

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Greetings to all!

Next Sunday we will be celebrating Pentecost, which is often associated with the birth of the Church. In addition to your interest in the Bible, this past year many of you have expressed a desire to learn more about our denomination and our

theology (our Book of Order/Book of Confessions group order arrives tomorrow!). Therefore I would like to share some of what the PC USA has to say regarding Pentecost, including a little preview of what you'll find in your Book of Confessions regarding the Holy Spirit.

What is the origin of Pentecost?

"On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3)."

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost>

That's a fun bit of history. But just what exactly is this Holy Spirit that descended so dramatically in wind and fire? Fortunately for us, this is articulated throughout our Book of Confessions. The Holy Spirit, one of the three Persons in the Trinity, is described below in "A Brief Statement of Faith," the eleventh document in our *Book of Confessions*:

"We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

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to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.”

“A Brief Statement of Faith” *Book of Confessions*

As you can see, the Spirit is quite versatile. This versatility can be found in all of us in the form of our various Christian gifts and abilities. We have a responsibility to make use of these gifts in the aforementioned “broken and fearful world” in which we live. We can pray without ceasing. We can witness. We can unmask idolatries in Church and culture. We can listen to and even speak for those who have been long silenced and we are certainly called to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. The gift of the Spirit and the courage that comes with it makes all of this possible.

You have received the gift. Have you opened it up?



Fred & Georgeen Kirk welcomed a grandson, Lukas Matthew Otto, on April 26th. Lukas was 19" and 7 lbs 3 oz. Lukas' parents are Kara and Matthew Otto.



FOR THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH

WHAT: Baby shower for Mieke Beckman

WHEN: Sunday, August 6th, after worship

WHERE: Kirk Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments will be served.



There will be a card and game night in Fellowship Hall on Friday, June 16th, from 6:30-9:30 PM. But that's not all! During the first hour (6:30-7:30) there will also be a fundraiser meal provided, with funds going toward replacement of the cement walk by the lower

level entrance. This is the first of three such game/fundraiser nights; they are also scheduled for Friday, July 21 and Friday, August 18.



July 2 – September 3

Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall and will begin at 10:00 a.m.



1 Geraldine Decker
6 Betty Willox
6 Colleen Williamson
26 Mark Gallaher
28 Dave Thomas



CROP WALK UPDATE

The Kirk raised \$1043.00 for the 2017 Crop Walk held May 7. We had 8 people participate: Pastor Mike, Judy Curtis, John and June Jennings, Audrey Conner, Peggy Flacks, Lynn King and Nancy Pride. Crop Walk raised \$7021.00 total so far with the help of 7 churches.



Owen Lewandowski, son of Eric and Melissa Lewandowski, grandson of John and June Jennings, was baptized Sunday, May 21.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2018), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder

Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark Gallaher, Chairman and Elder

Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon

Lynn King (2020) Deacon

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Nancy Pride (2020), Elder

Lorraine Scott (2019) Deacon

Audrey Conner (2019) Deacon

FOUNDATION

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Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

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KONNECTING with....

Rob Otte

I was named after my father and my mother's father.

I love the sound of a good rain storm.

I've been a member of the KIRK for only a few months.

One thing I love about the Kirk is that everybody genuinely cares about everyone.

If my life was a book, the title would be "Lessons Learned."

The quote I live by is "It is what it is."

I started coming to the KIRK because it was the closest Presbyterian church while we were looking for a new church. We stayed after the first visit because it felt like home.

I have always preferred to serve God and the church behind the scenes doing whatever needs to be done and by trying to set an example to people of what Christ's forgiveness can do.

The first time I knew God was working in my life was when we were told we could not have any more children then were blessed with two more in quick order!

My hobbies include hockey, hunting, and hopefully one day soon, working on classic Mustangs.

I live in Canton

I find my true joy in life through my kids.

My favorite season is fall.



June 2017 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Thursday, June 1

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–32
Heb. 7:18–28
Luke 10:25–37

Friday, June 2

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Ezek. 34:17–31
Heb. 8:1–13
Luke 10:38–42

Saturday, June 3

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Ezek. 43:1–12
Heb. 9:1–14
Luke 11:14–23

Sunday, June 4

Day of Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Pss. 29; 33
Isa. 11:1–9
1 Cor. 2:1–13
John 14:21–29

Monday, June 5

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Deut. 11:13–19
2 Cor. 5:11–6:2
Luke 17:1–10

Tuesday, June 6

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Deut. 12:1–12
2 Cor. 6:3–13 (14–7:1)
Luke 17:11–19

Wednesday, June 7

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Deut. 13:1–11
2 Cor. 7:2–16
Luke 17:20–37

Thursday, June 8

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Deut. 16:18–20; 17:14–20
2 Cor. 8:1–16
Luke 18:1–8

Friday, June 9

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Deut. 26:1–11
2 Cor. 8:16–24
Luke 18:9–14

