



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

June 8, 2014

The Feast of Pentecost

Vol. 6, Issue 26

From Mary Anthony

Today's lessons from the Lectionary in church are Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:25-35, 37, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, and the Gospel is John 7:37-39.

In our Godly Play class today our children will hear the story of The Mystery of Pentecost. This story is about the People of God meeting God in a new way. Something strange happened on Pentecost that had to do with "tongues" of fire and speaking so that no matter what "tongues" others spoke, they could understand what was meant. The strange event on the Day of Pentecost reminds us of the earlier day when communication was fractured so that what before had been understandable was now babel. That is why this story begins with the Tower of Babel. Heather Coyle is the Storyteller this week and Kathleen Chase is our Doorkeeper. The children will work on a special Pentecost project today.

This week is our last official Wednesday evening Youth Group meeting. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 pm this week, provided by Polly Kordinak, and then head over to Amazone for a fun filled evening of Laser Tag. The youth plan to meet occasionally during the summer for field trips.

Our youth head out next Sunday morning, June 15, for their Mission Trip to Franklin, Pa. We will attend a send off service at Christ Church, Kent, one of the churches we are partnering with on this trip along with Church of Our Savior, Akron, St. Matthew's Brecksville, St. Timothy's, Macedonia and Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. Please keep us in your prayers.

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



☪ Sunday Schedule ☪

9:00am - Nursery opens

9:45am - Godly Play Choir

10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)

6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

*Children join their parents in
Church at the Peace*

11:45am - Youth Choir

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the 10am service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in by watching **Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Primary - (Pre-k - 2nd Grade)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts- Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and Melinda Rucinski** and **Doorkeepers Tracy French, Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Intermediate (3rd - 5th Grade)

The Intermediate class is meeting with the Primary class in Canterbury during construction. The curriculum for this age level is also Godly Play. Led by **Heather Coyle, Kim Hennigan, Tracy French, Roanne Lisi and Melinda Rucinski** on a rotating basis.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class will meet every Wednesday evening at the beginning of Youth Group starting at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The curriculum for this age level is Making It Real and Relevant, which is Lectionary based. Our teachers in this class are **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets at St. Paul's on Wed. evenings starting with dinner at 6 pm. Led by **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Children's Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle
Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and
Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS Honor Your Teen's Natural Abilities and Limitations

Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; ""We each possess a unique set of traits given to us by God at birth, and these include talents and strengths as well as weaknesses. I, for example, am so directionally impaired that I don't know my right hand from my left or on which side of an envelope to put the stamp without looking at a previously stamped envelope to guide me. I never learned my way around my college campus, can get lost driving from my home to my office (a half mile), and my memory (immediate recall and memory for faces) is in the tenth percentile.. I have a deep and wide lack of knowledge of geography (a product of the spatial and memory impairment). On the other end of the curve, my vocabulary and reading comprehension are in the ninety-ninth percentile. I learn the lyrics to songs without effort, am pretty good skier, and have been told many times that I have good comic timing as a public speaker. I'm a package deal: strengths and weaknesses. Our children are no different.

Faith in your child means studying her God-given traits, the good as well as the quirky, and working to cherish them. Your teen won't make this easy for you. Although teens are born with innate skills and temperaments, they are also constantly changing. They need to experiment with belonging to different tribes: pothead, slacker, athlete, Wiccan, Emo, jock. One month they are vegans and the next they are training for an eating competition, hot dog division. They are growing into adulthood, but they are also ruder and cruder and sillier than they will ever be again. Amid all the phases and transitory passions, how do you spot your teen's essential nature?

I suggest looking back to your teen's infancy and childhood. Think about how you described your baby or child to their grandparents: Was she persistent and intense? Slow-paced? A "people person" or happier when alone? Funny? Energetic? Musical? Sensitive? Chances are these attributes still form a part of your teen's natural endowment. Although I don't recommend that you put your child in a glass jar labeled "the funny one" or "the smart one," it is wise to recognize that there are some characteristics that will not change. These include but are not limited to:

Musicality
Artistic inclination
Natural athletic talent
Taste in friends and romantic partners
Love of or indifference to reading
Speedy tempo or slow pace
Gregariousness or shyness
Preference for indoor versus outdoor activities
Attraction to risk and adventure or cautiousness""

To be continued next week

From "The Blessing of a B Minus" by Wendy Mogul, PhD.



In Church School this week:

Each week, the children's and youth Sunday School classes focus on a passage from Scripture. These follow the same Revised Common Lectionary that provides readings for Sunday services. We use a curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, to tailor a lesson for each class that is interactive, fun and age appropriate. This section features the Scripture learned that week in Sunday School, along with some questions to ask about during the week.

Focus Scripture: John 17:1-11

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

~From the Lectionary Page



What's it all about?

Each day during the "festival" of Booths (Tabernacles), water has been carried from the Pool of Siloam to the Temple, as a reminder of the water which sprang forth from the rock in the wilderness. Jesus now reinterprets the water: he is the "living water" (v. 38); he relieves the thirst of the believer. The Greek translated "the believer's heart" means literally his belly, i.e. his very being. Who is he? Either "the one who believes" or Jesus is intended. In v. 39, John says that the "living water" is "the [Holy] Spirit". "As yet there was no Spirit" caused theological difficulties for early interpreters and translators; some appended given. (The text as we have it appears to be original.) The Holy Spirit, existing since before time (as stated elsewhere in the book), will come to believers when Jesus has died, risen and ascended ("glorified"). They will receive the Spirit, and make it available to others. (The quotation is not in the Old Testament.)

~From Revised Common Lectionary
Chris Haslam 1996-2014



Questions:

- ★? How does Jesus interpret the water ?
- ★? Who does John say the "living water" is ?
- ★? When will the Holy Spirit come to the believers ?



Prayer:

Perplexing, Pentecostal God,
you infuse us with your Spirit,
urging us to vision and dream.
May the gift of your presence
find voice in our lives,
that our babbling may be transformed into
discernment
and the flickering of many tongues
light an unquenchable fire of compassion and
justice. Amen.

~From The Revised Common Lectionary

Meditation

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good
things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
Hallelujah!

~Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Happy Birthday...

None this week!!!



Planning Ahead

Sunday, June 8

- Only one service today at 9:30 am
- Nursery opens at 9 am
- Cherub Choir, 9:45 am
- Godly Play class, Grades Pre-k -5th ,10 am,
Last day of official Sunday School for this
school year
- Inviting the Future Building Completion
Celebration and Barbeque

Wednesday, June 11

- Youth Group 6 - 9 pm
- Youth will go to Laser Tag at Amazone
after dinner, Cost \$20

Sunday, June 15 - Sunday, June 22

- Youth Mission Trip to Franklin, PA, Youth
leave church at 8:45 am for send off service
at Christ Church, Kent. One of the churches
we are partnering with.

Contact Information

Mary Anthony, Director of Religious Education
manthony515@yahoo.com

Fr. Eric Funston, Rector
cfunston@stpauls-medina.org

Church Office:
317 E. Liberty St.
Medina, OH 44256
330-725-4131

Barbara Fieger, Youth Choir Director
bxfmusic@yahoo.com
216-544-3865

Melinda Rucinski, Cherub Choir Director
mrucinski@aol.com
330-321-4611

Acolyte Reminders!

June 8: Hannah Rucinski, Kirstan Lisi,
Dylan Powell, Nick Coyle

June 15: Dylan Ruesch, Jessica Syme,
Julia Syme, Nick Coyle

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday
before you are to serve if you are unable to make your
commitment, and then let the office know no later
than that Wednesday before.