

Saint John's Spirit

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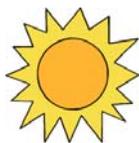
Rector's Article

Power from the Pentecost Paraclete

The Feast of Pentecost arrives on May 23rd of this year to help us celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Luke's story in Acts describes a powerful experience with wind and tongues of flame resting on the disciples' heads, while the Gospel of John paints a quieter picture with Jesus simply breathing his breath on the disciples and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." My guess is that Episcopalians prefer the quieter description from John. We are not given to grandiose outward displays. And yet, there is an even better reason for paying close attention to John's description of the Holy Spirit.

During the Last Supper, Jesus predicts his death and resurrection, but he reminds his followers that we will not be left alone as orphans in the world. Jesus says, "I will send you another 'Paraclete' and it will lead you into all truth and remind you of all that I have said and done." The title for the Holy Spirit is "Paraclete", meaning coach, counselor, literally - one who runs beside you. The picture of the Spirit in John is like the boxing coach who rides a bicycle alongside the boxer, shouting encouragement and support to the trainee. Stop and imagine what John's Gospel is trying to tell us. The Spirit of Christ is not only within us, but it is always right next to us, trying to train us to live like Jesus. The attitudes and actions God calls us to take, no matter how difficult or unfamiliar, will be guided, shared and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

The fullness of that voice is best heard in the community that is gathered together and fully focused on listening to the voice of Jesus, but it can also be heard when we pray for guidance. How do we know if the voice we hear is the voice of the Holy Spirit? Ask one simple question, and if the answer is a resounding, "Yes!!!", then it is probably the Holy Spirit. Ask, "What would Jesus do?"



Summer's Just Around the Corner!



Summer Worship Schedule

We will go to one 9am service beginning on May 30th and going through August 15th. The regular 8/10:30am service schedule will resume on August 22nd.

Christian Education

The final date for all Christian Education classes is May 16th. Classes will resume next fall. Enjoy the summer!

Parish Life/Hospitality

Back by popular demand, we are hosting our 2nd annual progressive dinner!! On Saturday, May 22 beginning at 6:00 pm, we will be traversing the Twin Oaks neighborhood! We begin with appetizers at John and Betty Culley's home (1945 West Maple Court); salad and main course at Arthur and Sara Lawrence's home (1861 West Blue Beech Lane) and desserts at Peter and Debbie Swanson's home (846 North Twin Oaks). There will be a sign up sheet in Whitlock after May 1st -- and as we did last year, as you arrive, deliver your goodies to the appropriate home and meet us back at the Culley's for appetizers! Also, if you have a portable chair, bring it along. (If it rains, Whitlock Hall will be the back-up plan!) If you have any questions, please contact Kitty Haffner, 866-1640!

Outreach

Our designated program for the month of May is the FISH organization. There are various areas of ministry in FISH that are housed at several churches in town.

1. Food Pantry - at 1st United Methodist -open M-F 8:30am-10:30am
Their most pressing needs at this time are paper products (toilet paper, kleenex, etc.),soaps (bath, laundry, dish and shampoo), flour, sugar and cooking oil.
2. Clothing Closet - at Wabash Ave. Presbyterian - open Mon 9-11am and Wed 3-5pm
Handles adult clothing - donations welcome
3. Linens - at 1st Baptist - open Wed 10-12 noon
Supplies sheets, towels, drapes, table linens, etc. Donations welcome
4. 1st Christian has interviews on Wednesdays to help people with payments for rent, utilities and other emergencies.
Cash donations welcome

If you wish to make donations, you may bring them to St John's and they will be delivered to the various locations

EFHN Ingathering

On Pentecost Sunday (May 23), there will be an ingathering for EFHN. What's that you ask? The Episcopal Fund for Human Reach is our diocesan outreach program that funds all sorts of ministries in our own Diocese of Indianapolis, ministries that range from prison programs to day camps for the elderly to the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. Every dollar raised in this campaign goes to help people in our diocese, and last year assisted 24 agencies in our own deaneries. Envelopes will be provided for the ingathering.

Youth Group

The Youth Group has had planning times, working times, and fun times in recent months. We have spent a very rainy night at Baumgartner's tin roof barn, where we worked on learning about homelessness, how it occurs and how we can help. We dined on pizza (couldn't cook over the fire due to pouring rain) a special treat from Fr. Todd. We listened to a formerly homeless person tell about how they had survived and the cycle of homelessness. We enjoyed a great deal of intergenerational interaction, which surprised some of us that we could get along with others so much older/younger than ourselves.

Parents' Night Out

In May, on the 7th, from 5:30 until 10:30pm we will be sponsoring and providing activities for Parents Night Out. There will be pizza to be eaten, games to be played, a movie with popcorn and soda. The littlest kids will be cared for by adults who will snuggle, feed, AND change yucky diapers. We are looking forward to this activity and hope you are too. Kids should bring their sleeping bag and a pillow for movietime comfort. Watch for sign ups for both participants and helpers.

Goin' Fishin'

In June, the youth group will be taking a fishin' expedition to Kamp Kleffman, where Fr. Todd's parents are looking forward to having us for the weekend. We'll be sleeping in Mr. K's entertainment barn, fishing in the stocked pond, and having a great time with each other. Watch for further news and an up-coming parent meeting.

