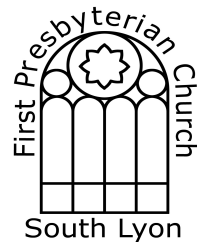


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# First Word



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## First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

205 East Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178-0123

### Come Holy Spirit, Come

*Jesus said to them, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit...' (John 20:21-22)*

The reception of the Holy Spirit in John's gospel sounds nothing like what happens in the book of Acts. There is no rush of a violent wind or flaming tongues suspended above each disciple. Instead, a much more intimate moment is shared between the disciples and Jesus, as he breathes upon them the Holy Spirit.

While the story of Pentecost in Acts stirs my imagination, and the events that follow fill me with awe and wonder; there is something about John's account that brings me peace and stillness to the busyness that surrounds me. It is in this stillness that I can listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I hope you will join me as we celebrate the reception of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. As part of our celebration, we will be collecting a special offering that will provide "camperships" for children of Active Faith.

We will also celebrate in the ordination of two newly elected Deacons, Andrea Dingeldey and Karen Lynch. We will also install previously ordained officers to second terms of service. To the Board of Deacons, we will install Heather Mueller; and to the Session, we will install Pete Eichinger, Matt Mueller, Kathy Schultz, and Bob Weinburger. As they come forward, we will pray on their behalf that the Holy Spirit remain upon them and guide them as they serve our church.

Be part of our celebration, let our officers know you are praying for them and the church; and may the Holy Spirit be upon you always (and remember—wear red!!!)

*Pastor Mike*

**VBS 2017****HERO CENTRAL: Discover Your Strength in God**

Our VBS program for 2017, HERO CENTRAL: Discover Your Strength in God, is especially exciting!

In addition to all the usual fun activities such as games, crafts, snack and bible storytelling, we are having special visitors each day, real heroes from our own community who show us how to care for one another and for creation.

We are still in need of volunteers, particularly Shepherds to stay with the children and lead them from activity to activity. If you know a youth that will be entering 6th grade this fall or older, PLEASE let them know about this wonderful opportunity to participate. Pastor Jo also writes letters to each youth at the end of the program that can count toward volunteer work for National Honor Society, college scholarships, etc.

You don't need to be a superhero to participate, but Pastor Jo knows that all our kids and volunteers are God's heroes as we work to share God's light and love through fellowship and fun.

Contact Pastor Jo on her cell at [734-560-3885](tel:734-560-3885), email at [Joanne.Marie.Morgan@gmail.com](mailto:Joanne.Marie.Morgan@gmail.com), or through the church office at [248-437-2875](tel:248-437-2875).

Thanks, and see you there!





## INQUIRER'S CLASS

Are you considering joining the church? Would you like to know about our history, and about being Presbyterian?

Bring any other questions you may have and join Pastor Mike on Sunday, June 11th and 18th at 11:45 a.m. in the church library.

There is no obligation to join the church after taking the class.



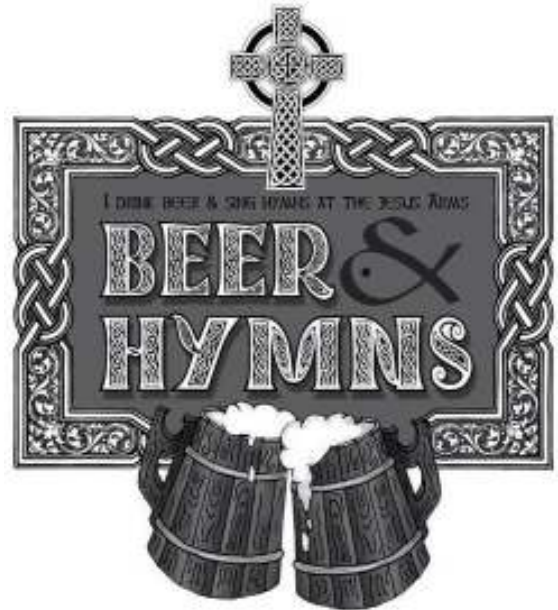
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, June 19 at 10 a.m.

at

The Java House Café

All are welcome!



