

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News June 2022

Pastor's Pen

On the Day of Pentecost the power of God's spirit unleashed upon the disciples. Scripture tells us the disciples were gathered in one place, and the spirit came rushing down upon them in a mighty wind. And there were tongues of fire appeared among them, and a tongue came to rest on each of them (Acts 2:1-4).

The Holy Spirit jumpstarted the dynamic movement of God in the early church. It was by the power of the Holy Spirit at work among them that they were able to convey the power of God to others. How did this little band of disciples, with all of their frailties and weaknesses, turn a world empire on its head? The answer is the power of the Holy Spirit.

I truly believe the same spirit who inspired the disciples on the Day of Pentecost is still alive among us and continues to be God's driving force among his people. The question is not whether that Spirit is present, it is a question of whether we are willing to embrace that spirit.

Perhaps we are resistant to the moving of God's spirit because the spirit of God leads us in directions we are reluctant to go. It's a common theme in the Bible when God calls people for a special purpose it is often met with resistance. When God called Moses to confront Pharaoh, his response was, "Please send someone else" (Exodus 4:13). When God called Gideon to lead his people against the Midianites, Gideon's response was, "My clan is the weakest, and I am the least in my family" (Judges 6:15). When God called Jeremiah to speak on his behalf his response was, "Truly I don't know how to speak for I am only a boy" (Jeremiah 1:6).

Yet, we will only know the strength of the Holy Spirit if we are willing to follow the direction the spirit leads us. We all need to be asking the hard questions of ourselves as to where the Spirit is prodding us to go. The power of the Holy Spirit is real, and it's up to us to embrace this spirit who calls us to do the hard things.

What might the Holy Spirit be calling us to do now?

See you in church,
Pastor Peter

WORSHIP FOR JUNE:

JUNE 5:

This is the Day of Pentecost we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples as described in Acts 2. The color for Pentecost is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire which the Bible says appeared that day. We encourage those attending worship to wear red. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on that day.

JUNE 12:

On this Second Sunday of Pentecost there will be participating in the Sacrament of Infant Baptism with the baptism of Emmet Fenn. This is an occasion for us all to reflect on the meaning of our own baptism. Why do we baptize and what does it mean?

JUNE 19:

On this Father's Day we will look at the actions of a certain father in relation to his sons. The text is Matthew 4:18-22. The message is called "The One Left in the Boat."

JUNE 26: CHURCH PICNIC:

Our worship this Sunday will be at the Sagamore Hills Township Park in the Rosemary Snell Pavilion (11550 Valley View Road, Sagamore Hills – across the street from the Sagamore Hills Safety Center).

The service will be at 11:00 A.M followed by the picnic. NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME! The food and beverages will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

FROM THE SESSION

The session met for its stated meeting on Monday, **May 9, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting was conducted in person at the Northfield Church. Session actions/discussion included:

1. Session approved two vacation Sundays for Pastor Peter, May 15 and 22. Pastor Lavelle Gibson was approved to provide the message those two Sundays.
2. Mission and Evangelism Committee: NPC will also be working with the Nordonia school, supporting the school supply drive in August. Also reported that a team will be visiting the North Presbyterian Church in Cleveland to provide meals and to assist with music on May 29.
3. Property and Finance: Steve Brooks reported that the committee met on May 1. He stated that the biggest priorities now are the roof replacement and air conditioning units. The church sign project will be postponed until these priorities are taken care of.
4. Worship and Music: Focus now is on worship service for church picnic scheduled in June and special music during the summer months.
5. Christian Education – Adult Sunday School will resume in the Fall. VBS will be integrated into the Daycare Program in July.
6. Presbytery Meeting: Karyl Neubauer will be attending as commissioner at the next stated meeting on May 23. This will also be the last presbytery meeting at which Ruling Elder Marcia Alcorn will be presiding as Moderator. Our thanks for her service in this important and demanding role with the presbytery. Rev. Matt Reeves, Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Chesterland, will be the new Moderator.
7. The annual Joint Meeting of the Session and Deacons will be Sunday, June 12, following worship.

Complete minutes are available on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sharon Danko (friend of Renell Noack, now home)

Jeff Cavallo (friend of Ted Kokenos)

George Hamed (Donna Hamed's son), heart ailment

Braylon Gallagher (John and Cindy Gallagher's grandson)

Donna Hamed (at Brentwood Care Facility)

Amanda Karduck (friend of Earl and Sharon Kane)

SYMPATHIES:

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the family of Sue Merryman. Sue passed away this past Monday, May 23. The funeral was on May 31.

Terri Morilak, the Day Care employee who has been one of our prayer concerns in the month of May, passed away on May 16. The funeral was on May 23.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOHN JACKSON:

Visitation hours for John Jackson will be Friday, June 3, 6:00-8:30 pm at the Church of the Western Reserve (30500 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike). The funeral service is June 4, 2:00 pm, same location.

From the Missions Committee:

This week the precious children of our DayCare have received a Sticker/Activity Book entitled "All About Jesus". Pastor Peter and Director Sherry Pomeroy have distributed the 110 colorful, fun and educational books to the daycare children. The colorful pages are filled with stories about Jesus and the love our Lord has for his children.