St. Martha's & St. Andrew's Guild

Ss Martha & Andrew Guild has been busy just keeping the kitchen together while we offer hospitality to all attending Sunday Services as well as the Easter Brunch and Celebration of Angie and Hope's Confirmations. We can always use more souls to carry on this fine work, so sign up on the bulletin board to be a hospitality host on Sunday mornings, then consider joining us for other opportunities to use your gift of hospitality.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Education for Ministry is a study program for anyone, Episcopalian or not, who is interested in learning more about the Bible, the Christian faith, and how our faith can be lived out in daily life.

EfM groups meet once a week during the school year. We study the Bible, but EfM is more than Bible study. We enjoy fellowship, but EfM is more than a social group. We pray for each other and listen to each other, but EfM is more than a support group. EfM is about asking questions about our faith and looking at our faith in new ways.

St. John's in Lafayette has an ongoing EfM group. Meribeth Kussmaul and Barbara Penney will be driving up to Lafayette each Monday evening for the classes. We invite you to join us. Please give Maribeth or Barbara a call to find out more. (Maribeth Kussmaul 362-8081; Barbara Penney 361-1763)

Strawberry Festival at the Cathedral

Sign Up Time Is Here!

We are planning to work at the STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL again this year. I'm looking for at least 20 volunteers to work from 11:00 AM till 3:00 PM on Thursday June 10th. Most of us will work on assembly lines dishing out ice cream/strawberry shortcake. Hopefully a few folks can drive vans so that we can carpool and save on gas. Remember, St. John's is paid according to the number of volunteers we send. It's lots of fun, so do mark your calendars and join us. Call Carole Meyer (362-9262) and /or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Congratulations!

On Monday April 26, Bishop Waynick declared Mike Scime a candidate for the perpetual (permanent) diaconate. This is the second to the last step in his process toward ordination as a deacon.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is a valuable part of our parish mission. No one in our congregation should ever be neglected. To avoid such a possibility, we must all help our pastoral care chairman, Chas Cooksey. While you call Fr. Todd for counseling, you call Chas for parish support. Chas will arrange for meals to be sent, for rides, for funeral receptions. If you need such support, or if you know of someone who needs support, please call Chas (765-739-6346).

Jim Macey

Jim Macey recently underwent serious back surgery, and after a stay in the hospital, was released to a rehabilitation facility. He has made enough progress that he expects to be going home this Friday, April 23, which is going to mean that Judy will be needing to provide a lot of care for him, so please keep them both in your prayers. If you would like to send them a note, their address is: 1838 Love Ct., Arcadia, MI 49613.

Calling All Graduates!!!

If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or beyond, please send in a picture and details of their graduation. I'd like to include:

1. Graduate's name
2. Name of the school
3. Degree or program completed (if not high school)
4. Future plans.

Digital photos are great. Due to copyright issues, no professional photos please!

Submissions are due with June's newsletter submissions.

Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
5/2 8am	Mike Scime	Mike Scime	Hannah Anderson			
5/2 10:30	Mark Kussmaul	Kim Roberts & Barbara Penney	Bill Patterson/ Andrew Patterson & Robbie Little	Susan & Brian Albrecht	Jane Gallagher & Shelia Evans	Cindy Smith & Jim Smith
5/9 8am	Judy Wynne	Elaine Pickering	Teresa Anderson			
5/9 10:30	John Culley	Betty Culley & Marc Hudson	Steve Charles/ Ashtyn Warren & Austin Warren	Frank & Carole Escamilla	Terry Lawrence & Jerilyn Yerkes	Ellen Ball & Nancy Bennett
5/16 8am	Kitty Haffner	Randy Pickering	Kitty Haffner			
5/16 10:30	Marc Hudson	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Paul Ludwig	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Kristen Albrecht	Alex & Ann Lebadeff	Adrienne Ashbaugh, Bethany Fields & Cindy Fields	Ed Fain & John Culley
5/23 8am	Barbara Penney	Barbara Penney	Joe & Ben Green			
5/23 10:30	Susan Albrecht	Jim Suren & Meribeth Kussmaul	Paul Moehling/ Jon & Lorinda Hanebuth	Sara & Arthur Lawrence	Carole Meyer & Chas Cooksey	Susan Albrecht & Tom Twarek
5/30 8am	Diane Ault	Jim Suren	Diane Ault			
5/30 10:30	Judy Wynne	John Culley & Betty Culley	Chris Redmaster/ Anna Redmaster & Chas Cooksey	Chris & Raquel Johnson	CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	John Roberts & Vern Easterling

The Altar Flower Schedule is as follows:

May 2 The Lawrences
 May 9 Sheila Evans
 May 16 Carol Hathaway
 May 23 Jonathan and Lorinda Hanebuth
 May 30 Ball/Twarek

Calendar

May 7	Parents' Night Out
May 11	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
May 16	Final day of Christian education classes for the spring
May 22	Progressive Dinner, 6pm
May 23	EFHN Ingathering
May 30	Summer Worship schedule begins

Ongoing Events

Sunday - 8 & 10:30am Worship Services

Sunday - 9:15am Christian Education

Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal - Thursday nights 7 - 8pm

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. May 26.

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