Saturday, June 10

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Deut. 29:2–15
2 Cor. 9:1–15
Luke 18:15–30

Sunday, June 11

Trinity Sunday

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Deut. 6:1–9 (10–15)
Eph. 4:1–16
John 1:1–18

Monday, June 12

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Deut. 30:1–10
2 Cor. 10:1–18
Luke 18:31–43

Tuesday, June 13

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Deut. 30:11–20
2 Cor. 11:1–21a
Luke 19:1–10

Wednesday, June 14

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Deut. 31:30–32:14
2 Cor. 11:21b–33
Luke 19:11–27

Thursday, June 15

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Song of Sol. 1:1–3, 9–11,
15–16a; 2:1–3a
2 Cor. 12:1–10
Luke 19:28–40

Friday, June 16

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Song of Sol. 2:8–13; 4:1–4a,
5–7, 9–11
2 Cor. 12:11–21
Luke 19:41–48

Saturday, June 17

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Song of Sol. 5:10–16; 7:1–2
(3–5) 6–7a (9); 8:6–7
2 Cor. 13:1–13
Luke 20:1–8

Sunday, June 18
2nd Sunday after
Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Exod. 6:2–13; 7:1–6
Rev. 15:1–8
Matt. 18:1–14

Monday, June 19
Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
1 Sam. 1:1–20
Acts 1:1–14
Luke 20:9–19

Tuesday, June 20
Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
1 Sam. 1:21–2:11
Acts 1:15–26
Luke 20:19–26

Wednesday, June 21
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
1 Sam. 2:12–26
Acts 2:1–21
Luke 20:27–40

Thursday, June 22
Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
1 Sam. 2:27–36
Acts 2:22–36
Luke 20:41–21:4

Friday, June 23
Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
1 Sam. 3:1–21
Acts 2:37–47
Luke 21:5–19

Saturday, June 24
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
1 Sam. 4:1b–11
Acts 4:32–5:11
Luke 21:20–28

Sunday, June 25
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
1 Sam. 4:12–22
James 1:1–18
Matt. 19:23–30

Monday, June 26
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
1 Sam. 5:1–12
Acts 5:12–26
Luke 21:29–36

Tuesday, June 27
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
1 Sam. 6:1–16
Acts 5:27–42
Luke 21:37–22:13

Wednesday, June 28
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
1 Sam. 7:2–17
Acts 6:1–15
Luke 22:14–23

Thursday, June 29
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
1 Sam. 8:1–22
Acts 6:15–7:16
Luke 22:24–30

Friday, June 30
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
1 Sam. 9:1–14
Acts 7:17–29
Luke 22:31–38

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9am-2pm WCCP Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	3
4 Communion Deacons Meeting	5 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	6 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	7	8	9 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	10
11 Communion Session Meeting	12 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	13 4pm Presby Meeting 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	14	15	16 6:30-7:30pm Fundraiser Meal 6:30-9:30pm Card & Game Night in Fellowship Hall	17
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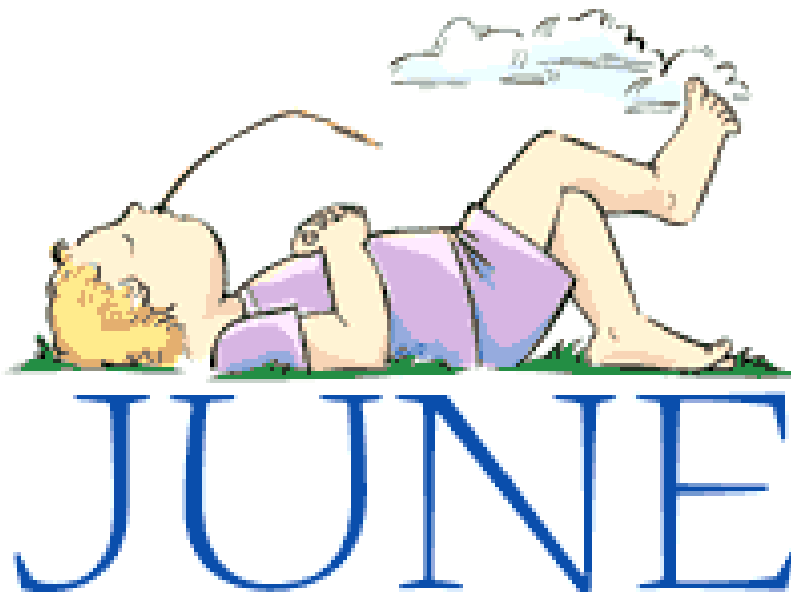
Financial Report as of 4/30/2017

	April	Year to Date	Budget
Income	12,913	46,054	38,564
Expenses	9,224	35,441	37,475
Net Income or Loss	3,689	10,613	1,089

Liquid Assets* 104,334 104,334

* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.
Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

April was a strong month financially due to the Easter season combined with five Sunday collections. We also benefited from a larger gas bill credit though we did pay the season snowplowing bill of \$1,200.



The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God’s love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.