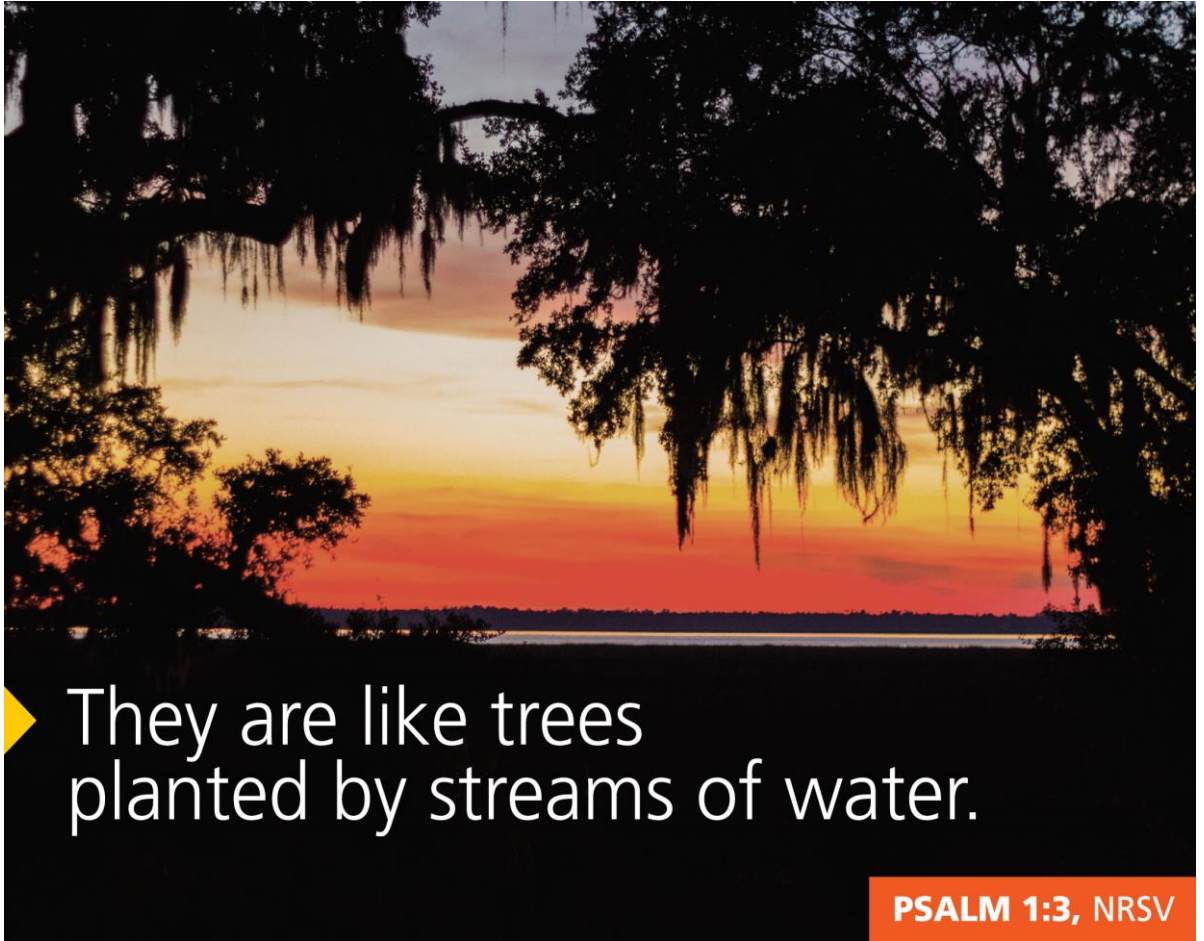


# The Word

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▶ They are like trees  
planted by streams of water.

**PSALM 1:3, NRSV**

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## Ministers Musings



*Worship table for the Easter Sunrise Service at Hoyt Park, March 31, 2024*

*Come, let us go up to the house of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace and we may walk in his paths*     *Isaiah 2:3*

It's an invitation, way back in the days of the prophet Isaiah. Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. It's a word you can share with a friend. Over and over again, surveys reveal that 85% of people already at church came for the first time because someone invited them. Someone whom they cared about, and who cared about them, said, "I really like this church. Maybe you'd like it, too."

