

*"And Peter replied, "Each one of you must turn from sin, return to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; then you also shall receive this gift, the Holy Spirit. For Christ promised him to each of you who has been called by the Lord our God, and to your children and even to those in distant lands!....*

*And those who believed Peter were baptized – about 3000 in all!"*

**Acts 2:38-39, 41 TLB**

ONE HEART TO YOURS  PARSON RANDY DILTS

**This month we will celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the church! Sadly it seems to have become lost in the most important dates to remember in the life of the church. Luke announced in Chapter 2 of Acts that the day of Pentecost had arrived. Jerusalem is about to get rocked again! Things had settled down a little from the events of the crucifixion of Jesus and they had "weathered" the resurrection of Christ and the coming back to life of "many Godly Jews" that had occurred. The Temple did all the damage control at their disposal.**

**Oh but here comes Pentecost and it's about to get loud and proud! The roaring of a mighty windstorm, what looked like flames of fire appeared and settled on the Believers. EVERYONE present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in languages they didn't know. Luke adds for the Holy Spirit gave them this ability (just so we would know the source!). We are told crowds came running to see what it was all about and were stunned.**

**You know, when was the last time the church stunned the community? It's been a while, lets' leave it at that. I've said it and I know others have as well that as time goes on we will find that the only churches who not just survive but thrive will be the Spirit filled and Spirit led churches. As our culture continues to devolve we may see that sooner than later.**

**I have been blessed over the years to see the Holy Spirit do some amazing things. He has been a gracious, constant companion for us. The Holy Spirit continues to move and has fueled growth in many places around the world from Eastern Europe, to Brazil, to Singapore, and many other places. The western church ebbs into irrelevancy by ignoring the priceless gift and companionship of this third person of the Trinity. This is the age of the Holy Spirit and we continue to be invited to get on board and get current! I hope we will. The Holy Spirit is a gentleman though so it is up to us to ask and receive. The choice is ours to make or refuse.**



# Letters from Lily

United Methodist  
Global Mission Fellow  
in Portrush Northern Ireland

"We rejoice in our suffering because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope. And hope will never disappoint us."  
--- Romans 5:3-5

**Verse: Acts 2:1-4** *When the Feast of Pentecost came, [the apostles] were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force — no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.*

## Devotion:

Have you ever felt a really strong wind? That was so strong it felt like it was pushing you in a certain direction, or made it hard to walk into the wind? That's what I imagine it felt like for the disciples when the rush of wind filled the room where they were staying, or maybe even stronger. Sometimes I wish that the Holy Spirit would be that obvious in my own life.

The verse talks about how like a wildfire the Holy Spirit spread through them. Fire is important, it keeps us warm, lights our way, cooks our food, and is essential for our survival. The Holy Spirit is often called our Sustainer, what keeps us going through the long journey we are on with God. If we don't have the Holy Spirit topping us off and filling us with God's love it will be very hard to complete this journey. The Holy Spirit accompanies us every step of that journey, if we let Him, and will help carry us through when it gets hard.

We need to cultivate that fire within our souls and keep it lit, if we want to keep thriving and living in relationship with God. When you are living out the truth of the Gospel it is catching. Other can just see it, they can tell that something is different about you. It can spread like a wildfire through people, and when God is living in our hearts and we start to thrive, that is infectious. It is important when we live our lives so others can see the fire that sparks within us. Sometimes the Holy Spirit moves in big ways like on Pentecost, but most of the time it moves within us, nudging us and sustaining us to keep going, keeping us thriving.

## Prayer:

Send your Holy Spirit, God. Let it invade our souls and set the flame in our souls burning for you. May your Spirit come and live within us and light the way you want us to go. Thank you for sustaining us on this journey with you Lord and may we let your light shine brightly within us so that others may see you. Amen

## Fridge Friendly INFO

# CALENDAR

**Worship Service has returned to the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Please practice social distancing.**

**\*Worship Service Sundays at 10:00 am**

Sanctuary and on Facebook Live and Olive Crest Church App

**\*Karen Baptist Church @1pm**

**\*5/4: Trustees & Care Team @ 6pm**

**\*5/8 & 5/22: God's Closet 9-12**

**\*5/11: Election Polling Site all day**

**\*5/13: Leadership @ 1pm**

**\*5/15: Spring Clean-Up 8:30-12**

**\*5/15: Hall Rental 3-7**

**\*5/22: Hall Rental 2-6**

**\*5/23: Pentecost Sunday**

**\*5/25: Simon Says @ RMH (Contact Brenda Jones)**

**\*5/26: Hall Rental 6-9**

**\*5/29: Hall Rental 1-4**

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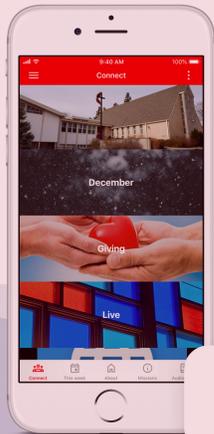
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Go to:  
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# CUB SCOUT DEN MEETING



Serving the boys and girls of the Ponca, Pinewood and Springville Elementary communities.  
Meetings held Mondays @ 7pm  
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Email: [pack395cubscouts@gmail.com](mailto:pack395cubscouts@gmail.com)  
with inquires

**While 1 in 5 people will experience a diagnosable mental health condition in their lives, 5 out of 5 people will go through a challenging time that effects their mental health.**

## **MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2021**

**LIFE CAN BE HARD.**

**YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DOESN'T HAVE TO SUFFER.**

**GET TOOLS AND INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP.**



**LEARN MORE AT  
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Mental Health is an issue close to many of us here at Olive Crest. So for our May Mission we will be collecting items for 'Soother Bags'. CHI Health Immanuel Behavioral Health Services uses the bags for Pediatric patients at Immanuel Hospital.

### ***Items needed:***

- \*Packs of Gum**
- \*Decks of Cards**
- \*Sour and Hard Candies**
- \*Stress Balls**
- \*Small Packs of Crayons and Activity Books**
- \*Good Smelling Lotions**
- \*Small packages of Play Dough**
- \*Journals WITHOUT WIRES**

You can also make a monetary donation and we will purchase the items need for the bags. Write *Care Team* on memo line.

On the back is useful information from MHA on how to support others with Mental Health conditions. If you or someone you love feel like you are struggling visit [MHASCREENING.ORG](https://mhascreening.org) to check for Symptoms.

Its free, confidential and anonymous.