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Morning Worship May 28th Lectionary texts for Sunday

First Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-12

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Sermon Title: "For the Common Good"

Rev. Steve Fortenberry, Pastor Elder for May, Jenny Franke Elder for June, Tom Klubert Leeann Bailey, Liturgist Bebby Lewis, Children's Message

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, today and always, Lord God. Energize and equip us to live out your love in the world.

Prepare to be empowered



Contrary to common perception, Jesus' disciples weren't frightened and hiding during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Instead, they were actively preparing for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They "all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14, NIV) and took steps to replace Iudas.

After that inward focus, the disciples were ready to boldly burst forth on Pentecost, empowered and "enabled" (Acts 2:4) by the Spirit. They proclaimed

Christ's death and resurrection, leading 3,000 people to faith that day, now known as the church's birthday.

"A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community," writes Suzanne de Dietrich in *Free Men*. "These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them."

Upcoming Committee Meetings...

The Mission Team will meet June 1, at 11:30 in Huff Ct. Have an interest?—please join us.

"Happiness is like jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself."

Mission offering emphasis for May is King's Kitchen

They'll be feeding 250 children this summer. There are also opportunities to volunteer in food prep and package food for distribution.

Jenny has placed a **sign-up sheet in Huff Court**. See if there's a spot for you and sign-up!

This year VBS will take place on Saturday June 10th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Links for the online registration:

Child (participant) registration Adult Volunteer Registration Middle/High School Volunteer Registration

Life immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who've died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul."

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

News on Camp Noah...

We need from our congregation is **individually wrapped snacks**. Stacey will place a bin in Huff Court to receive your donations.

Camp Noah will be held in Princeton **June 12-16** and on-line registration for campers K-5th grade may be found at: App.campdoc.com/register/campnoah

Camp will be at Central Presbyterian June 12-16 from 9-3 daily for campers.

Be a part of your church at work by signing up here: Volunteer Hub for Camp Noah.

This weeks Birthdays & Anniversaries



May 31st - Birgit Guthrie

May 31st - Jim and Martha Stahr

ADLEY LEWIS, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF CATHY AND CRAY, HAD A GREAT SEASON ON AND OFF THE FIELD. ADLEY FINISHED THE SEASON WITH A BATTING AVERAGE OF .352. HER POST SEASON AVERAGE WAS .467. SHE WAS 3RD IN HITS FOR THE TEAM, 2ND IN RUNS AND LED THE TEAM IN DOUBLES.

ADLEY FINISHED HER FRESHMAN YEAR WITH 5 HOME RUNS AND 27 RBI. ALL ACADEMIC TEAM AS WELL! (THIS HAS HER GRANPARENTS, BEBBY AND RICK, FEELING PROUD!)

