

Open Door **2022**

We celebrate the Day of Pentecost this year on June 5th. We sometimes call it the birthday of the church. It's the day that the Holy Spirit was given to all of the disciples, and they burst forth from hiding after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and began to preach in the streets. I always envision it as a time of great excitement. Rushing wind, tongues of fire, and a message that just couldn't be silenced any more. I am always disappointed by the hymnbook when I go to plan Pentecost worship. The Pentecost hymns, I'm sorry to say, are boring. They are not snappy tunes. They don't make you want to clap or dance or sing with abandon.

But maybe that's alright. The Holy Spirit isn't all flash and dazzle. The Holy Spirit isn't just about screaming and jumping up and down. The Holy Spirit is the way that God works in us and through us. The Holy Spirit gives us a variety of gifts. Some are flashy, but many are quiet and steady. All of the Spirit's gifts are important to grow the church in numbers and in discipleship.

Paul encouraged the early church and encourages us to desire the quiet gifts that deepen our walk with God. Speaking in tongues is splashy, but not really as important as teaching or loving our neighbor.

If anyone wants to write some exciting new Pentecost songs, that would be amazing. But I'm also going to remember that the Spirit of God works in quietness and peace to witness to the glory and love of God.

Pastor Ray

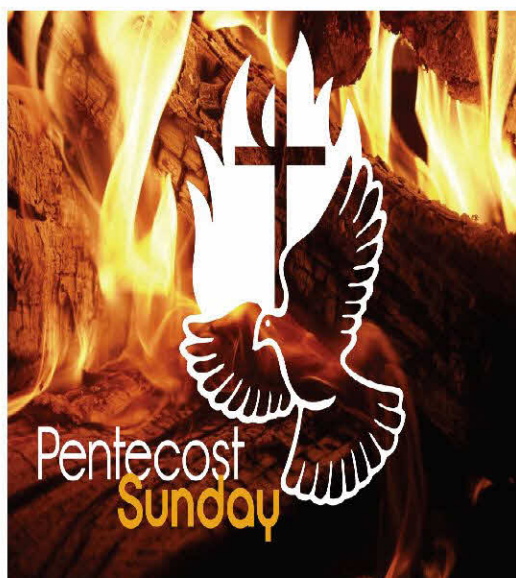


Pentecost Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, June 5th
After Worship

Please bring a side dish:

Veggies
Desserts
Salads
Deviled Eggs



WEAR RED ON PENTECOST

Celebrate the Holy Spirit's "tongues of fire" as we remember God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church on that first Christian Pentecost.



CONGRATULATIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

We offer our congratulations and our prayers for all of the High School and College graduates in our community.

Special mention to Isaac Rendel, who graduated as valedictorian of Baxter Springs High School this year.



- June 5** What Does It Mean?
- June 12** From Suffering to Hope
- June 19** Legion
- June 26** What Does Freedom Look Like?



Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

- June 1** Colossians 1
- June 8** Colossians 2
- June 15** Colossians 3
- June 22** Colossians 4
- June 29** I Timothy 1

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

- June 5** The Confessional Nature of the Church
- June 12** The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds
- June 19** The Scots Confession
- June 26** The Heidelberg Catechism

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 47 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.

From January 1 to the end of School (May, 20 2022) we gave out 783 backpack bags.

As we break for summer with backpack I would like to express my appreciation for the support we have received from the congregation. These are the folks that do the job of packing 10 food items into each of 47 bags that we are delivering to Roosevelt school on a weekly basis: Janice Johnson, John and Melinda Thiesing, Nancy Gee, Betty Lou Ankenman, Kathy Prince, Cindy Holt, Frank Denny, Charles, Kit, and Berkeley Ulrey. Thanks also to our stalwart community partners who provide food items and financial assistance: Quapaw Tribe, Community of Christ church, and Friends church. Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you again in the fall.
Dave Foster



The Mission Committee met on May 17, 2022. Those present discussed some different places and organizations that may benefit from our donations. This month the committee decided to donate \$300.00 to Mercy Corp.

For the entire year, the Mission Committee has made gifts of \$800.00 to Global Missions and \$600.00 to Local Missions. In addition to a founding bequest from the Meyers Sisters, other church members supplement these gifts each year. Consider a gift to the Mission giving of your local congregation!

FPC Miami Church ministries of the Backpack program and the food pantry have been a blessing to our community. 103 food pantry bags and 783 backpacks have been handed out so far this year.



Getting To Know Our FPC Miami Family Members



Shawn Spencer

Shawn grew up in Pittsburg, Kansas. He had two younger sisters. In school he especially liked the sciences.

When he graduated from High School, he got into retail. He worked for Family Dollar. He worked in Retail Management.

About 8 years ago he started vegetable gardening. He studied gardening on the Internet. He developed his skills by trial and error. He gains the most pleasure from growing tomatoes. His friends get much pleasure from enjoying the tomatoes he shares.

His favorite TV show is GHOST.

He is an important member of the Gourmet Trio. Ross, Tim, and he serve wonderful breakfasts each Sunday before Sunday School.

Article By: Nancy Gee


**4 STATES
4 EQUALITY**

YOU BELONG HERE!

Join our up-and-coming group for minority youth and their allies with an emphasis on mental health and community betterment!

