

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Yeah! I Got the Spirit in Me!

The Rev. Megan Nickles

Well, maybe. Just a little.

Pentecostals are part of a renewal movement within Christianity that places special emphasis on a direct personal experience of God through the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Pentecostalism adheres to the inerrancy of scripture and the necessity of accepting Christ as personal Lord and Savior. Its worship is often characterized by a hand-clapping, foot-stomping gestalt with frenzied music and spontaneous testimony, divine healing and speaking in tongues. For Episcopalians, a people of The Middle Way (*Via Media*), the day and

season of Pentecost means something quite different.

Pentecost is deeply rooted in our ancient Jewish tradition. Pentecost is the name Jews gave the ancient feast of *Shavuot*, which occurs 50 days after Passover. On Passover, the Jewish people remember that they were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot they remember that were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving God. In the Christian tradition at Easter, we remember Christ resurrected; on Pentecost, 50 days later, we remember that the Holy Spirit came down upon us.

It was during the feast of Shavuot that Peter and the disciples were gathered in an upper room. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps we are not as lively as Pentecostal Christians. But we are moved, sometimes very deeply, by the Holy Spirit to bring God's Kingdom to our days and times. Sometimes a little is just what it takes.

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What is Proper Use of The Propers?

The season after Pentecost begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. This year, it is 27 weeks long. The Revised Common Lectionary provides proper collects and readings for the Sundays of the season. These “propers” are numbered

and designated for use on the appropriate Sundays.

This season is also understood by some as “ordinary time,” a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance. Rather than meaning “common” or “mundane,” this term comes

from the word “ordinal,” which simply means counted time (Third Sunday after Pentecost, and so forth). Counted time after Pentecost always begins with Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and ends with Christ the King Sunday (last Sunday before the beginning of Advent).

Changing our Church Narrative

We have a pretty good story, we here at St. John’s. But every so often, we need to update, to revise. We need to incorporate the new lives in our midst,

honor those who have left us, readjust our working crews and shift our horizons. The Rev. Canon Joel Dingman will be here June 15 and 16 to help

guide us with our re-write, so to speak. More details about our work will be announced as that weekend draws near.

Diocesan-wide Food Bank Support

Press Stephens is the Executive Director of The Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming. At the end of 2012, Press decided to use the dollars provided him for Executive Director Grants to address the increased needs of food

banks across Wyoming by making \$500 grants to each of the Episcopal churches in Wyoming with ministries associated with feeding the hungry. St. John’s received \$500 for the direct support of Loaves and Fishes. His hope

was to assist the food bank and motivate parishioners of St. John’s to continue our ministry to L&F. Thanks you, Press Stephens and the Foundation for supporting Loaves and Fishes and their beneficiaries!

Formation Schedule:

Church 101: Mondays, June 10, 17, and 24, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Engaging the Prophets: Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Forgiven and Forgiving, evening: Tuesdays July 23, 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 7:00 at the church.

Coming in July: Nearly-paperless worship – we give the full service bulletins a rest and explore environment issues.

Coming in August: Bishop John Smylie’s annual visitation.

Saturday, June 8 at 9 AM is clean up day at the church. Bring your rakes and trimmers for those that want to do outside work, Bring your rubber gloves furniture polish and dust

mops for those that want to work inside. The vestry will provide lunch so we hope that everyone can come and make a quick day of it.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Patterson, daughter of Jane Woods, who graduated with her Bachelor’s degree in

Spanish from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Congratulations to Briana Johnson, daughter of Genny Bettger, who recently graduated from the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor’s in English.

She was selected by the College of Arts and Sciences as an outstanding student for the 2012-2013 academic year. She was a member of the UW Honors Program. Briana is planning a move to Phoenix, AZ to pursue her career. We wish her all the best.

Mission Trip to Tanzania

The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming has partnered with the Diocese of Kiteto in Tanzania in a seven-year relationship. This relationship is reciprocal in design as each diocese will share its gifts and learn from each other. As part of that give-and-take relationship, our very own Rob Rumbolz will be traveling to Tanzania from July 3–19, with a group of 5 other musicians/music educators from the Diocese. The group will be visiting Masai villages within the Diocese of Kiteto, observing their worship practices and working with folks there on music. The hope is to bring back music and ideas to share with our communities here in Wyoming.