But, Pastor, that sounds awkward. OK. So invite them to something specific that happens around here – like worship when the kids sing, that's always fun. Or a Sunday when we'll gather after worship for a pot-luck, and then make sure you

come and bring something wonderful to share. Or just stay connected with a friend, and share with them sometime that church matters to you, maybe over coffee in between conversation about the food at the county fair and the newest thing happening with your kids.

We've got good stuff happening at the United Ministry of Delhi. Most of you know that. But we don't want to be the best-kept secret in town. We share opportunities here to make life better, more meaningful, more connected to love, to God, to hope, and to ways of peace. There are lots of people who feel very unconnected to all of that. So, listen and let the concerns of your friends touch your heart. And let them know that there are others who will care, who will listen, who will share experiences of God's power and presence, and who have found a community to belong to. We'd love to have them along for the ride.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

## Announcements

**Congratulations** to Carol Greene, named as SUNY Delhi's Community Partner of the Year. She will receive the Citizenship Award at a ceremony on May 7. Carol received the honor primarily for her work connecting our food ministry here at The United Ministry with the needs of hungry students at the college. We know that students are an important part of the Delhi community. Thank you, Carol, for including them as some of the neighbors we serve here at The United Ministry.

**Pentecost is Sunday, May 19.** Please wear red to celebrate the fiery power of the Holy Spirit!

**Church Camp:** We've got funds to help kids go to Church Camp. And church camp is great fun! Sky Lake is beautiful; Quinipet on Long Island is beautiful; and camp is a great way to give kids a chance to try something new. Information on camperships is available in the office or from Pastor Cathy.

**The churches in Delhi,** all of them, will offer prayers for people who are homeless and/or living in their cars here in Delaware County throughout the month of May.



## Including our Online Community by Name

We've been live streaming Sunday worship each week since the beginning of the pandemic, four years ago. If you're often online, you know we're with you, but we don't know that you're with us. If you would like to be acknowledged by name, first name, on screen, you can text Rick Edwards, 218-349-1695, that you're worshipping with us. We'll list your name on our screen in the sanctuary during the passing of the peace. (We share Christ's peace early in the service except on communion Sundays, when we share the peace just before we gather at the table.)



## Highlights of April Parish Council

The April meeting of the Parish Council began with a discussion of what it means for us to be a Matthew 25 congregation, which we committed to a few years ago. The key elements include Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism and Eradicating Systemic Poverty. Rev. Greg Garis is planning on organizing a program on this topic for the 25<sup>th</sup> of May and is asking that the three churches in our Presbytery that have committed to the program be present so they can report what they have been doing. As one of those churches he would like to see us attend. Further discussion is needed to see who would like to represent the United Ministry.

In addition, during the Topic of the Month, Carol reported on a recent conversation with John Fong of the Presbyterian Synod. Previously we had been advised that John might help us with promoting our presence on social media and on-line. She found out that John leads a structured program aimed at helping to revitalize small churches by coaching congregations through structured steps that would lead to the church having 10 new families within the first year. The program has been shown to work but comes with a cost both financially and a strong commitment by the congregation to participate. Carol will be looking into the program further and reporting more. It was agreed that there were some parts of the program that we could be doing currently. We discussed ways we could “touch” and “connect” with others in our community using personal contact, social media and on-line presence. We discussed recognizing all the volunteers who assist with the food pantry and the food distributions to reach out to many of the people who work in our food mission but do not attend our church. We would invite them to a special recognition Sunday worship and coffee hour. We have scheduled that for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was also discussed that we explore ways of reaching out to Play School families and inviting them to join Kids Club.

Eloise Henault reported that Play School earned \$450 at their recent bake sale and wanted to thank Will Outsen for permitting the sale to occur outside his shop and for organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. It was also confirmed by Gideon that the outdoor playset was safe for the Play School children to be using. Thanks also went out to Del County Soil and Conservation for their donation of trees

to the children to recognize Earth Day. Play School has continued to benefit from guest visits.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed online, prior to the meeting. Laura indicated that income should be at 25% of the budget for this time of year and it is at 22% and expenses were at 24%. After looking over the report it was approved by the council.