**THURSDAY, JUNE 22 AT 7PM**

**Location still to be determined...**

## Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Join us on Sunday, July 2, as we gather on the front lawn of the church to worship our Creator. We will participate in a patriotic hymn sing as we celebrate our nation's independence. Our VBS kids will also share songs they learned at VBS.

After worship, we'll enjoy a picnic potluck on the lawn. Don't forget about the annual pie baking contest!!! More details forthcoming...

# MISSION & OUTREACH

Active Faith: Cwackahs: Yummy, munchy, crunchy cwackahs! Any kind except saltines.

Everyone Eats: Wednesday 21 June meal at Spirit of Hope Everyone Eats program. As with any meal served during a school vacation day, we inclusively invite any middle or high schooler with a completed permission slip from our office. Participants will be provided with a letter of community service for any school-required activity.

The carpool leaves at 9:30am promptly and returns approximately at 2pm. The cookie jar is empty. Please sign-up and deliver cookies on the Tuesday before the third Wednesday. The sign-up sheets are on the purple clip board for volunteers.

Kids Hope USA: When the school opens in September we would like to hit the ground running, join us. We who are mentoring children at Dolsen Elementary are learning so much. Got an hour to share? You can get smarter too! Contact Pastor Mike for training information.



Remember to collect Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and Aunt Millie Bread labels. Pray for the children, mentors, prayer partners, and teachers as we continue this vital mission.



**Pentecost Offering: Sunday, June 4th is Pentecost Sunday. On this day we collect our Pentecost Campership Offering which will allow children from South Lyon attend a week of summer camp at the Howell Nature Center! Please give generously.**

**The Great Tomato Giveaway : How does your garden grow?**

**Produce tomatoes for  
Active Faith or Everyone Eats**



**WORLD-WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY: A lovely Saturday under the trees, knitting with friends, old and new. Join us 10 June from 1pm to 4pm on the front lawn. Sign up online at [www.wkipday.com](http://www.wkipday.com) under "find a KIP". Our KIP is "First Knit Together". Crocheters welcome.**

**Again we will knit 4"x36" scarves in muted unisex colors for Operation Gratitude to distribute to servicepersons.**



The Mission & Outreach committee will resume meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the Library in August. Anyone interested in using their talents and influence, please join us.



The summer solstice is upon us. A time to play, relax and enjoy the long days and warm nights. Take time to be still and say a prayer of thanksgiving for the sun's warmth, the birds song, the breeze and for all we have been given.

June 4th we will welcome our new Deacons Karen Lynch and Andrea Dingeldey, and returning Deacon Heather Mueller. Thank you to Joyce Johnson and Jack Rae as they end their term of service. A new "Who's Your Deacon" poster will be up shortly.

A meet your Deacon potluck lunch is being planned. Watch the First Word and weekly bulletins for more information.

Ever wonder what happens to the chancel flowers after worship? The Deacons distribute them to shut-ins and the SL nursing home, if you do not want to take them home. If you have signed up for flowers, please let one of the Deacons or Laura know if you will be taking them home. .

Have a safe peaceful summer. Reminder - God doesn't take a vacation.

Dorcas Cue

## **JUNE LAKE STREET CRUISE IN COMING!**

Let's hope the rain holds off and our South Lyon car enthusiasts can enjoy the Lake Street Cruise-In the fourth Wednesday of the month, June 28th, featuring Cowtown Cruisers, FA Rows, Motor City POCL.

Remember to stop by the FPC tent to say Hi, and enjoy our hot dogs, refreshments and yummy desserts. Pastor Jo Morgan will be on hand to work the Kids crafts. Hope to see you there.

Awards each night are Best In Show, Best Engine, Best Paint, and People's Choice.

Sounds by Cruz'n DJ Paul Peters.



**FOR.....and ABOUT SOUTH LYON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN!**

The Mother/Daughter Tea was a delightful time for all the mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and great granddaughters that attended.

The refreshments were tasty and beautiful, the Presbyterian ladies of Circle of Hope out did themselves in this department. Thank you to all the ladies that baked, made little sandwiches, made beautiful centerpieces and helped set up the room for the Tea. Thanks to Laura for the programs. It was all lovely and appreciated!