This is a 10 day working trip,

with travel days on either side. Others in the groups are Veronica Schultz, Riverton; Suzie Shatz-Benson, Sheridan; Christine Jacobson, Rock Springs, Harold Schultz, Riverton; Jessica Reynolds, Casper. They will stay at the Kiteto diocesan headquarters in Kabaya, in northern Tanzania, which is also close to many game reserves.

In October, Rob will attend Diocesan Convention and will give a presentation about his experiences there. He will also do a presentation for us here at St. John’s, sometime in the Fall. St. John’s is providing \$2,000 to Rob to cover his expenses for this trip.

Rob has his PhD in ethnomusicology and is on the music faculty

at Northwest College. *Ethnomusicology* is an academic field encompassing various approaches to the study of music (broadly defined) that emphasize its cultural, social, material, cognitive, biological, and other dimensions or contexts instead of or in addition to its isolated sound component or any particular repertoire. Rob is also bringing his trumpet with him on this trip.

The diocese of Kiteto was created in 2009. It includes 8 deaneries, 35 parishes, 140 congregations, and over 15,000 members. The languages spoken in this part of Tanzania include Swahili and Massai. For more information go to www.diowy.org and click on the *Diocese of Kiteto* tab.

Powell Valley Loaves & Fishes

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Altar Guild

June: Jane Woods and Deb Chidsey

July: Jan Lenhard, Rowene Weems, Margaret Clabaugh

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

May: 31 Augusta Larsen
31 Sandi Hensley

June: 4 Dylan McEvoy
12 Ron & Katy Lytle
15 Joe Galligan

13 Bill & Claudia Hassler
18 Rob Koelling
14 Rusty & Laurel McKeen
19 Rob Rumbolz

20 Kim & Mary Dillivan
21 Carol McCauley
21 Walt & Carol McCauley
24 Scott & Justine Larsen
27 Nick & Madelyn Morris

July: 1 Abigail Urbach
9 Hunter & Charlotte Patrick
2 Martin Garhart
4 Dennis Davis
6 Riley McKeen
10 Steve Nickles

Thrift Shop Cleaning Days:

Wed., May 29, 1 p.m.
Mon., June 24, 1 p.m.

	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7
Day	Trinity Sunday	2nd after Pentecost	3rd after Pentecost	4th after Pentecost	5th after Pentecost	6th after Pentecost	7th after Pentecost
Propers		4	5	6	7	8	9
Greeters	Jennifer Jensen	Pete Chidsey	Susan McEvoy	Martha Moewes	Josephine DeWitt	Rob Koelling	Katy Lytle
Acolyte	Adele Doughty	Deb Chidsey	Jim McEvoy	Adele Doughty	Walter Johnson	Deb Koelling	Ron Lytle
Worship Leader	Natalie Dillivan	Dylan McEvoy	Walter Johnson	Grant Dillivan	Natalie Dillivan	Dylan McEvoy	Walter Johnson
Lector 1	Mary Dillivan	Laura Greathouse	Diana Anderson	Rob Rumbolz	Jan Lenhard	Carra Wetzel	Diana Anderson
Lector 2	Susan McEvoy	Bill Hassler	Elaine DeBuhr	Rob Koelling	Mickey Waddell	Scott Larsen	Jim McEvoy
Preacher	Jennifer Jensen	Genny Bettger	Tim Seeley	Deb Koelling	Carol Bendick	Carol McAuley	Katy Lytle
Intercessor	Diana Anderson	Carra Wetzel	Charlotte	Joel Dingman	Mary Dillivan	Diana Anderson	Megan Nickles
Presider	Laura Greathouse	Charlotte Patrick	Carra Wetzel	Diana Anderson	Rob Rumbolz	Jan Lenhard	Laura Greathouse
Sound	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Ron Lytle	Joel Dingman	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles
Flowers	Grant Nickles	Scott Larsen	Rob Rumbolz	Scott Larsen	Miles Rumbolz	Grant Nickles	Scott Larsen
Coffee host	Nickles	Nickles	Wetzel	Wetzel	Dillivan	Garden Flowers	Garden Flowers
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