

# The Edge

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FOREST HILLS CHURCH

### *From the Pastor's Perspective*    Monthly Church Events *The Fire Within!*

"They were filled with the Holy Spirit...." -Acts 2:4a

Pentecost happened on May 24, 1738 in London at a meeting house on Aldersgate Street.

We are celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, May 23. Pentecost is a minor Jewish festival that comes 50 days (hence "pente-" for 50) after Passover. For Christians, it is a major celebration, one of "The Big Three" (Christmas, Easter and Pentecost).

Pentecost celebrates that God gave His Holy Spirit to all of His children. Before Pentecost, God's Spirit came upon only select people for certain purposes. At Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit was given to rest upon and fill all believers. The story is told in Acts chapter 2.

Jesus had celebrated the Passover with His disciples with The Last Supper in the Upper Room. The next day, Jesus was crucified and buried. On Sunday, Easter, Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus then appeared to His disciples and hundreds of others over the next six weeks. On the 40th day after Easter, Jesus ascended back into heaven. Then, ten days after that, or 50 days after Passover (and 50 days after Jesus' death and resurrection), the disciples were all gathered again back in the same Upper Room of The Last Supper. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit rushed into the room in the form of a howling wind from heaven and a burning fire. It broke into individual tongues of fire and rested on each one of them, and "they were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4a).

Pentecost changed them. Before they were timid, hiding behind locked doors, and keeping to themselves. After the Holy Spirit filled them, they spilled out into the streets and began telling others boldly about Jesus. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church!

Pentecost happened again 1700 years later in a London street. John Wesley was an Anglican priest who had quietly kept to his work and ministry within the church and at Oxford. He had tried missionary work, but had failed miserably. He really didn't venture out in bold and creative ministry.

<b>May 1</b>	9:00am - UM Men Meeting
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Confirmation &amp; Communion Sunday</b> 8:45am - Grow Group 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:30am - Grow Group
<b>May 3</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men and Prayer Knitters
<b>May 5</b>	6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Programing for all ages 7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal
<b>May 6</b>	10:30 am - Book Club 12:00 pm - National Day of Prayer - Lakeside Park 12:00 pm - Sarah Circle 6:30 pm - AMT
<b>May 7</b>	6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Programing for all ages 7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b> 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
<b>May 10</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men and Prayer Knitters
<b>May 12</b>	10:00 am - Birchwood 11:00 am - Romeo & Juilets 6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Programing for all ages 7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal
<b>May 13</b>	1:00 pm - UMW Meeting
<b>May 14</b>	8:00 am - Grow Group 2:00 pm - Unload Food Truck
<b>May 15</b>	6:00 am - Set up Community Care 8:00 am - Community Care
<b>May 16</b>	10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:30 - Hope Moves Workshop

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## Pastor's Perspective Cont.

On May 24 he attended a Bible Study among some German Christians (called Moravians) at a small group that met on Aldersgate Street. While there the leader read from Martin Luther's preface to the Book of Romans. Wesley writes in his journal, "In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death. ... I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart."

John Wesley experienced the inpouring of the Holy Spirit. He described it, "I felt my heart strangely warmed." After that, like the disciples of old, Wesley went out into the streets, into the villages, all across the country telling others boldly about Jesus. May 24 is the birthday of the United Methodist church!

On Pentecost this year we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives. We have been learning how God is a strange fire. On Pentecost we will celebrate how God's strange fire comes to each of us. Our new message series, starting on Pentecost, will be "The Fire Within." We open our hearts to be strangely warmed by the Holy Spirit! And then, we, too, will spill out into our streets, into our homes and towns, telling others boldly about Jesus.

Pentecost happened 50 days after the Last Supper. Pentecost happened again May 24, 1738. And Pentecost will happen again and again, wherever God's people receive the Holy Spirit and have their hearts strangely warmed. On May 23 this year we celebrate "The Fire Within!" Come, Holy Spirit! Burn in our hearts and push us to tell others boldly about Jesus.

Happy Pentecost!

Pastor David

<b>May 17</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men and Prayer Knitters
<b>May 18</b>	10:00 am - Rebecca Circle
<b>May 19</b>	6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Programing for all ages 7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal
<b>May 21</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>May 23</b>	10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:30 am - Hope Moves
<b>May 24</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men and Prayer Knitters
<b>May 26</b>	6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Programing for all ages 7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal
<b>May 28</b>	8:00 am - Grow Group
<b>May 30</b>	10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED 8:00am - Monday Morning Men and Prayer Knitters



## Calling all prayer warriors!



# Thursday, May 6

★ noon-1PM at the Forest Lake Gazebo ★

We have had a long-standing tradition in our city of Forest Lake that honors and upholds prayer. For years local churches have banded together with the help and support of the Forest

Lake American Legion to host a National Day of Prayer Event which is held every year on May 6th. Last year marked the first break in this tradition. Covid concerns forced the event to be cancelled, but this time around is a different story!