The entertainment by the M2 Squared Barbershop Quartet from the Livingston Lamplighters was fun, and happy music that everyone enjoyed. Thank you to all who attended, it was lots of fun!

The Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. For the final study of the year, chapter nine, "According to Contemporary Cultural"---Interpretations. This lesson will offer us a window onto a familiar story in Matthew's Gospel through the eyes of a woman whose cultural context may differ from that of many of us using this study. In preparation....please read the passages from Matthew 15:21-28 and Luke 10-38-42.

Our Key idea is that each of us who reads the New Testament is an interpreter of the text; how we interpret it depends in part on our own identity. Should be interesting and insightful!

Circle of Hope will meet Wednesday, June 14 at 12:15 and car pool to the Lyon Grill for their annual last meeting of the year lunch. All women are invited to join us.

Circle Eve will meet Monday, May 22 at the home of Anne Lyke.

**Bible Trivia:**

What widow prophetess was 84 years old when she saw the young Jesus in the temple?

Hint: 1 Samuel 25:18-20

**Mission Project: Remember our Socks when you are out shopping!**

# Prayers & Praises

*Prayer requests received during the month of June.*

## *Please pray for . . .*

- Billy Lintner
- Lowell Loweke
- Jack and Donna Rae
- Bette Haack
- Marian Clifton (Ann Clifton's mother) recovering from a fall.
- Norma Dugan
- Kathleen Narducci's mom recovering from a stroke.
- Barbara Bloom fighting cancer
- Ingie, in hospice care at Country Manor.
- Ben Bond
- Ron and Gwyn McClintock's niece and nephew.
- Lori Pearse battling lung cancer.
- Ali Eckstrom
- the family of Kim MacNish's Uncle Alan
- the family of Louie Underhill
- the family of Wally Hytinen
- the family of Chris Stanley
- the family of Wayne Hobbs (Sue Roth's cousin).
- the family of Millie Bunn
- the family of Sallie Goins

Request prayer by calling the church office at (248) 437-2875 or online at [www.fpcsouthlyon.org/prayer-requests](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org/prayer-requests). Please let your Deacon know how your prayer is being answered. If you do not know who your Deacon is, contact the church office.

## Our Shut-ins and Homebound

- Shelly Birckelbaw
- Joan Borsh
- Edna Hope
- Betty Ross
- Ann Seden
- Millie Turnbull
- Shirley Westacott

## Our Men Serving in the Armed Forces

- Kenny Bond
- Ben Bond
- Jared Roth

## Our Friends Under the Care of Presbytery

- Anne Lyke
- Ruth Azar

Congratulations to

Katie Mulligan and

Mike Smith on your

upcoming nuptials

Saturday, June 17, 2017.





HELD IN  
YOUR

PALM

Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen

**What you do:**

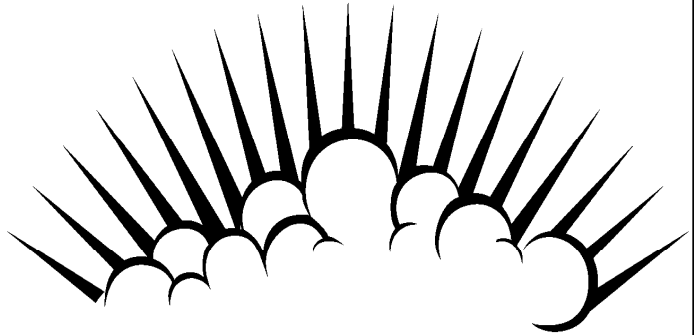
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



*Our heavenly Father*

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

*Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.*



"H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_t t\_ m\_,"

'Y\_ \_r\_ m\_ F\_th\_r, m\_

G\_d, th\_ R\_ck m\_ S\_v\_ \_r.'" "

Ps\_lm 89:26, N\_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

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**Mission Statement:**

*We are sent out by Jesus Christ to feed God's people spiritually, physically, and lovingly; planting seeds of hope, compassion, and justice within and throughout South Lyon and wherever else the Holy Spirit leads us.*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

**Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor**

**Rev. Jo Morgan, Parish Associate**

**Sally Messner, Director of Music**

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