Souls on Fire

The first weekend in April I had the pleasure of spending a weekend at a conference with my Kappa Phi sisters out at Quaker Haven Camp in Syracuse, Indiana. The Kappa Phi Club is a Christian women's service organization for collegiate women across the United States. I am a member of an alumni chapter that supports our activities in NW Ohio. We focus on study, worship, service, and sisterhood. Each year we have a theme. This year's theme was "Walk the Way" based on Micah 6:8. Next year's theme is "Soul on Fire" based on Luke 24:30-32.

But arguably the most important soul on fire moment can be found in Acts 2:1-4. Pentecost. The day the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus's apostles and enables them to spread the word of God to all the nations of the world. What an amazing gift. The Holy Spirit set their souls on fire to go spread the words of Jesus. I stand back and when I think about the task set forth for the apostles, I'm in awe. They just have to go and do it? No instructions? No map? Could they really spread the word to all the nations? Yes, they did. God gave them exactly what they needed to spread the word down to the ability to speak in the languages of all the nations.

I have spent the last few weeks since my conference thinking about souls on fire. Right now, St. Paul's is in a time of transition. Right now, some of us might feel like our light might not be burning as brightly because we don't know what to expect. God has a plan for St. Paul's and for each and every one of us. Right now, I feel the need to prayerfully consider how I can serve St. Paul's. I want my soul on fire for God, St. Paul's, and my community however God sees fit. Right now, I know my soul is on fire for sharing my experience with all of you. I firmly believe that when I spend time with Kappa Phi, it makes me better able to serve my church and my community. It gives me that soul on fire moment to go and do and serve others.

And now I ask you... is your soul on fire? Are you still waiting for that God moment that lights your soul on fire? As Pentecost comes upon us again, remember that God has a plan for St. Paul's and each one of us just as he had a plan for each of the apostles. We must be patient and listen to what God calls us to do. We might have to wait for that spark that sets our souls on fire again because all things happen in God's time.

Hannah Rife



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This month's meal is on the 4th Sunday of the month, Sunday, May 26, from 5 to 6pm. Join us for food and fellowship.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 7pm Al-Anon 7pm AA	7pm AA	2	3 Ipm Women's Bible Study	4 8am Men's Breakfast 10am AA 10pm AA
5 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 8pm AA	9	7 7pm Al-Anon 7pm AA	8 7pm AA	6	10	11 10am AA 10pm AA
Mother's Day 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 8pm AA	13	14 7pm Al-Anon 7pm AA	15 7pm AA	16	17 1pm Women's Bible Study	18 11am Regional Confirmation 10am AA 10pm AA
19 10am Service 11:30 Vestry 11am Coffee Hr 8pm AA	20	21 Newsletter Deadline 7pm Al-Anon 7pm AA	22 7pm AA	23	24	25 10am AA 10pm AA
26 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 5pm Community Meal 8pm AA	27 Memorial Day - offices closed	28 7pm Al-Anon 7pm AA	29 7pm AA	30	31 1pm Women's Bible Study	_
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What's Happening in May

May 3 1pm Women's Bible Study

May 4
8am Men's Breakfast at Frisch's

May 5 Benevolence Sunday

10am Holy Eucharist with Rev. Canon Audra Abt

11am Coffee Hour

11:30am Vestry meeting with Canon Audra

May 12 Mother's Day

10am Morning Prayer **11am** Coffee Hour



May 17
1pm Women's Bible Study



May 18

Regional Confirmation/ Reception at Grace Church in Sandusky

May 19 Pentecost

10am Holy Eucharist with the Rev. John Keller



11:30am Vestry meet with Consultant Aaron Gerlach after service

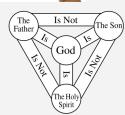


May 21 Newsletter submission due date



May 26 Trinity Sunday

10am Holy Eucharist with the Rev. John Keller



11am Coffee Hour **5pm** Community Meal



May 27 Memorial Day



May 31 1pm Women's Bible Study



Sundays at St. Paul's

Join us for Sunday Service at 10am Coffee Hour right after church

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Meals

Let us know if you would like to host a future meal, make dessert or serve. Signup link is also available on Facebook and our website.

Submit your own article for the first page of the newsletter (like Hannah Rife did)

Donate to Hygiene Pantry Provide Altar Flowers Host Coffee Hour Sunday Worship Ministries

Altar Guild Crucifer Intercessor (prayers) Lay Eucharistic Minister Lector (readings) Usher Facebook live help

Ministry Schedule

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Scripture	Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17 Psalm 98	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19 Psalm 1	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17 Psalm 29
Celebrant/Preacher or Officiant/Preacher	The Rev. Canon Audra Abt	Br. Bill Young/ Bill Young	The Rev. John Keller	The Rev. John Keller
Altar Guild	Christine Polter	Bernadette Earhart	Christine Polter	Bernadette Earhart
Announcements	Kay Klein	Justin Rife	Hannah Wyble	Randy Speer
Children's Ministry	Justin Rife	Justin Rife	Justin Rife	Justin Rife
Coffee Hour	Open	Open	Open	Open
Crucifer	Dave Mehling	•	Dave Mehling	Dave Mehling
Flowers	Open	In memory of Earl & Ruth Kaltenbach and Fred & Bess Klegin given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kaltenbach.	in thanksgiving for Dale, John & Carl Schultz & families and children, Tim Webster & family, Jennifer Young & family given by Marcia Webster.	In memory of Dad's birthday, Charles Tolhurst, given by Steve & Jan Kirchoff.
Intercessor-prayers	Br. Bill Young	Marcia Webster	Pattee Kuzma	Carolyn Speer
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Tina Hasselbach		Tina Hasselbach	Randy Speer
Lector-readings	Bev Hart	Bernadette Earhart	Marlys Ingles	Pattee Kuzma
Musician	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer
Usher	Randy Speer	Jim Grayson	Randy Speer	Bill Young