Local pastors and leaders are eager to come together as a community, and as a nation, in

order to humbly come before God in prayer. Our theme this year is unity. With so much division within our nation and even within our churches, we know that we can stand strong together on God's Word and in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ! God's desire is that his people be unified. "May they be one as we are one," Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. Let us do our part to make this vision a reality.

This year the event will be held outdoors at Lakeside Park to ensure proper social distancing. All are welcome as we sing praises and lift our city and country up in prayer. Leaders from various local churches will offer up prayers on a range of topics. We will also have a special appearance from State Representative Bob Dettmer.

God is always calling us to prayer, and we now have an opportunity to amplify those prayers by coming together as a community! Be a part of this important event! It begins at noon at Lakeside Park on Thursday May 6th. Bring along a lawn chair, join fellow Christians and let's get to fighting the good fight!

**"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16**

Pastor Andrew

## May Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy! If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Jason Keintz 5/14

Avery Yetter 5/17

Morgan Lindholm 5/21

Conner Keintz 5/30

Julie Hovey 5/27

Phineas Bonsell 5/28





## Youth Group

Starting May 5th, the newly confirmed students will be joining the Youth Group class. We will be starting a new series called "Youth Group Tonight" this series will have the teens interact with popular films and artists to encourage them to think more deeply and biblically. We will be doing this in TV late-night show format. Each week, the show host interviews a celebrity. It is not necessary for the teens to know who these celebrities are to get something out of the night. Whether they listen to the music or have seen the movies or not, they will still be able to learn something from the interview and small group sessions.

Week 1: Rapper NF

Theme: Living for God and Mental Health

Week 2: Brie Larson (Captain Marvel)

Theme: Using Your Gifts and Perseverance

Week 3: Thanos (Josh Brolin)

Theme: Death, Waiting, and Sacrifice

Don't forget in June we have a summer starter bash and ministry fair June 9th. Then **Graduation Sunday on June 12th, come out and support our 7 graduates!**



Cassi Betker

Director of Youth Ministries

## Register Today for Red Rock Camp!!

Spend a week with God experiencing his renewing love and saving, healing power at Red Rock Camp on the shore of Lake Koronis near Paynesville, MN. Red Rock Camp is for the whole family. There are speakers for children, youth and adults, they partake in a five-fold mission to: Encounter God, Experience holiness, Equip generations, Empower leaders and Engage communities. Amazing things unfold when people gather and seek Christ for a week. Nothing is impossible for those who believe! Brochures for camp are in the lobby! Sign up before April 30 and receive \$25 towards the camp store.

## Camp Scholarships (Blackford Fund)

Would love to come to camp but are unsure how to afford it? We can help with that. Forest Hills offers three different styles of scholarships. The first goes to first time campers, this will pay your full registration. You can get the [application here](#) please apply by May 1st. The second is for those that need a boost of funds to pay for the registration. You can get the [application here](#), please apply by May 15th. The third way is for all campers. They will receive an incentive for going to camp. Each person under 18 receives a \$100 and everyone over 18 receives \$75.

## Hope Moves: Re-ignite

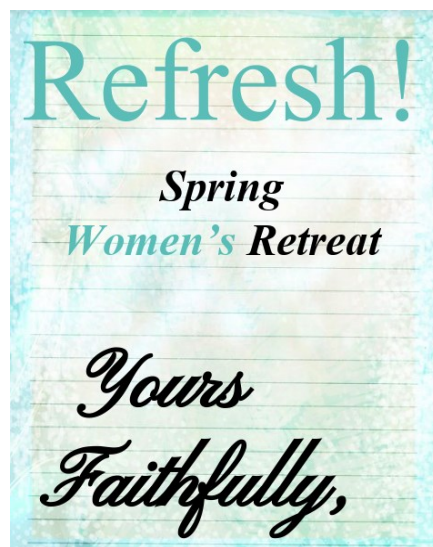
United Methodist Women have a rich legacy of bringing hope to communities around the world through mission work. Through Hope Moves we are looking to inspire, empower, and equip each of us to serve right here in our local communities. Due to the pandemic, this past year many of us have been sticking closer to home with smaller gatherings. Now that people are getting vaccinated, things are opening back up, more people are venturing outside. We want to re-ignite our passion to get into the community and serve. During this workshop we will spend time talking about why we serve and share a variety of ways we can get involved. We'll have a speaker from the chamber of commerce talking about some of the challenges our community is facing. There will be a few small hands-on projects we can do together. We will meet 2 Sundays - May 16th & 23rd, after service.

If you have any questions about the workshop or Hope Moves ministry, please reach out to Teresa Gruber, Marilee Leonard, or Reese Werner. I'm excited to see hope move through us and re-ignite our passion to serve.



Thanks!

Teresa



Come away for  
the day to refresh  
your soul through  
worship and  
"sister"ship!

@ Castle Rock UMC



May 1st  
Contact Reese soon to  
register  
Cost ~ \$35

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

April 29th & 30th from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FREE shopping on Friday April 30th from 1-5:00 p.m.

Setup: Monday 8am, Tuesday 6-8:00 p.m., and

Wednesday 9 am- 8pm

Teardown: Friday, April 30th at 5:00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to Parsonage Fund.