The Finance Committee reported that discussions have continued about the grants we will be applying for this year. Carol agreed to investigate the O'Connor Foundation for grant possibilities. We will proceed with the Sacred Sites grant submission in January for a matching grant to repair the front steps. Painting of the steeple is not covered under this grant so we will have to investigate other ways to make this happen.

Finance also has been discussing the possibility of opening a Money Market account through New Covenant Funds. Gideon reported that there are currently 4 funds that UM is invested in: 2 Balanced Growth and 2 Balanced Income. New Covenant Money Market Funds currently pay 5.23% with a minimum balance of \$500 limit on the number of transactions. After further discussion of the use of a Money Market Fund the council voted to withdraw an amount up to \$50,000 from the investments to open the Money Market Fund and allow the funds that we would need in the near future, for current expenses to be withdrawn from this account.

Thank you to Stephanie McCann who has agreed to serve as Financial Secretary. The goal is to better and clarify the roles of Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Financial Secretary. Carol is recruiting counters who will count and document donations sometime after Sunday services. The goal is to have a number of individuals to allow flexibility and back-up. Many thanks to Edie Campbell who has served in this capacity for many years.

Gideon reported that in November, the Trustees had received a \$2500 grant for 2023 from the WJ Barney Foundation, IMO of Peg Pandick thanks to Tom Pandick's advocacy. In March the Trustees received another \$2500 grant for 2024. The Parish Council is very grateful to Tom for his continued dedication and generosity to The United Ministry. Gideon and Carol will make sure that Tom is thanked and recognized in the May Newsletter.

At the most recent Trustees meeting it was decided that an upcoming high priority summer project at the parsonage would be insulating under the floor of the family room to help reduce energy costs. There is a workday scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with SUNY Delhi's Community service day. Students and volunteers will clean up the church and parsonage grounds. The to-do list includes a dump run and working on faucets and plumbing issues.

Gideon has received important historical information from Lisa Tessier that will be useful in applying for the Sacred Sites Grant. He will forward this information to Barb Jones and touch base with Tim Duerdan at DCHA. Carol will touch base with the Village Historian Gabrielle Pierce.

Barb Jones reported that SPR met on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and Pastor Cathy updated the group on her recent activities. She also reported on the recent meeting with Rev Garis from the Presbytery. The committee is scheduled to meet again on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Cathy reported a full, busy month. On St. Patrick's Day a group from United Ministry served hot chocolate on the square during the St. Patrick's Day parade and it was greatly appreciated. Kids Club continues to go well. Book Study has finished one book, watched a movie and are starting another called Surprised by Hope. The cooperative parish finished up a successful book study on racism which Cathy led. The group met at Andes Methodist.

Pastor Cathy and Rick will attend the United Methodist Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. They depart on April 25<sup>th</sup> and will be home on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Week services went very well with the highest attendance being 48 on Palm Sunday when the children sang.

Pastor with Coffee continues to be a positive outreach at the indoor farmer's market and diner.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> Bill Seneschal, a Lay Leader from Walton will preach.

Pastor Cathy officiated at a well-attended funeral on April 10<sup>th</sup> for Stephanie's mother, Sandra Trass

NOW reports included Evelyn reporting that the Kids Club helped to make the bread for Maundy Thursday. The coffee hours are going strong with more members



volunteering to host. Worship has been recently blessed with solos by Caris Edwards and Gary DuBois.

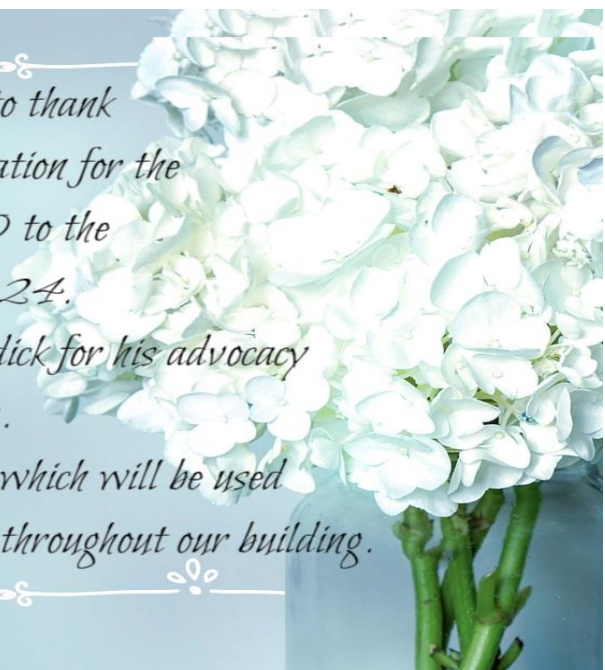
Carol reported (for Edie) that the Food Pantry continues to have many clients using the pantry. She has been receiving help from many to keep the pantry shelves stocked.

