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## Rev's Ramblin's      The Feast of Pentecost



The Easter season closes with the Feast of Pentecost, at which we recognize and give thanks for God's gift of the Spirit to the Church. The color for the day is red, to remind us of the tongues of flame in the story of Acts 2.

The name for this feast comes from the Greek name for the Jewish Festival of Weeks, a harvest festival that was celebrated 50 days after Passover. It was a time to give thanks to

God for the first wheat harvest of the year, and to offer back in thanksgiving the first fruits of the earth. The people who heard Peter's sermon in Luke's account had gathered in Jerusalem for this celebration.

Christians have appropriated both the festival and its timing. What better way to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, and all that changed because of it, than to do so on a festival of first fruits. Indeed the first fruits of the resurrection were the thousands addressed that day and the some 3,000 who were baptized. (Acts 2:41).

The account in Acts is not the only place we read of the gift of the Spirit to the church, and not all the authors set this gift on this day. In

John, for example, it comes earlier (John 20:19-31). Other New Testament authors describe the gift in different ways, but all are agreed on this: Christ is risen and God is at work among us and in the world with a power that is relentless and unstoppable.

"Maranatha"—Come Holy Spirit!

Pastor Ross





Thank you very much, we appreciate you letting us use the building for our meetings. Southside Parents of Multiples

Thank you all for the prayers, cards and visits for Bob to recover from his surgeries; they were so needed and for all of you who didn't know him to take the time to pray for him! God answered and he is recovering slowly but surely. Thank you again so much. May God Bless all of you! Norma & Bob Lively (friends of Smitty and Bonnie Smith)

To our St. John's family,

Our sincere thanks for your calls, cards and concern after the loss of our beloved daughter, Christine Marie Hampton. The support of family and friends sustains us through this soul-crushing time. God bless you for your caring.

Barry and Gay Hampton  
St. John's,

Please accept our donation and thanks for providing meeting places for our Girl Scout activities. It is due to your participation that we are able to help our girls to

become better young ladies by building character, courage and confidence. Thank you from the Glenn's Valley service unit. Suzan Miller, Treasurer

Many thanks to everyone for the prayers and concerns the past few weeks. Special thanks to Pastor Don and Dorothy for their visits to the hospital, and to Pastor Don for the beautiful service. Special thanks to Ann Thomason and the ladies who provided food at the house, and to the Women's Board for the delicious lunch. Also thanks to Joan Davidson for taking Mom to church and for bringing her a bulletin when she was unable to attend. We appreciated everything!

The family of Marjorie Hodder

Dear Friends and Members of St. John's.

I wanted to say a special "Thank You" to everyone from St. John's. We appreciated the love, support and concerns during Mom's illness and passing. Mom and Dad loved St. John's and their friends from their church family. Also I would like to thank everybody who made a memorial gift in memory of Mom.

Dave Rueherschneck, Earlene Niemeyer and family



Jennifer Zinger & Matt Winget

May 9, 2009

**New Address-**

Bill & Hilda Tavenor

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Christine Hampton

By: Allen & Mary Baker  
Ray & Marcia Hauser  
Gene Nix

David Sexton

By: Ruth Schnell  
Margie Potter





**Marge Hodder**

- by: Vi Hauser
- Ray & Marcia Hauser
- Ruth Smale
- Susan Smale
- Gene Nix
- Margie Potter
- Lew & Rosemary Thomas
- Bill & Marguerite Nierman
- Dick & Pat Schneider
- Jean Bailey
- Norma MacBeth
- Bonnie & Smitty
- Gene & Irene Moore
- Ruth Schnell
- Allen & Mary Baker
- Annabelle Martin

**Elizabeth Ruehrschneck**

- by: Carolyn & Mike Hayes
- Nina & Robert Butler
- Lew & Rosemary Thomas
- Marjorie Enmeier & The Dyers & Kim Thomas J. Ressler
- John & Linda Withner
- Emily Brink
- Linda Shadday
- Mary & John Stewart
- Norma MacBeth
- Ruth Schnell
- Dick & Pat Schneider
- Smitty & Bonnie Smith
- Van & Phyllis VanLue
- Alma Powell
- Ray & Marcia Hauser
- Margie Potter
- Dick & Rhoda Johnson
- Kathy Guignard
- Norena Niles & Dan & Diana Hooper
- Mike & Scott Casolino Kauffman
- Ed & Millie McClain
- David & Gayle Murley



Mission Trip to Chile-February, 2010—Interested in an international mission opportunity in Chile next February? A summertime retreat in the middle of a Midwestern winter! We'd love to have representatives from St. John's join for the trip south next February 12-23. We will aim to grow in our faith, expand our cross-cultural awareness, and provide a "Mission of Presence" to those in need. Participants will have opportunities to take part in fundraising activities prior to the trip, and are asked to make a commitment to help grow this mission of our church both before and after the trip. Approximate cost is \$2,100 per person. If interested, or for more information, please contact Scott Jacobson at (317) 752-6174 or at [travelmaster22@hotmail.com](mailto:travelmaster22@hotmail.com).





