

# THE UNION PRESS

“To know Him and make Him known”



## INSIDE this Issue

- 1-2 Pastor's Message
- 3 Special Events
- 4 Calendar
- 5 Just So You Know
- 6 VBS

**Newsletter  
Submissions for  
the June issue are  
due June 21<sup>st</sup>**

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### THE SPIRIT AND REVIVAL

#### Acts 2

What do you think of when you hear the word *revival*? Perhaps you think of those extraordinary moments in church history when the Lord breathed His Spirit afresh upon His church — seasons when the gospel spread rapidly, hearts were awakened, and entire communities were stirred by the power of God. Do you pray for revival? Do you ask God to do it again in our own day?

Scripture reminds us that true revival is not ultimately about emotional excitement or religious novelty. Revival is the gracious and sovereign work of the Holy Spirit, magnifying Christ through the faithful proclamation of the Word of God.

That reality stands at the very center of Pentecost in Acts 2.

The coming of the Holy Spirit marked the beginning of a new era in redemptive history. Christ, having lived, died, risen, and ascended to the right hand of the Father, poured out His Spirit upon His church just as He promised. Pentecost was not an isolated spiritual experience disconnected from the work of Jesus. Rather, it was the continuation of Christ's kingdom work through His Spirit.

Luke presents Pentecost as a unique and unrepeatable event in salvation history. The sound of the rushing wind, the tongues like fire, and the proclamation of the gospel in many languages were dramatic signs announcing that the risen Christ now reigns and empowers His church. These signs testified that the age of the Spirit had arrived.

Yet the true wonder of Pentecost was not merely the miraculous signs themselves. The great miracle was that dead sinners were brought to life through the preaching of Christ crucified and risen.

Throughout Scripture, the Spirit is associated with breath and life. In creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters. In Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones, God promised to breathe life into His people by His Spirit. At Pentecost, that promise began to unfold in fullness as the Spirit came to awaken hearts, renew lives, and gather a people for Christ from every tribe and nation.

While Pentecost itself was a unique, once-for-all event in redemptive history, the same Spirit continues to work powerfully throughout the church age.

This is what revival truly is.

Revival is not manufactured enthusiasm. It cannot be engineered by clever methods or emotional manipulation. Revival is the sovereign work of God whereby the Holy Spirit takes the ordinary means of grace — especially the preaching of the Word — and applies them with extraordinary power.

(Continued On Page 2)

(Continued From Page 1)

Peter's sermon in Acts 2 makes this abundantly clear. When the crowds asked, "What does this mean?" Peter did not point them primarily to signs and wonders. He pointed them to Scripture. He opened Joel, Psalm 16, and Psalm 110 to show that everything happening before them centered on Jesus Christ: His death, resurrection, ascension, and present reign as Lord.

The Spirit's ministry is always Christ-centered.

The Holy Spirit does not draw attention to Himself apart from Christ. Rather, He glorifies the Son by convicting sinners, opening blind eyes, and drawing people to repentance and faith. At Pentecost, the Spirit empowered the apostles to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and the result was that thousands were "cut to the heart."

That phrase is essential. Revival begins when the Word of God pierces the human heart. Before revival becomes public, it becomes personal. Before communities are changed, sinners are humbled before a holy God. The Spirit exposes sin, awakens repentance, and leads people to cast themselves upon the mercy of Christ. That is why Peter's call was simple and direct: "Repent and be baptized... for the forgiveness of your sins."

True revival always produces repentance, faith, and renewed obedience.

In our own day, many long for revival, and rightly so. We look around at moral confusion, spiritual apathy, and a culture increasingly hostile to Christ, and we pray for God to move again in power. But Acts reminds us that revival does not begin with worldly influence or religious spectacle. Rather, revival comes as the Spirit works through ordinary Christians and ordinary churches devoted to Christ.

Revival often comes as the Spirit stirs believers to hunger for God's Word.

It comes as churches devote themselves to prayer.

It comes as Christians are brought to deeper repentance and holiness.

It comes through the clear and faithful proclamation of the gospel.

It comes as the people of God grow in their love for Christ and their desire to make Him known.

And perhaps most encouraging of all, Pentecost reminds us that Christ has not abandoned His church.

The same Spirit poured out at Pentecost still dwells within God's people today. The Spirit still convicts sinners, strengthens weary saints, comforts the brokenhearted, and empowers the church for witness and service. The Spirit is still building Christ's kingdom across the world, gathering a redeemed people for the glory of God.

That truth should give the church a deep and steady confidence.

Not a confidence rooted in cultural trends or human strength, but in the certainty that the risen Christ reigns and continues His work through His Spirit. The gates of hell will not prevail against His church.

Do we pray for revival, do we pray unceasingly, that the Lord would do it again?

As we pray for revival in our own generation, may we remember that genuine awakening is always centered on Christ, grounded in Scripture, empowered by the Spirit, and aimed at the glory of God alone.