The Council approved a building request from AA (a new men's group) to use the church on Sundays from 5:30-7:30. They also approved the use of the tables and chairs for the WIDE Festival on Saturday June 1st. Chelsea Johnson will take responsibility for the safe return of the tables.

At the end of the meeting, we had a sharing time during which Gideon led devotions to close the meeting with a timely reading and reflection on spring from Isaiah 42-10.

Any questions about anything that goes on at our council meetings? Please feel free to contact me or any member of council.

Carol Greene



*Once again we would like to thank  
the WJ Barney Foundation for the  
generous grant of \$ 2500 to the  
United Ministry for 2024.  
Thank you to Tom Pandick for his advocacy  
and dedication to our church.  
We appreciate this money which will be used  
to complete pending projects throughout our building.*

## How Much Food?

I know I have been reporting on how many people are using the pantry. They are allowed to use it once a month and it is intended to be a supplement to food stamps/SNAP or while waiting for unemployment or social security checks to start or an emergency. I thought it might be helpful for you to know the guidelines we follow for how much food they receive.

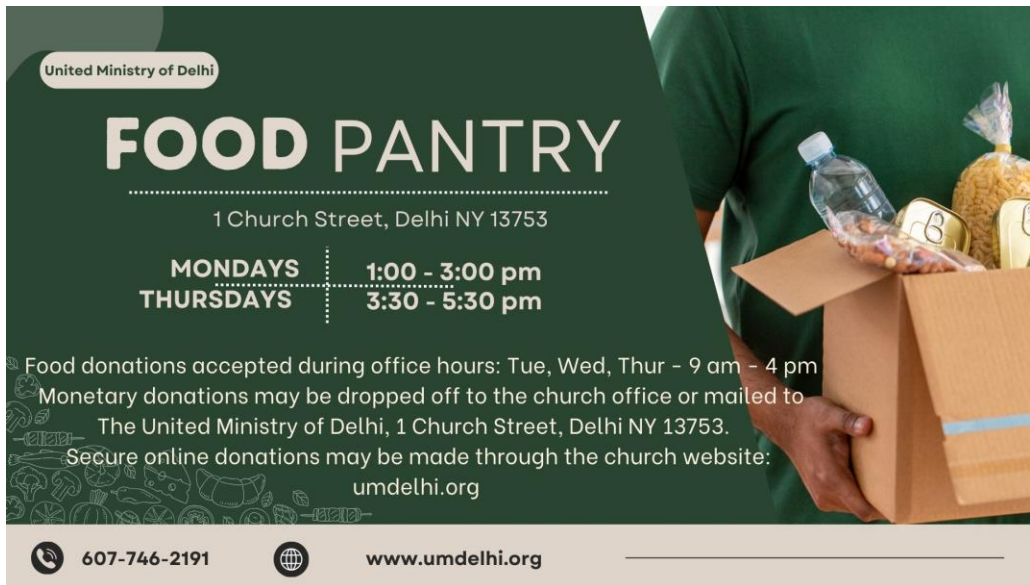
A family of 1 or 2 can choose 1 cereal/pancakes; 1 juice, 2 fruits, 2 vegetables, 3 soups, 1 crackers, 2 pasta/rice, 1 spaghetti sauce, 1 canned protein, 1 peanut butter, 2 macaroni and cheese. 2 beans (canned or dried), 1 frozen meat, 1 milk (1/2 gallon), 1 bread, fresh produce (as available).

We also try to provide eggs, cheese, butter, pancake syrup, coffee/tea, jelly, and ketchup/mayonnaise/mustard. Of course larger families receive more.

Once a month Deb delivers boxes of food to the homeless being sheltered at the Buena Vista - right now that number is running about 15. About every 6 weeks Carol and her crew put together and deliver 70 boxes of food to the senior community.