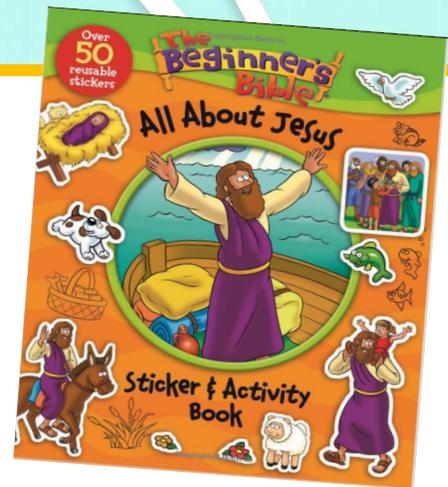
YOUR financial support to our mission efforts have made this fun, joyful activity a reality.

On Sunday May 29 members of Northfield are sharing worship, conversation and breaking bread with the congregants of North Presbyterian Church. Please remember the congregants of North church in your prayers. These believers in Christ are living in homeless shelters or on the streets of downtown Cleveland. We all are grateful for the gifts from God that we can share with one another. The North Church congregation is praying for the entire world this Sunday....as are we all.

The Pentecost Special Offering continues through Sunday June 5, 2022. Our church will retain 40% of the financial donations collected from this Special Offering. Northfield's Session approved our church's participation in the school supply drive coming in August 2022. Northfield will purchase school supplies for needy 2nd graders in the Ledgeview and Northfield Elementary Schools.

We all can feel good about helping the most vulnerable and needy in our local community. Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

Peace and Blessings to all of you; today and always!
Northfield Mission and Evangelism Committee



June 26th Worship at Sagamore Park and Picnic

Join us for worship the last Sunday in June at the Sagamore Hills Township Park in the Rosemary Snell Pavilion (11550 Valley View Road, Sagamore Hills – across the street from the Sagamore Hills Safety Center).

The pavilion is on the west end of the park near the playground (and restrooms!). Lunch is provided by the Deacon's after the worship service. Service will begin at 11:00 am.

Come and worship in the sunshine!





June 2022

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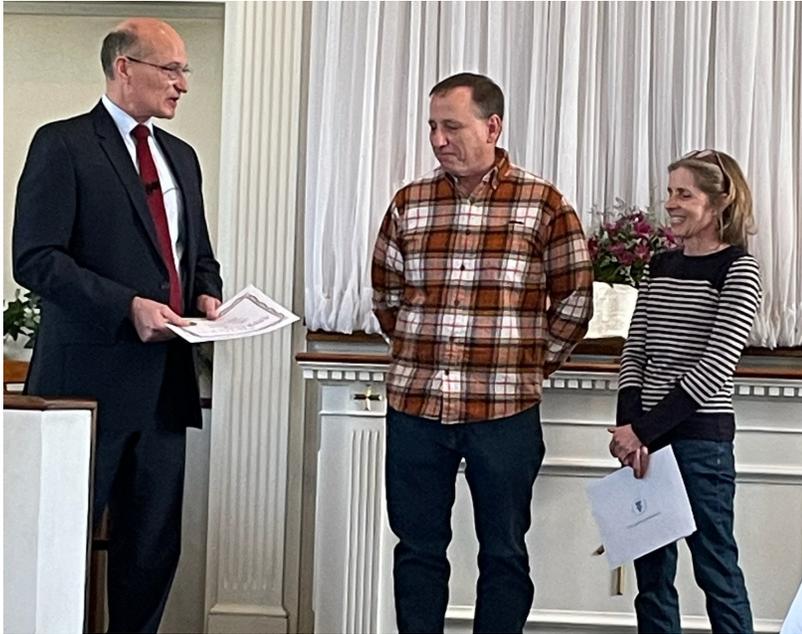
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5 Pentecost Communion 10:15 Worship Property & Finance 12:30 VBC Worship	6	7	8 9:30am Daycare Chapel	9 7pm Choir 8pm AA	10	11
12 10:15 Worship Session/Deacons joint meeting 12:30 VBC Worship	13	14	15 9:30am Daycare Chapel	16 7pm Choir 8pm AA	17	18
19 Father's Day 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	20	21	22 9:30am Daycare Chapel	23 7pm Choir 8pm AA	24 4pm Community Meal Food Distribution	25
26 11:00 Worship @ Sagamore Park Church Picnic 12:30 VBC Worship	27	28	29 9:30am Daycare Chapel	30 7pm Choir 8pm AA		



FAREWELL TO THE BROOKS FAMILY:

Steve and Debbie Brooks have moved to North Carolina.

Both have served our church in many capacities and they will be greatly missed.

Steve was an elder and Debbie served on the Board of Deacons as well as the Daycare Board.

We celebrate this new beginning for them!

PENTECOST OFFERING:

To date we have received \$890.00 toward the Pentecost Offering.

We will be receiving this offering through Sunday, June 5, which is the Day of Pentecost.

Thank you for your generosity!



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

June Birthdays



Vera Hardiman	4-June
Ed Selzer	5-June
Tim Maholm	5-June
Patti Maholm	9-June
Jim Davies	10-June
Dylan Maholm	19-June
Richard Griffith, Sr.	19-June
Emmett Fenn	18-June
Stacy Harber	20-June
Sharon Kane	21-June
Molly Davis (Fenn)	29-June

UVALDE TEXAS SHOOTING AT ROBB ELEMENTARY:

We continue to pray for the families and the many people impacted by the tragic shooting which took place at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde Texas on May 24. Our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), has provided a resource on faith based responses to gun violence. The handout is available on the table in the narthex.