And may the Lord, by His Spirit, do again in our day what He has done throughout the history of His church: bring dead sinners to life, strengthen His people, and cause the mighty works of God to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL



## LET'S TALK YARD SALE

Mark your calendars! The Union Church Yard Sale is: Friday, July 10th 7:00 to 1:00 and Saturday, July 11th 7:00 to 1:00. Keep in mind that we are offering anything left over from the sale from 1:00 to 2:00 for FREE! Drop off dates are: 8:00 to 12:00 Sat. June 27, Tues. June 30, Thurs. July 2, Sat. July 4, Tues. July 7, Thurs. July 9.

You can drop off nicely packed boxes, with the lids closed, in the coat room, at this time. Please stack them nicely and as high you can, so we can get lots of items in that room. Please remember we would appreciate it, if you could wait till the drop off dates. We will have people willing to help unload your car at those times. I know we are all excited for this event. When we all work together, great things happen! Any questions see Colleen Sheaffer or call me at 717-917-1076.



2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 Octorara Pines Growth Group	7:00 Trustee Mtg.	10:00 Prayer Mtg 6:30 Union Growth Group		1:30 Kirkwood Growth Groups	
<b>7</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>COMMUNION</b> 8:30 Prayer Meeting 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship <i>GRADUATION SUNDAY</i>	6:30 Octorara Pines Growth Group		10:00 Prayer Mtg		1:30 Kirkwood Growth Groups	9:00 UPW Meeting
<b>14</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 Prayer Meeting 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship <i>Flag Day</i>	6:30 Octorara Pines Growth Group		10:00 Prayer Mtg 7:00 Session Mtg		1:30 Kirkwood Growth Groups	
<b>21</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30 Prayer Meeting 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <i>Summer Begins &amp; Father's Day</i>			10:00 Prayer Mtg		1:30 Kirkwood Growth Groups	8-Noon Yard Sale Donation Drop-off Day
<b>28</b>	29	30				
8:30 Prayer Meeting 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship		8-Noon Yard Sale Donation Drop-off Day				

# FOOD BANK

Chicken noodle soup (10 oz can size), seafood soup/chowder (cans), corn (15 oz can), diapers (size 5, 6, 7 and 3T, 4T, 5T), baby wipes, mayonnaise, Triscuits/Wheat Thins, peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, granola bars

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### June 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12;  
Romans 4:13-25;  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### June 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7;  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;  
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8

### June 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 21:8-21;  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;  
Romans 6:1b-11;  
Matthew 10:24-39

### June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13:1-6;  
Romans 6:12-23;  
Matthew 10:40-42

## GREETERS

7 Lois Rineer  
14 Charlotte Stoner  
21 Larry & Colleen Sheaffer  
28 Dick & Nancy Hastings



1 Sandra Reyburn  
2 Milton Whiteside, Jr.  
Susan Hastings  
4 Jessica Jackson  
6 Vicki Greenleaf  
8 Sarah Kelley  
Chase Carter Wade  
10 Shirley Winters  
Susan Shoemaker  
11 Sandy Hastings  
Kelsie Stoner  
14 Justin Harrington  
16 Shawn Hastings  
Tabatha Hastings  
17 Mark Wrigley  
Alan Joseph (AJ) Miller  
18 Terry Slodki  
22 Louise Jackson  
24 Jeff Foulk  
27 Heather Mullins  
28 Drew Supplee  
Kristine Supplee

## THANK YOU

~ We raised \$770 for Blanket Sunday. Thank you for your dedication to this ministry. ~

*We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and texts during my recent surgery and Dan's short hospital stay. A special thanks to Jeremy for being on top of the whole situation. Thank you again.*

*~ Dan & Pat McCardell*

Thank you to the hardworking quilters that provided quilts to Solid Rock, Divine Sent Food Cupboard, and Paultyne Long. The lovely quilts are greatly appreciated.



Union Presbyterian Church  
5637 Street Road,  
Kirkwood, PA 17536



facebook.com/unionpckirkwood

@unionpresbyterianchurch1502  YouTube




www.unionpres.com

UPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

# JESUS IS THE LIGHT

*"I am the light of the world" - John 8:12*




**DATE:** Tuesday - Thursday, August 4-6, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 am to Noon

**PLACE:** Union Presbyterian Church  
5637 Street Road, Kirkwood


**GRADES:** Kindergarden through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**HOSTED BY:** **SCAN TO REGISTER:** 

MIDDLE SCHOOL VBS

# JESUS IS THE LIGHT

*"I am the light of the world" - John 8:12*




**DATE:** Tuesday - Thursday, August 11-13, 2026

**TIME:** 6-8:00 pm

**PLACE:** Union Presbyterian Church  
5637 Street Road, Kirkwood

**GRADES:** 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

**SCAN TO REGISTER:**  **HOSTED BY:** Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church