There are a lot of hands involved in handling all that food and we are grateful for all of them.

Edie



United Ministry of Delhi

# FOOD PANTRY

1 Church Street, Delhi NY 13753

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>1:00 - 3:00 pm</b>
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>3:30 - 5:30 pm</b>

Food donations accepted during office hours: Tue, Wed, Thur - 9 am - 4 pm  
Monetary donations may be dropped off to the church office or mailed to  
The United Ministry of Delhi, 1 Church Street, Delhi NY 13753.  
Secure online donations may be made through the church website:  
[umdelhi.org](http://umdelhi.org)

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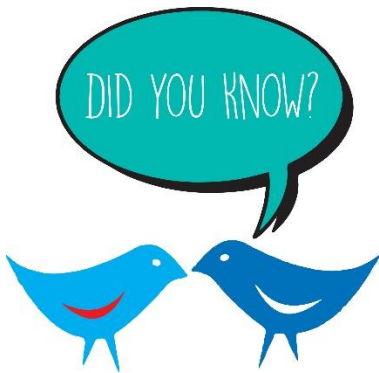


## Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, May 9,, 2023 at noon in the Harder Room. We will have a program (Beth is back with us!) and we will be planning our annual year-end 'Picnic'. Bring your own lunch and dessert and beverages will be provided. All women of The United Ministry are invited!



## Did you know . . .



. . . that an important mission for The United Ministry of Delhi is making our building available for use by people and groups that serve our community?

One of the organizations that uses our building in service to the community is the **Alzheimer's Association**. On the second Monday of every month at 2:00 pm in the Harder Room the Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group meets to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers.

The group encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with dementia.

Delaware County is a geographically large rural area with often difficult winter weather, which can make access to necessary services challenging. Being able to meet with an experienced facilitator and other caregivers in our building here in Delhi makes much needed support more available to caregivers and families living through a difficult situation.

Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call 607-206-4514 to attend this support group, find support in another area, and to learn more about Alzheimer's Association programs and services.

## Play School Update May 2024

**Pre-registration for the 2024-25 school year is now available**, please contact Pam Savage at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com) for more information. Student registration for the 2024-25 school year is growing and the banner is to be hung over Main Street for the first 2 weeks of May. Families that we currently have on the Play School list will be notified and registration forms are being sent. If you know of anyone interested in preschool, please share our information with them. We would love to continue to offer this wonderful program for many more years to come!! Call 746-2191 ext. 206 or email us at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com)

### **The Bottle and Can Drive Fundraiser Event is in the works for June.**

More information to come as everything becomes finalized. Please let us know if you have any you would like to donate. You can either bring them by Play School or contact Pam or Laura M. to make arrangements to collect your donation. Please know that any bottles or cans can be dropped off at Dutch Redemption (at the bottom of Franklin Mountain) as Play School has an open standing account with Dutch Redemption. Please be sure to say they are a donation for the Play School account. Thank you to EVERYONE for your donations!! Your support is so appreciated!!!

**During April:** We continued our letters of the week, Spring, numbers, stories and writing our names. We have received a donation of trees/shrubs for the children for our Earth Day Unit from the Delaware County Soil and Water District. Thank you so much for the donation of a Northern Red Oak tree and an Elderberry bush for the children!! They are super excited and can't wait to get them planted!! We also have had community members come in and do an



Easter egg hunt for the children, dental unit and story time. What excitement each day brings to the children at Play School! So much fun!!

**During May:** 2 families (moms are nurses) will be in for a germ/hand washing unit. A dad for picture day. Miss Tasha will do her Mother's day unit at the beginning of May and Father's Day at the end of May. Chief Mills to do a Summer Safety Unit, and Mrs. K. to make her homemade ice cream. Mrs. Henault for a special story time. If it all works out we are hoping Ben will come in to show the kids his Big Dump Truck! We are also looking for any other community members to share their special gifts and talents with the children in the classroom. If you would like to share something with our class, please contact Pam Savage at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com) and we can plan a date. We will have our End of the Year Celebration in the middle of May and wrap things up with some fun days planned.

Continued Thanks to everyone who has donated to Play School and has shared their time and support! This has truly been a blessing for the children's learning, growth and development!! They are so curious to see what we are going to learn about next! It's amazing to see the changes in the children from the beginning of the year to now!!