Thanks to Joyce Bower for coordinating the April Community meal and all those who provided desserts and helped.

to **Brother Bill Young and Roger Hart** for leading us in Morning Prayer and preaching.

to Kay Klein who organized our Family Sunday Eclipse celebration.

to all those who donated books for the outside lending library at St. Andrew's in Elyria, the host church for April's NCMAC meeting.

to Hannah Rife for sharing her thoughts on Pentecost on the first page of this newsletter.

to those who contributed altar flowers for April especially Carolyn & Randy Speer, Chlyeen Scott and Beth Hackenburg.



Dmitri Vigil 5/2
Bernadette Earhart 5/5
Rita Bryan 5/17
Diana Stucky 5/25
Brenda Widman 5/29



Randy & Carolyn Speer 5/17



Community Schedule

Sunday	Free Community Meal AA	4 th Sunday 5-6pm 7 pm (B)
Tuesday	Al Anon AA	7 pm (P) 7 pm (B)
Wednesday	AA	7 pm (B)
Saturday	AA	10 am (B) 10 pm (B)
Кеу	B P	Basement Parish Hall

Walt Sander's "The Gospel Side of Elvis" Concert



Sunday, May 19, 2024, 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Bellevue

(285 West Main Street)

Freewill Offering



Patsie Barrett, Susan Bergeman, Hannah Biller, Joe Binder, Hazel Brown, Samantha Burgess, Fiona Burgess, Ed & Marty (Christy) Burt, Ruth Fanning, Donna & Charles Foss, Linda Hamilton, Eunice & Jacob Hasselbach, Gloria Korman, Rick Lee and family, Megan, Alice Miller, Betty Miller, Mary Lynne Moyers, Elaine Orr, Lewis Orr serving in the military, Mary Lou Parker, Jerry Ross, family and friends of Gary Sanchez, Claire Sayle, Chyleen Scott, Lori Tolhurst, Anthony Tonkin serving in the military, Shelly Young.

Prayers In the Diocese of Ohio

5/5/2024

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Southeast Mission Area.

St. James' Church, Boardman

St. Stephen's Church, East Liverpool

Holy Trinity Church, Lisbon

St. Luke's Church, Niles

5/12/2024

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Southeast Mission Area.

St. Paul's Church, Steubenville

St. Stephen's Church, Steubenville

Christ Church, Warren

St. John's Church, Youngstown

5/19/2024

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for our Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and Regional Disciplinary Board.

5/26/2024

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Summit Mission Area.

Church of Our Saviour, Akron

St. Paul's Church, Akron

St. Philip's Church, Akron

St. Andrew's Church, Barberton

St. John's Church, Cuyahoga Falls



SAVE THE DATE:

Fremont's 2nd Annual Gun Buyback & Safety Event

Saturday, June 8th from 10am to 2pm St. Paul's Episcopal Church (back parking lot)

- Watch as blacksmiths turn unwanted guns into garden tools
- Enter raffle for a garden tool from last year's event
- Visit numerous booths of local organizations with information about safety, wellness and gardening
- Kids' activities
- Prayer vigil for peace
- · Live music by Jamey Wilkins & Clay Kirchenbauer
- Food vendor Roots

Volunteers Needed to Sign Up NOW contact Kay Klein to volunteer (419) 616-3660

- Set up & Take down
- Welcome visitors at St. Paul's table (from 10am to 2pm pick the time and length of your shift)
- Greeters & Shepherds (position descriptions available)

Everything you need to know about Pentecost (from Catholic News Agency) – And why we wear red



On Sunday, May 19, the Church will celebrate Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk — but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission — to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter's sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church — Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles. At St. Paul's, all those who gather for worship are encouraged to wear red as well.



Sandusky County Share and Care is currently seeking volunteers to assist us in our retail store.

If you are interested in helping, visit the store on Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 7pm to sign up. Share and Care is located at 129 Bidwell Avenue.

Store sales proceeds benefit those in need as well as charitable organizations in our county.

Family Sunday









Anointing with Oil



At its April meeting, Vestry decided to have anointing available whenever we have a service of Holy Eucharist. Anointing at such a time is the sacramental use of oil as an outward sign of God's active presence for healing and is accompanied by a prayer for healing.

Brother Bill Young has done this anointing in the past. The planned schedule is to have him continue to do this when he is not otherwise leading us in Morning Prayer. When we have Holy Eucharist, we will have a priest available to lead us in that service. Br. Bill will be free to do the anointing.

If you want to be anointed with oil, just step to the right at the bottom of the steps as you return to your pew after receiving communion at the altar rail. If you receive communion in your pew, let the usher know if you would also like to be anointed with oil when the celebrant and lay eucharistic minister bring you the bread and wine.

An appropriate response when we see someone being anointed with oil is to pray for them. We may not know what type of healing they are seeking, but that doesn't matter. We can still pray that the person be made whole.

Bible verses you might reference at this time include:

James 5:14-16 (Is any among you sick?)

Psalm 23 (You have anointed my head with oil)

Mark 6:7,12-13 (They anointed with oil many that were sick)



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop, Diocese of Ohio

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