

Pentecost, also known as the Feast of Weeks, is among the weightiest festivals in Judaism. It was one of the three required feasts to be celebrated at the Temple in Jerusalem. This feast was a celebration of the first harvest. The grain that was grown and harvested kept the people alive. It was a time of thanksgiving, where people gathered with family and friends to give thanks to God and to enjoy one another.

In time ancient Jews came to associate Pentecost with the revelation of God's law to Israel. This does make sense when we consider that Pentecost under the old covenant was primarily an occasion on which to thank the Lord for providing the grain the people needed for survival. God's law is likewise necessary for His people to thrive spiritually wherever they may be, so Pentecost was as good a time as any to rejoice in the revelation of the Torah to Moses. During a festival when the people thanked God for giving them grain and for giving them His law, the Lord gave the Spirit of Life to Jesus' disciples who were gathered. It is the Holy Spirit who alone can enable us to fulfill God's holy standard.

As we celebrate Pentecost at the end of the month, let us remember to thank God for all of the provisions we need. God blesses us with material abundance, with spiritual abundance, and with the gift of the Holy Spirit which leads and guides us in God's ways. In every era, Pentecost calls us to express our gratitude. May we never fail to be generous to God and to those in need.

Pastor Ray

2023 Easter Egg Hunt





May 7 Ray Gone
May 14 If You Love Me
May 21 Throwing Stones
May 28 Are We Jealous?



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:

May 3 No Kum Ba Zoom
May 10 Matthew 19
May 17 Matthew 20
May 24 Matthew 21
May 31 Matthew 22

Adult Sunday School

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

May 7 TBA
May 14 Is it OK to pray for more money?
May 21 What's so wrong with wanting money?
May 28 What if I don't have any money?

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 between 42 -46 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. From helping pack the backpacks, to their generous donations. With out you, we couldn't make this ministry what it is today.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on April 18, 2023. In Global Mission we gave a gift of \$300 to **Mercy Corps**. In Local Mission we gave a gift of \$300.00 to Teachers Tool Box.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to “Local Mission” or “Global Mission”.

The Deacon's Shoe ministry has already given out 23 pairs of shoes since the beginning of the year.

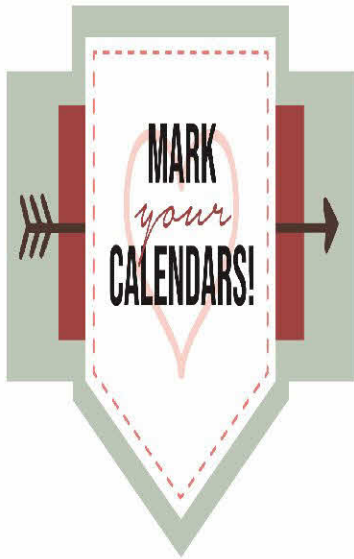
Food Pantry: Since the beginning of the year the food pantry has handed out 98 bags of food through the end of March.



First Presbyterian Church Miami is proud to welcome it's newest members:

*Cindy Holt
Dianna Minick
Diana Schmiedeke
Berkeley Ulrey
Charles Ulrey*

Welcome One And All!



We Are Hosting!!!

Presbytery Meeting Saturday, May 20th.

We will be serving lunch and snacks, throughout the day, for all those coming to the meeting.

Volunteers needed for this day!!

Please see Ross or Pastor Ray about signing up to help with this event.

"The Blue Event"

Each year the Miami Public Schools Enrichment Foundation has an event where they present a person with the "Alumni of the Year Award". There has been a person in the community in which they have been wanting to give this award to. However, this person was not an alumni of Miami schools. They finally came up with a way to honor this woman.

They made a new award: "Educator of the Year". Not only did they make the new award, but they named it in her honor. Now, every year from now on, one lucky teacher will be honored with the

"Nancy Gee Educator of the Year Award".





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 National Foster Care Month	1 10-12 Food Pantry 	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 GA 	5 10-12 Food Pantry 	6
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- Berkeley Ulrey.....5/7
- Isaac Rendel.....5/22
- Matt Whalen.....5/10
- Cindy Holt.....5/26
- Gayle Waylan.....5/12
- John Wilson.....5/29
- Carol Carden.....5/17
- Arlene Seybolt.....5/30
- Abbey Ankenman.....5/18

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

National
Foster Care
Month



May is National Foster Care Month



**Monday May 1st
May Day**

National Day
of Prayer

**Thursday May 4th
National Day of Prayer**



**Friday May 5th
Cinco De Mayo**



**Sunday May 14th
Mother's Day**



**Thursday May 18th
Ascension Day**



**Sunday May 28th
Pentecost**



**Monday May 29th
Memorial Day**

Servers in the Lord's House			
	Coffee Host	Backpack	
May 7	Open	May 4	Open
May 14	Open	May 11	Open
May 21	Open		
May 28	Open		

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



Easter! A day of new beginnings!

For these two beautiful young woman and 1st Pres. Miami it certainly was a day of new beginnings.

It was the first day that Davina & Illeana were Acolytes here at the church.

Girls you did a FANTASTIC JOB!





Ross is putting the finishing touches on the 2023 church directory now. They will be ready by May 10th



Make new friends but keep the old
One is silver, the other gold!

Bill Fullerton was amazing. He has not lived in Miami for decades. Yet our sanctuary was almost full when we celebrated his life. Even from his Kindergarten class more than 50 years ago, there were four classmates and his teacher, Mrs. Gee. There were two rows of friends who graduated from High School with him and many friends from OU. Bill was amazing. We all should be inspired by him.

Nancy Gee



2 days is all it took for these guys to rip of the old shingles
and to replace them with new shingles.

Thanks Trademark Exteriors Restoration! You did a great job!



I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 NRSV



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