

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

June 6, 2019

"Seeing Red... Giving Thanks!"

This Sunday, June 9th, is another one of my favorite Festival Celebrations in the year of the church ...**Pentecost**. Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Easter, the day we remember, celebrate and give thanks to God's for God's sending of the gracious gift of Holy Spirit to His People. Because it is Holy Spirit that binds us together with God, in God, and with one another, it is not wrong to think of this as the "**Birthday of the Church**," if we can do so without trivializing or diminishing the power and the importance of this experience. Any joy, hope, peace, comfort, strength, we receive as we live our lives through the "highs and lows of life," as our Youth reminded us on Youth Sunday, come as gifts from God through the presence of Holy Spirit in us and among us. When Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples, before he was taken away to be crucified, Jesus told us that he would not leave us orphaned ...abandoned.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you and among you."

(John 14: 15-17)

"Holy Spirit can best be thought of as more VERB, than it is NOUN," says Karoline Lewis, professor of preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. "After all, we are talking about the very breath of God."

Yes, indeed! Through Holy Spirit, God breathes the Spirit of divine life into our human souls, wedding Holy Spirit with our human spirits, binding us at the deepest levels of life with Himself and with other believers, claiming us as His children and making us the Church of Jesus Christ in this world. Complicated? Yes! Rather simple? Truly!

It is Holy Spirit that fills us with awareness that the lives we now live are eternal and everlasting with our risen Lord Jesus. Because Christ is raised from the dead, so too will we be raised with Him in the resurrection. Assurance of this promise comes to us through the power and the work of Holy Spirit. Remember the VERB?! In and through Holy Spirit, we receive our identity as God's people, disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit guides and directs us in each and every moment of every day, whether we are aware of it or not. What a blessed thought! What a gift of God's amazing grace!

To celebrate:

Plan to be present for Sunday School and Worship on Pentecost Sunday.

Together we will give thanks to God
for the gift of life in the Spirit,
for the hope He gives us for eternal life.

Wear something RED!

Wear something RED as a demonstration of your gratitude and thanksgiving to God!

Happy Birthday, First Presbyterian!!

CONCERNS

Immediate Concerns

*Rebecca Shotwell (Hugh Ward's sister) *Ann Herndon family (Lewis Herndon's mother/Paul Herndon's grandmother) *Horace Croft (Bea Chastain's brother) *Youth & Adults attending Montreat *Kim Duggan Flowers
*Tom Crawford (Josh Hancock's grandfather) *Glenda Bivins (Ricky Griffin's mother) *Justin Williams (Rhonda Blanton's cousin) *Phil Keeny *Joanne Harsh Meredith

On-Going Concerns

*Robert Aultman *Pearl Grandy *Jane Fraser *Art Ellis *Bill Acuff *Joyce Laabs *Anne Carlton
*Mitch Britt (Alice Griner's son) *Luna Chappell (Verna Moon's great granddaughter)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church on Sunday, May 26 were given to the glory of God and in memory of the brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in service to this country by Doug and Laura Hall.

The flowers in the church on Sunday, June 2 were given to the glory of God and in honor of Frank and Marilyn Harrison's 46th wedding anniversary by Chas, Beth, Catherine, and Allie Cannon.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9, 2019

Please wear something red as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Sunday, June 9

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, your congregation participates in helping our children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$15 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith. Won't you join in your support? If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 8:30 AM

Missions Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 PM

Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 PM

Friends of the Church Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 5:00 PM

Christian Education Committee

Sunday, June 23, 8:30 PM

MFPC Treasurer Report

Month of May:	2019	2018
Receipts	\$49,149	\$53,179
Expenses	(\$33,073)	(\$43,529)
Net Income (Loss)	\$16,076	\$9,650
Year To Date:		
Receipts	\$258,808	\$248,373
Expenses	(\$193,738)	(\$213,428)
Net Income (Loss)	\$65,070	\$34,945

DOGWOOD ACRES SUMMER CAMP

There is still time to register campers *entering grades 3 through 12* for the June 23rd - June 29th Flint River Week at beautiful Dogwood Acres in Chipley, Florida.

Online registration has opened! It is a new and easy process. Simply go to the "Summer Camp Tab" on our website (dogwoodacres.org). Tiered pricing and scholarships available.

We are delighted to announce that our own Anghaarad Teague-Dees, co-pastor at Trinity Valdosta will serve as Camp Chaplain PLUS Denise Dupras (a member at Trinity Valdosta and former summer camp director extraordinaire) will serve our campers as Camp Nurse this year.

ROAR!

**Life is Wild - God
is Good!**

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18 5:30-8:00

It is time to Register!

Go to moultriefirstpres.com to register.

Classes for preschool through 5th grade.

Bible study for Adults.



REFORMATION/SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

October 27, 2019

If you would like to participate in the Parade of Tartans and need to order a family tartan, please contact Nancy Coleman at 941-2930. Tartans need to be ordered soon as some must be shipped from Scotland.

CORNERSTONES

Movie Night—Thurs. June 13, 5:30—Pizza, popcorn, movie candy and a movie. Cost is \$5. Signed up: Susan, Jane, Beth, & Ben

Lunch Meeting—Mon. June 17, 11:30—Sandwich picnic in the air conditioning of the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5. Signed up: Susan, Anne, Jim, Beth, Joyce, Virginia, & Ben.

Lunch on the Road to Sale City—Thurs. June 27 We will have another scrumptious fried chicken supper after we play BINGO. **Leave church at 10:00.** Cost is \$5. Signed up: Susan, Virginia, Anne, Jim, Ben

Peach State Summer Theater

Seniors -\$28 Adults-\$32

Call Susan now to reserve your ticket.

Sun. June 23 Mama Mia Leave church at 12:30 for lunch in Valdosta before the show at 3:00.

ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

FIFTH SUNDAY COVERED DISH LUNCH

Honoring Hugh Ward as Pastor Emeritus

June 30, 2019

Bring your favorite food fit for an Independence Day celebration as we join for food and Christian fellowship, thanking God for our freedom and liberty. Fried chicken will be provided by the church.

We will be recognizing our beloved former pastor Rev. Hugh Ward as Pastor Emeritus. Patriotic singing to follow. Share your favorite patriotic songs with Doug Hall.

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FROM THE KITCHEN

I trust everyone is staying cool and enjoying their summer. Bonnie and I have been busy cleaning, organizing, and getting repairs done. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 for our midsummer WATCH.

MENU for JULY 10, 2019

EVERYONE: Grilled Chicken, White Peas, Squash Casserole, Potato Salad, Sliced Tomatoes, Rolls, Melon Basket

DESSERTS: Peach Trifle, Strawberry Trifle, Cookies, Ice Cream

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 20 Visiting Nurses Meal

JUNE 30 Fifth Sunday Covered Dish—Fried Chicken and Rolls Provided by Church

JULY 10 Midsummer WATCH

JULY 14-18 Vacation Bible School

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Christ instructs us to treat others as we wish to be treated. This is a tall order but as Christians we are commanded to do our best. Try to be a little kinder than necessary to family members, friends, and total strangers.

In Christ, Faye