MONDAYS 6PM-7PM

Held in the 1st Presbyterian Church in Miami



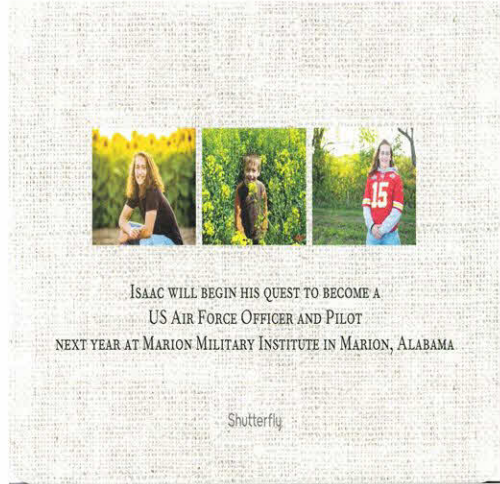
4-State Youth 4 Equality

A new group has formed to provide a safe place for area teens to explore their uniqueness as created and loved by God. First Presbyterian is happy to offer space for this new group. The first vision for this group came from the story of a young gay man who has experienced bullying in an area school and rejection by his local church. We look forward to learning and growing together.



Isaac Rendel
Baxter Spring's
Valedictorian
class of 2022

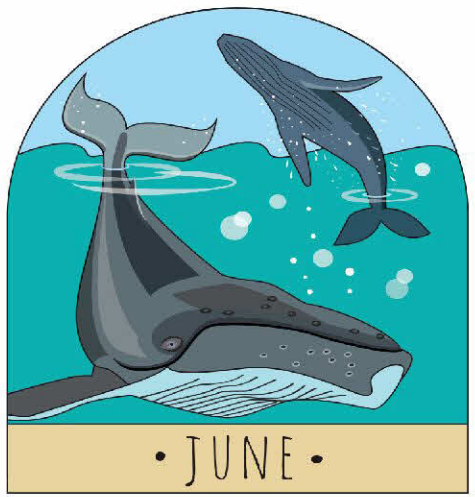
Way to Go Isaac!
Godspeed on your
journey at
Marion Military
Institute

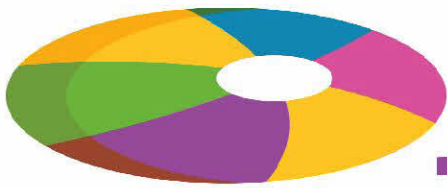


Berkeley Ulrey, led a group of teenagers that, set up an easy way for anglers to dispose of used and broken fishing lines in Riverview Park.

The lines can be dangerous to all sorts of wildlife.

Way to Go B and the rest of the teenagers!





JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	2 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4
5 Pentecost 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 Dinner	6 10-12 Food Pantry 6:00 4States 4 Equality	7 10-12 Food Pantry	8 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	9 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	10 10-12 Food Pantry	11
12 Trinity Sunday 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 choir 11:30 Deacons mtg	13 10-12 Food Pantry	14 Flag Day 10-12 Food Pantry	15 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	16 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	17 10-12 Food Pantry	18 NEO Pride Booth
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Mary Kay Mccoy.....6/1 Grace Goodeagle.....6/21
 Cathy Rabel.....6/2 Sandy Ankenman.....6/21
 Charles Ulrey Jr.....6/6 Billy Thomas.....6/22
 LaShell Thomas.....6/8 Betty Lou Ankenman.....6/26
 Brenda Sommer.....6/9 Ben Fullbright.....6/28
 David Hiebert.....6/10 Matt Fullbright.....6/28
 Janie Clay.....6/17 Pat Hurley.....6/30
 Johnie Wadleigh.....6/20

Should your name be here?
 Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

Servers in the Lord's House		
	Coffee Host	4 States Youth 4 Equality
June 5	Church Dinner	June 6 Open
June 12	Open	June 20 Open
June 19	Open	
June 26	Open	

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!



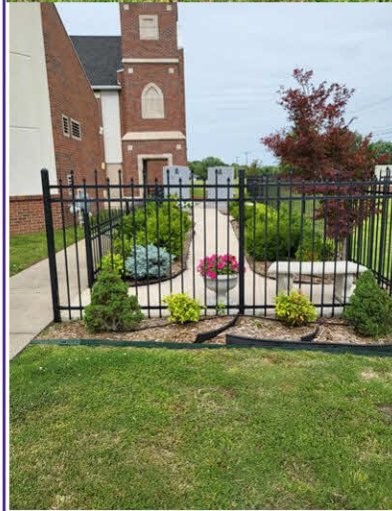
Pentecost Sunday
6/5

Trinity Sunday
6/12

Flag day
6/14

Father's Day
6/19





New Trees & Memorial Garden

The new trees and the memorial garden
are looking beautiful!!

A great big THANK YOU to John & Sarah Lomax
for their dedication and hard work
to keep the Memorial Garden looking fabulous
and the planting of the new
indigenous Trees.



Hallelujah! Glory to God in the Highest!
 The choir has resumed practicing after worship every Sunday.
 THANK YOU Celeste for making the choir sound great!
 It's not too late to join the choir and sing praises to God.



Check it out!

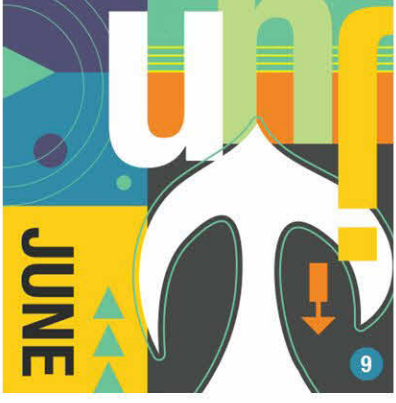
There is a new binder on the table in the narthex which has interviews and 20 questions from previous Open Door editions.
 THANK YOU Nancy for copying the pages and putting the binder together.
 THANK YOU Cheryl Hartman for having saved all the previous Open Door articles so that Nancy could put together this book.



Pastor Ray took a few well deserved vacation days.

While he was gone we had a couple of guest preachers. One of the guest preachers was the wonderful and knowledgeable Debbie Chase. The other was our very own Ross Tomlinson.

Thank you Debbie and Ross for filling in and sharing the Word of God with us.



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:1-4



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