

Sunday (today) is the Feast of Pentecost. Today (Sunday) ends the Easter Season. In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant, the passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit . . . (Acts 2:1-4).

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (In 14:26, 15:26; Lk 24:49; Acts 1:5). The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

It must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received the Holy Spirit. We are the "temples of the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2-3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of baptism. Pentecost has happened to us.

June 2, 2019

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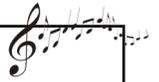
Mark your calendars for **June 16th** during the Sunday School hour in the Life Center for a *Getting to Know You Gathering!* All are invited and all are welcome!

NEW MEXICO PEACE CHOIR

The New Mexico Peace Choir, recently voted Alibi Magazine's Best Chorus 2019, will be performing their summer concerts **"Come to Life"** at Central **TODAY, at 3pm**. Purchase tickets online at www.nmpeacechoir.org or at the door. \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors, children 10 and under free with child's free ticket.

MINNESOTA BOYCHOIR

Join us for a lunchtime concert featuring the Minnesota Boychoir on **Sunday, June 23**. Lunch catered by Sandy Dow; \$10 per person (please sign up for lunch by Sunday, June 16). Concert to follow at 1pm in the Sanctuary. Free, donations accepted to benefit the Boychoir.



2019 Sacramento Methodist Assembly Summer Camp Dates for all ages are out! Youth Camp (**June 17-21st**), Music on the Mountain (**July 7-12th**), Horse Camps for all ages, and much more! Visit www.sacramentocamp.com for specific camp and registration information. *Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly.*



ADULT MINISTRIES

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. Choose from a variety of classes:
- **Monday Bible Study:** Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm **Ended June 3rd, Will resume in the fall**
- **Starbucks Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 11-12pm **Ends July 3rd, Will resume in the fall**
- **Brewery Study—** Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm. **Ends June 27th, Will resume in the fall**
- **Clergy Conversations!** 4th Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45am
- **A new summer mid-day Bible Study: Serving From the Heart** is set to begin on Mondays **Now – July 15th** (taking June 24th off) from **11:30am-12:30pm in Rm 311**. Bring your lunch and enjoy this study with facilitator Chris Briggs.
- Join **Pastor Greg** this summer on **Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm, June 10th - July 29th in the Conference room** for a study on Colossians and Philemon.

Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.

Have you ever been interested in learning more about the teachings of Paul? Have you ever been interested in traveling to the places Paul wrote letters and traveled to? If so, you are invited to join Rev. Kelly Brooks and Rev. Jim Hawk on an Educational Opportunities Journeys of Paul Cruise taking place **September 7-19th, 2020**. Information is available at the Welcome Desk.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am in rooms 105 (Elementary), 107 (ages 3 & 4), and 301/302 (Youth: 6th - 12th grade)
- Childcare for ages 0-8 is available during worship services and Sunday School – (Located on the Lower Level of the building.)
- Church 4 Kids takes place every Sunday during the second service. This is a time where children 0-Elementary are invited to the Chapel to spend time with one of the clergy to learn more about the scripture lesson of the day in an age-appropriate setting.

Contact Pastor Kelly with questions.

*All announcements for the CTL News are due via email to JesusValdez@centraltolife.org by **Monday at 5pm**.*



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