Crafts for Missions-----TBA

SCOUTS (actual times and dates may vary)

Pack 10 Meetings-----Mondays-----6:30 PM
 Troop 10 Meetings -----1st, 3rd Tues----7:00 PM
 Senior Patrol Leaders---2nd Tuesday-----7:00 PM
 Crew 10-----3rd Thursday---7:00 PM
 Girl Scouts 4023-----E/O Sunday-----2:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHURCH EVENTS MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELED!

MAY 2021

SAT	1	Kentucky Derby
	1	..... May Day
FRI	5	..... Cinco de Mayo
THU	6	..... National Day of Prayer
FRI	7	..... May Friendship Day
SAT	8	..... Red Cross Day
	8	..... VE Day
SUN	9	..... Mother's Day
THU	13	..... Ascension Day
SAT	15	..... Chocolate Chip Day
SUN	16	10:00.AM..... Presbyterian Heritage Sunday
	16	..... Shavuot begins
MON	17	7:00. PM..... Contemporary Book Club
TUE	18	6:30. PM..... Session Zoom Meeting
FRI	21	..... National Pizza Party Day
TUE	18	Zoom..... Presbytery Meeting
SUN	23	10:00.AM..... Pentecost/Trinity communion
	23	..... Pentecost offering (UKirk)
	27	1:30. PM..... Crafts for Missions
MON	31	..... Memorial Day
	31	..... Hamburger Day
	31	..... Smile Day



JUNE

SUN	13	..... Luncheon, Mission Committee
SAT	19	..... Juneteenth
SUN	20	..... Father's Day



Thank you to all of the women who attended the Spring Gathering and donated a large variety of goods and supplies along with \$135 in monetary donations to Angel Wingz. Wendy Strickland extends her gratitude to the women of Lafayette for their support. ~ Kay Lachat

Needed Items

- Canned Food (no snacks, nor fruit) tuna, canned meats, vegetables.
- Paper goods: toilet paper, paper towels
- Diapers: Sizes 4, 5, 6
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bandanas / Beanie Hats
- Reusable Grocery Bags

Beth-El
Farmworker Ministry, Inc.

For further details on the Beth-El Ministry, please see Pastor Steve.



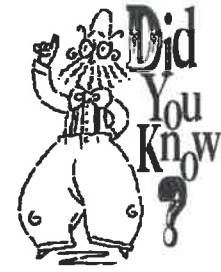
Do YOU receive the “Thornwell Life” Magazine? If not, you’re missing out on all the new and wonderful projects, programs, and stories, including Foster Care, Building Families, residential changes, the new Farm Project, and many more!

The link below will take you right to the magazine, and you can turn pages and browse right from your computer or tablet!
<https://thornwell.org/thornwell-life-2021-vol-2/>

DID YOU KNOW?

BY PHIL FERGUSON

A slingshot was used by David to kill the Philistine Goliath. Most anyone who has read the Bible knows that. In addition to David, many other people including Benjamin's army of left-handed slingers were known for their amazing accuracy. (Judges 20:16).