St. John’s Strolling ‘Soles’ would like to thank everyone who helped make this year’s Relay for Life the most successful one yet. We raised over \$5200.00 as a team and one of our team members won an award for raising the most individual money. The team also won the “Best Participation” award. We had wonderful participation at the walk. The following team members walked: Diana Adams, Dianna Brooks, Pam Dobbs, Kathy Guignard, Joan, Alexis and Taylor Hearrell, Cindy Heckman, Mike Kauffman, Randall Lowe, Sharon Martin, Aaron, Adam and Luann Miner, Jim Minks, Margie Potter, Gene Rueger, Linda Stevens, Jean Wehner. Other walkers were Marcia and Ray Hauser, Kay Gutenson, Carol Emhardt, Richard Martin, Lynn Wehner, Jennifer, Brian, Gavin and Brady Coon, Ruth Schnell, Jeff and Cooper Hearrell, Art Miner, Phil and Kathy Harris, Mark Dobbs, Martha Minks, Don and Dorothy Crismon, Rosie and Kurt Lewis, Joanne and Don Hannon, Beth Potter, Rhoda Johnson, Scott Caselino, Marguerite Nierman, Janet and Bo Laut, Jim and Karen Heidergott, Del and Lois Kauffman, Alexis Coffey and John Heckman. Please accept our apologies if we left anyone out. The awards are on display at the back of the sanctuary, please take a minute to check them out.

**RUMMAGE SALE 2009**—It is time to clean out the closets, the cabinets, the attic and the garage. The women of the Rummage Sale want any items that you no longer need or want. We will take furniture, clothing, household items, decorative items, linens, toys, tools, books, etc. In other words, we will take your used items that are clean and in good working condition and find them a new home. **We can no longer accept computers, child car seats, or sets of encyclopedias.** You may drop off your donations any time after June 1. This event has been a good outreach for St. John’s. In these difficult economic times, your donations will really help.



Pauline Eisenbarth, Hilda Womacks, Bill & Hilda Tavenor, Frances Covert, Foster & Kay Gutenson, James Rodarmel, Mary Jane Sutter, Pauline Miller, William Ressler, Ernestine Staley, Robert Nevil, Sam Harding Lollie Rieck, Lew Thomas, Carl & Irene Johnson, Delores Kendall, Diane Casey, Isabel Spreen, Robert & Marjorie Wagner, Pearl LaGrange.



Losses among our church family—  
**Pauline Fox** 7-30-1920—3-30-2009    **Helmut Yauk** 7-17-1929—5-10-2009    **Marjorie Hodder** 7-15-1928—5-16-2009





# Youth and Family News

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## BOOMERANG EXPRESS

School's out and that means VBS is just around the corner! This year we will be hoping onboard the Boomerang Express to experience the Australian Outback. This year VBS will be held MONDAY, JUNE 22-FRIDAY, JUNE 26 from 6-8 pm. Each night will be filled with a story, snacks, crafts, games, music and LOTS of fun!!

Pre-Registration forms can be found in your bulletin on Sunday morning. We will be taking registrations at the door but would like to have as many of our families registered before hand as possible.

We are still in need of your help. There are many spots left unfilled on our volunteer board. Please considering giving one or more evenings to help make this

program a success. If you are unable to help in this capacity We are in need of old trunks, large suitcases, and fake potted plants. Please put your name somewhere on the item and place it in the Jr High Youth room by June 14. If you would like to help or have questions please see Jennifer Coon or myself. Thanks and G'Day Mate!!



## SUMMER HELP NEEDED!!

We are currently looking for helpers during the 10:30 church service. This person/persons will take the elementary school children out of the service during the normal Children's Church Time. Activities will be planned for you in advance. If you are able to help (even one Sunday will be helpful) please fill your name in on the sign up sheet on the bulletin located outside my office. THANK YOU!



Do you want to know what the youth will be doing while in North Carolina? Look for their table on Sunday Mornings this summer to purchase a postcard for \$1. During their week away they will fill these out and mail them to you giving you an update on how the week is going.

## St. John's United Church of Christ

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### Upcoming Dates:

- 6/2 BCE meeting 6:30
- 6/14 Recycle Sunday
- 6/21 Happy Father's Day
- 6/22-6/26 Boomerang Express 6-8pm
- 7/8 Visiting Group to
- 7/12 Recycle Sunday
- 7/18-7/24 High School Mission trip to North Carolina

## CONGRATS TO OUR GRADS!

We would like to congratulate the following graduates on all of their hard work and achievements.

- Andy Fak—Center Grove High School
- Brittany Graves-Vehling—Braden River High School
- Allegra Sorley—Center Grove High School
- Brittany Burns—Emory University
- Erin Burns—Ball State University
- Dorella Powell-Caras, University of Indianapolis
- Art Miner—IUPUI
- David Reed—IU, Bloomington
- Jason VanLue—UNLV
- Jessica Wiley—Northwestern University
- Leanne Wiley—Butler University