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Contact the church office to add or remove someone on the prayer list, 267-4506.

Registration for 2018 Camps

Scholarships available, see Brandon or Jonathan!



CYF (completed grades) 9-12 June 3-9
Mission (Adults & Grade 8 & up) June 10-16
Eighters (completed grades) 8 July 1-7
Junior (completed grades) 4-5 July 8-12
Discovery (completed grades K-3) May 29-31
Chi Rho (completed grades) 6-7 July 15-20
Adventure (completed grades 9-12) July 16-20

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 20

9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 5 (Fulgham)
9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 5
5:00 pm CG 6 Picnic, see page 1

Monday, May 21

1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 22

7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 23

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, May 24

7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill

Friday, May 25

3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 26

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, May 27

9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 5 (Fulgham)
9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 5

Note: Community Kitchen morning work times are 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on the on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Fridays, while afternoons are still 3-4:30 pm every Friday. To volunteer, contact **Sherry Baldwin**, who makes sure our slots are covered. To volunteer in other capacities, contact the Community Kitchen website, or ask Sherry to get in touch with Matt, the Volunteer Coordinator. **Email: sherrybaldwin60@gmail.com**

FROM THE TABLE

The coming Sunday is Pentecost. I am thinking of the story we share every Pentecost, of the members of the early church, diverse in ethnicity and national origin, coming together, and hearing their own languages spoken by those who, until that moment, they could not understand. We tell this story as "The Coming of the Holy Spirit" or "The Birthday of the Church."

And as I read over this story set in 1st Century Jerusalem, I am reading news reports of the violence in 21st Century Jerusalem. Tongues of Fire is what we will celebrate Sunday, and we may still be watching a city burn.

And while I have my own political and theological critiques of what's going on right now in Jerusalem, some of which you may care to hear, some of which you'd rather hear me recite my grocery list than hear, I think what is most important for us—as the church that gathers now, who sees our brothers and sisters from other Abrahamic traditions (as well as our own; there are many Palestinian Christians) once again in the heat of violent conflict, that we need to remember that the true miracle of Pentecost was not really about tongues of fire, but about being able to understand and to be understood. While this may not automatically solve conflicts over land or rights, if we see this as at the root of our walk of faith, we might find ourselves changed—in remarkable ways.

To Understand and to be understood.

Today also marks the beginning of The New Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for



Moral Revival. All over the United States, people of faith are joining with activists from a variety of communities to stand up for the rights of the disabled, the elderly, the disenfranchised, and the economically disadvantaged, and point our leaders toward a better way. A number of Disciples leaders, including Dr. William Barber, and our General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens, have taken

leadership in this new movement. From the shouts in the street and in legislative squares across the United States, what will we hear? Activists lighting one another's consciences afire, for sure. But let us pray that after this campaign on behalf of our most vulnerable fellow citizens is completed, we all understand more, and we discover that even if our perspectives don't carry the day, we, too are understood.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,
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**DIVIDED TONGUES, AS
OF FIRE, APPEARED
AMONG THEM ...**

ACTS 2:3, NRSV

A Very Happy Birthday to...



MAY

- 20 Adrienne Allen, Jim Grant
- 24 Rebekah Haymes
- 25 Kyle Cutsinger
- 26 Zander Morgan
- 27 Ann Knauff-Garido, Bob Sauser,
Joy Wagner
- 28 Jill Rafiee
- 29 Ron Branson
- 31 Stephen Morgan, Anya Wiisanen,
Lisa Wilkes

JUNE

- 1 Dominic Renfro
- 2 Sarah Close, Patrick Emanuel,
Scottie Summerlin



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The Bridge

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