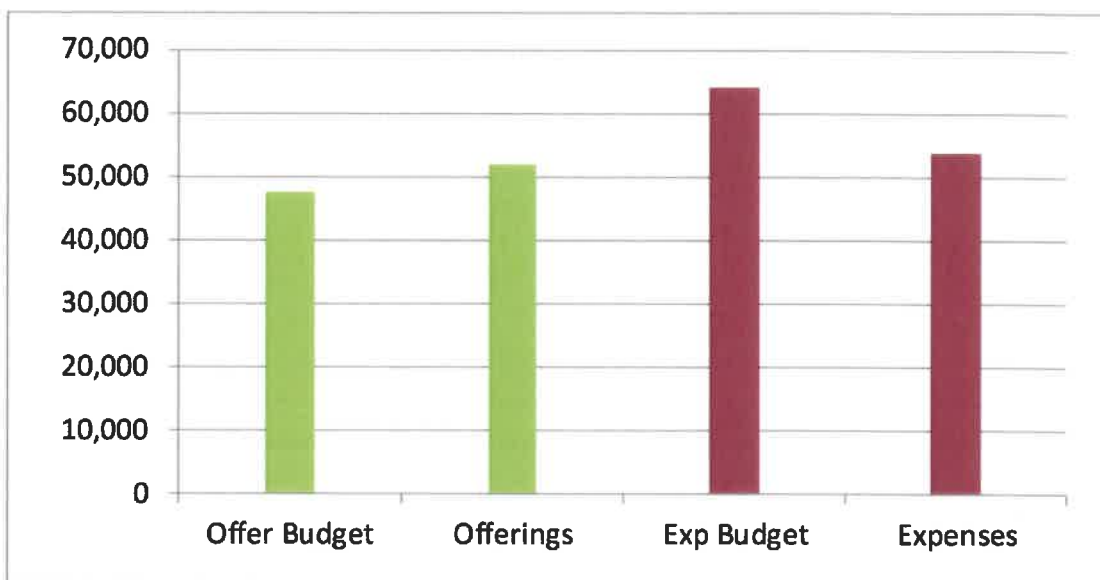


Did you know that during biblical times children were often given slings as toys even though it was a dangerous weapon?

Originally developed as a means for shepherds to scare away predators, practicing for accuracy with it was also a means of passing the time when shepherds were in the fields with their sheep. A sling was simply a leather pouch with two long straps attached to it. Any rock or suitable projectile up to the size of a baseball could be spun around and flung from it when one of the straps was released.

By New Testament times lead pellets had replaced stones as the projectile of choice.

MARCH 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE			
Offering Budget March	Actual Offerings March	Expense Budget March	Actual Expenses March
\$47,583.00	\$51,823.00	\$63,969.72	\$53,714.47



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Ephesians 1:3

Session Meeting Briefs • April 27, 2021



- ✚ The Worship Committee will meet Tuesday, May 11th to discuss reopening plans.
- ✚ The Property Committee reported on ventilation, air purification, and CE building leakage.
- ✚ The Finance Committee has met with our insurance representatives as part of our contract renewal process. An additional bid has been solicited as well.
- ✚ Our Presbytery representatives for the Tuesday, May 18th meeting will be: Commissioner: Faith Kinneer, and Alternate: Ned Stacey.
- ✚ Reopening information submitted by each committee was reviewed.
- ✚ Each meeting participant shared her/his perspectives, ideas, and concerns.
- ✚ Focused planning will take place with the goal of reopening sanctuary worship.
- ✚ Faith Kinneer will be the May Elder on Call.



Your Session Members in 2021 are:

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| <u>Class of 2021:</u> | Joe Faragasso, Rita Tucker, Marlyn Weinell |
| <u>Class of 2022:</u> | Sandi Herrington, Richard Loose, Denise Pentecost |
| <u>Class of 2023:</u> | Ned Stacey, Doug Pitts, Faith Kinneer |

Your Deacons in 2021 are:

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| <u>Class of 2021:</u> | Janet English, Susie Graves, Phyllis Loose |
| <u>Class of 2022:</u> | Susanne Korta, Ken Norman |
| <u>Class of 2023:</u> | Patti Dickman, Diane Dowling, Martha Ann McCaskill, Molly Miller |



Presbytery of Florida News



- The Rev. Erin Rosica was ordained as a chaplain at Tallahassee Memorial on Friday, April 23rd.
- Honorably retired minister Rev. Dr. Steven Melamed died April 6th. He had served as a humanities professor at Florida State University.
- The Presbytery's Spring Stated Meeting will be held May 18th via Zoom at 10 a.m. EDT, including an educational segment presented by the Presbyterian Historical Society Records Archivist David Staniunas.
- The Committee on Mission and Outreach wants to know what each church is doing in missions and has grants that could help with local missions.

