

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

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Top Ten Things *You Should Know About* PENTECOST

1. Pentecost Sunday celebrates the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.
2. In 2015, the season of Pentecost will last 26 weeks – half the year!
3. Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
4. Pentecost is also known as “the birthday of the Church”.
5. Pentecost fulfills Jesus’ promise to send the “Counselor” and “Spirit of Truth” in John 16-5-15.
6. Pentecost launches the large-scale spread of the Gospel after Jesus’ ascension. After Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized.
7. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.
8. Jews also celebrate Pentecost to observe God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Pentecost in Jewish tradition takes place 50 days after Passover.
9. The Pentecostal movement derives its name from this feast.
10. Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

After the Holy Spirit fell upon the first followers of Jesus, Peter preached a sermon to help people understand what had just happened. In this sermon he cited a portion of a prophecy from Joel:

‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will

pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18; Joel 2:28-29)

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Later, Peter explained that the Spirit would be given to all who turned from their sin and turned to God through Jesus (Acts 2:38).

This is a fantastic sermon and a momentous, watershed event. For the first time in history, God began to empower all different sorts of people for ministry; the Spirit would be given to “all people.” All would be empowered to minister regardless of their gender, age, or social position.

Although this truth would not mean that every Christian would be gifted for every kind of ministry, it did

mean that all believers would be empowered by the Spirit. The church of Jesus Christ would be a place where every single person matters, where every member contributes to the health and mission of the church.

Pentecost is a time to ask God to fill us afresh with the Spirit so that we might join in the ministry of Christ with gusto. And it is a time to renew our commitment to fulfilling our crucial role in the ministry of God’s people in the world. When we do this, the Holy Spirit will be free to use St. John’s for God’s purposes in the world.

Homiletics Festival

Four people from St. John’s attended the 23rd Annual Festival of Homiletics in Denver, CO, May 11-15, 2015. Diana Anderson, Susan McEvoy, Megan Nickles, and Charlotte Patrick experienced a variety of lectures about preaching and attended several worship services. The lectures stimulated much thought and inspiration about the future of Christianity, preaching difficult topics, different ways of thinking about and seeing our faith from various perspectives. The theme for this conference, appropriate for Denver was: “Preaching From the Mountain: Herald of Good Tidings.” The festival venues were churches in downtown Denver; consequently, we were able to sample a variety of delicious food, ride the 16th Street Mall bus and “as-

sist” some people in need as we encountered them on the street.

An additional highlight of our trip was a visit with Ken Phillips, a friend of Susan McEvoy’s, who is a liturgical artist, planner and musician. He gave us a tour of his art studio and shared some of his exquisite work for an upcoming exhibit at Regis University, where he serves as the Assistant to the Vice President for University Art. His own current artwork is in the areas of fabric, watercolor, and paper design.

Thank you to St. John’s and to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry for their financial support for this outstanding opportunity to learn, grow and share laughter, stories and gratitude—for all that is and is to be.

Altar Guild:

June: Dolores Woods, Jane Woods
July: Katy Lytle, Martha Moewes

Thrift Shop Cleaning Days:

Wednesday, May 27
Monday, June 29

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May

28 Martha & Don Moewes
31 Augusta Larsen

June

1 Donovan Riley
4 Dylan McEvoy
12 Ron & Katy Lytle
13 Bill & Claudia Hassler
Rusty & Laurel McKeen
14 Zoe Anderson
18 Rob Koelling

31 Sandi Hensley
19 Rob Rumbolz
Kim & Mary Dillivan
21 Carol & Walt McCauley
21 Carol McCauley
23 Briana Johnson
24 Scott & Justine Larsen
25 Bridget Anderson

July

1 Abigail Urbach
2 Martin Garhart
4 Dennis Davis

6 Riley McKeen
9 Hunter & Charlotte Patrick
10 Steve Nickles



Powell Valley Loaves & Fishes Contributions are always needed and appreciated. There is a basket for these contributions in the Narthex for items that will be delivered to the Annex.

During the month of March, 197 People/61 families were served.

In the month of April, 81 families/283 people were served. The Annual Postal Drive was Sat., May 9, 2015. Bags and postcards were placed in mailboxes. At the end of the day, approximately 6,000# of food

were collected during the Annual Postal Food Drive. Summer is always a very busy time and there will not be another communitywide food drive until Oct. This outreach is only possible because of your ongoing generosity and prayers.

Thank you for your support and contributions.

The Rev. Megan Nickles (754-4218) is available at any time. Please call to make an appointment or for any emergency.

St. John's Schedule • 1 Pentecost 2015

	May 24	May 31	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5
Day	Day of Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	Pentecost 2	Pentecost 3	Pentecost 4	Pentecost 5	Pentecost 6
Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Greeters	Susan McEvoy	Jo DeWitt	Bridget Anderson	Chester Bettger	Alethea Durney	Jim McEvoy	Walter Johnson
Acolyte	Dylan McEvoy	Deb Chidsey	Adele Doughty	Genny Bettger	Martha Moewes	Susan McEvoy	Gary Lankford
Worship Leader	Augusta Larsen	Natalie Dillivan	Grant Dillivan	Dylan McEvoy	Natalie Dillivan	Grant Dillivan	Joshua Wright
Lectors	Megan Nickles	Mary Dillivan	Robert Rumbolz	Jan Lenhard	Kim Dillivan	Charlotte Patrick	Laura Greathouse
Presider	Scott Larsen	Steve Nickles	Rowene Weems	Bridget Anderson	Susan McEvoy	Bill Hassler	Gary Lankford
Intercessor	Dylan McEvoy	Justine Larsen	Elaine DeBuhr	Mickey Waddell	Jim McEvoy	Jo DeWitt	Alethea Durney
Preacher	John Smylie	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles
Sound	Tim Seeley	Charlotte Patrick	Kim Dillivan	Laura Greathouse	Tim Seeley	Mary Dillivan	Jan Lenhard
Eucharistic Bread	John Smylie	Megan Nickles	Mary Dillivan	Tim Seeley	Charlotte Patrick	Diana Anderson	Carra Wetzel
Coffee Host	Robert Rumbolz	Scott Larsen	Miles Rumbolz	Scott Larsen	Gary Lankford	Steve Nickles	Diana Anderson
Flowers	Susan McEvoy	Charlotte Patrick	Mary Dillivan	Genny Bettger	Laurel McKeen	Carra Wetzel	Diana Anderson
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