Wishing you all continued health and happiness!

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Savage

Play School Director





## Kids' Club

A big thank you to the kid's club for unpacking and sorting all the bags of food that were donated by Price Chopper. It was a big help - made it much easier to stock the shelves and to put the rest in the storeroom to be used as needed.







## Baby Shower



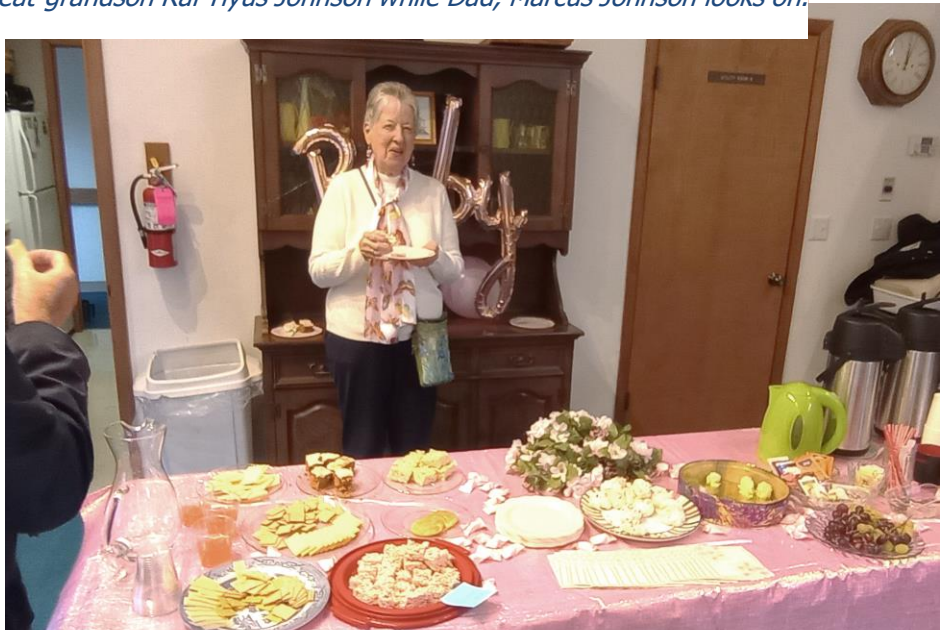
On Sunday, April 21, the Chancel Choir hosted a Baby Shower and Coffee Hour following worship for Liz & Gideon Frisbee. Refreshments were provided by choir members.

Liz & Gideon are expecting a little sister for Wyatt and Porter in the very near future!





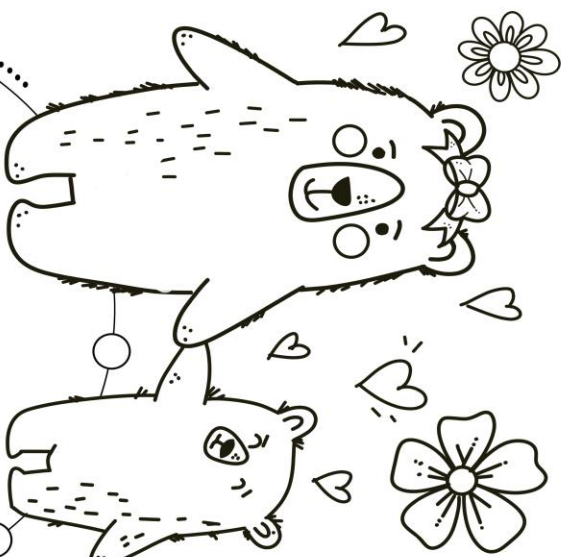
*Will Frisbee holds Great-grandson Rai Tiyus Johnson while Dad, Marcus Johnson looks on.*



*Ruth Kazmierski, piano accompanist for the choir, sampling some of the refreshments supplied by choir members.*



# Kid's Pages



My mom's name is \_\_\_\_\_  
 Her favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_  
 Her favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_

MY Mummy IS THE BEST



My mom is the best because:

\_\_\_\_\_

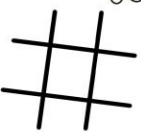
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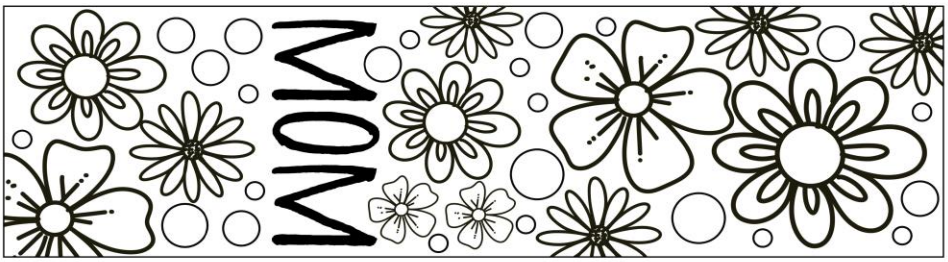
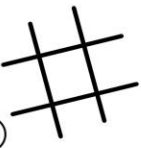
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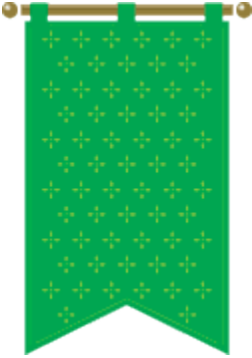


Color and cut out the bookmark!



Finish the garden for your mom!

## Christian symbol



**GREEN** — Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.

## Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

WEAR RED FOR  
*Pentecost*

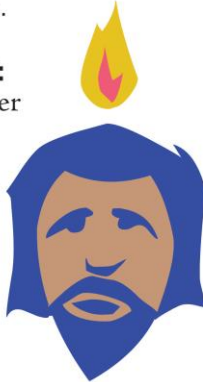
Sunday, May 19, 2024

# Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

## What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



## What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



# Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

*Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.*

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. HEAV           | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE           | 7. ES     |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE  |
| 4. ONGUE          | 9. A      |
| 5. PIRI           | 10. IND   |



“When the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> came, they were all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> came from \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> what seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> of fire that separated and came to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> and began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> as the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> them.”

**ACTS 2:1-4, NIV**

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind



## Successful Church Work Day & Food Give Away

Saturday, April 27 was a beautiful spring day in the Catskills, sun shining, but not too warm, blue skies – a perfect day for the Trustees to host a *Church Work Day*. The Gardens were cleaned out and readied for a new season of growth and bloom and lots of little projects – like carting old and unused equipment to the land fill, were completed.

At the same time, the Food Pantry packed and delivered food boxes to local senior citizens and persons experiencing housing crisis. Church member and college students made quick work of packing, loading and delivery of 74 boxes of food.



*Chair of Trustees, Gideon Frisbee, and Jim Jacksto prepare to load an old screen onto the truck for a trip to the dump, while college students load the trailer with boxes of food for delivery to Senior Housing.*



*Left: Barb Jones tackles the front garden, while Below: a group of student volunteers from SUNY-Delhi rake and clean the side garden and lawn of the church.*







*Above: Dan Kennedy takes boxes from a student volunteer to load onto the trailer for delivery.*



*Right: Students prepare to load cars for local delivery of food boxes.*

# MAY Birthdays

Ruth Vredenburgh	5/2	Barbara Davidson	5/7	Pam Savage	5/18
Kierstin Griswold	5/2	Fred Huneke	5/7	Nathan Gielskie	5/19
Marilyn Huneke	5/4	Duane Sturdevant	5/15	Bob Henault	5/21
Eric Whittaker	5/4	Chip Colson	5/17	Gary Clark	5/24
Lois Haight	5/6	Ryan Sturdevant	5/17	Jenn Kazmierski	5/28
Virginia Mills	5/6	Carolyn Ferguson	5/18	Shawn Ackerly	5/28



## Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



**Fellowship hour**  
Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are supplied. Cookies are optional. Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.

Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life? Garden and wild flowers are always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.



### Coffee Hour

- May 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 12 Ruth Vredenburgh
- May 19 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 26 Laura Clark

### Flowers

- May 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 12 Ruth Vredenburgh
- May 19 Pentecost
- May 26 \_\_\_\_\_

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.

## Word and Worship

### May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

### May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

### May 19

Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

### May 26

Trinity Sunday  
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

## Lectors

*May*

5	John Gaffney
12	Evelyn Jacksto
19	Fred Onasch
26	Liz Frisbee



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