We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

4/25/2021

- ◆ Pray for Garrett and Heather Brooks, who both have medical challenges. Garrett was hospitalized last week with heart and kidney problems.
- ◆ Peggy Johnson asks that we pray for her former Pastor, the Rev. Cheryl Duke, Dade City, whose husband passed away recently.
- ◆ Jean Brinson asks that we pray for her sister, Annie Scratchley, who is hospitalized in England.
- ◆ Pray for the Munyon's niece Lindsay Epperhart and her husband, Clayton, who recently experienced a lost pregnancy.
- ◆ Steve and Susie's friends Andy Cox and Chuck Edwards have both been hospitalized with serious infections.
- ◆ We pray that true justice and righteousness will prevail in our nation.
- ◆ We pray for victims of gun violence and their families, including the recent tragedies in Texas, Indiana, and Wisconsin.
- ◆ A joy! Rachel Herman's son, Shane, and his girlfriend, Stacey Mowry, gave birth this week to Milo James Herman, 8 lbs. 15 oz.

4/18/2021

- ◆ Sherwood DeForest is recovering from pace-maker surgery.
- ◆ Jean Brinson is recovering from serious eye surgery.
- ◆ Roger Doherty severely injured his knee and is in a knee brace working from home.
- ◆ Ken Norman asks that we pray for The Rev. Ken Hamilton of Tallahassee Heights Methodist Church.
- ◆ Pray for Susie and Steve's friends, Bill and Laura Fry, as Laura's parents are both hospitalized with COVID.
- ◆ Richard McElveen asks for prayer for the father-in-law of his son, Parker, Charles Babb, who has been hospitalized with heart trouble.
- ◆ Rhonda Siplin asks for prayers for a neighbor family, the Crumptions, who lost their son, Jaynarion, last week.
- ◆ Steve and Susie's friend, Sandy Chamberlain, is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Jack and Diane Dowling, as Jack's brother Wayne passed away this week.
- ◆ Pray for Robert Yerg and family, upon the passing of his wife Beverly Yerg this week.

4/11/2021

- ◆ Pray for Ellen Jacobs, who has been a little down lately.
- ◆ Pray for Matt and Marlyn Weinell, for recovery from treatments and for a back strain, respectively.

- ◆ Please continue to pray for Pat Faragasso's friends the Lemmonds, whose son, Sean is progressing after brain surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Bonnie Burns' friend Jane Aycock, who is recovering from a mastectomy.

4/4/2021

- ◆ Parker and Lea McElveen, son and daughter-in-law of Richard, are recovering from COVID.
- ◆ Lynda Blount's granddaughter Caitlyn, had oral surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Brittany Phillips, who passed away in an automobile accident, and had three children.
- ◆ Continue prayers for Leonard and Twila Phillips.
- ◆ Pray for Bryan Borland, the son of Karen Gunter's friend, who is being treated for blood clots in his lungs.

Continued Prayers

- ◆ Our Armed Forces around the world
- ◆ Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Kevin Askew, son of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Angela and Jerry White, daughter and son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Charla Casey's brother, Howell
- ◆ LaVerne Gibson
- ◆ Anne Hebrock
- ◆ Hal Herman, father-in-law of Rachel Herman
- ◆ Jaya Herman
- ◆ Ellen Jacobs
- ◆ Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- ◆ Chandler (Candy) Touchton, daughter of Martha Ann McCaskill
- ◆ Anita Moreno
- ◆ Carol Peele
- ◆ Leonard & Twila Phillips
- ◆ Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman, who had kidney transplant surgery on July 22. Charlotte's donor is her brother Earl Keister, so keep Earl in your prayers also.
- ◆ Russell Stovall
- ◆ Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- ◆ Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- ◆ Carolyn Wallace
- ◆ Gail Yates
- ◆ Those who have no one to pray for them

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.*

Psalm 17:6NIV



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May Ushers

Bonnie Burns, Captain
Randy Burns, Captain
Sandi Herrington
Bianca Martin



May Birthdays

2 Sophie Korta	17 Chance Grant
3 Ivan Tucker	18 Marlyn Weinell
7 Chrys Graves	22 John Infantolino
10 Kevin Lachat	22 Billie Jackson
12 Richard Loose	22 May Tudor
15 Diane Dowling	30 David Herman



June articles are due
Friday, May 21



Remember our church in your will.