

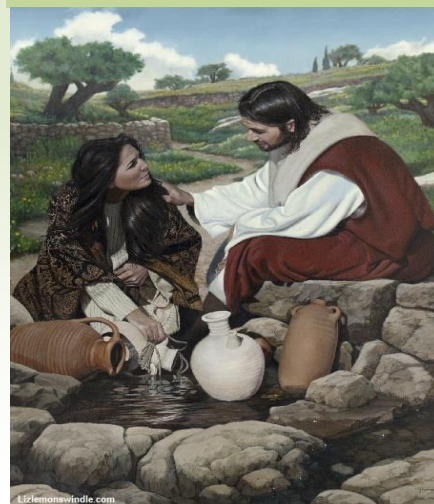


Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

It seems that Spring may (finally!) be here or arriving. No more surprise snow falls or freeze warnings...we hope! Today, at least, the sun shines brightly and, though cool in the morning, the temperature definitely hints of warmer times to come.

Many rejoice with Spring's advent, reflecting in their manner and gait the bursting to life of the world around us.

So, too, with our celebration this month of Pentecost (May 23rd). The Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples and they were bursting to life.



Yet, not all feel Spring-like. For some in their lives reflect the dying of Fall or the death of Winter. For various reasons, in various situations, people we know and love – and maybe even we ourselves – are experiencing the ebb of life within and even the lack of life within.

Pentecost is for these, too. Not to sweep under the rug the pain and emptiness, the despair and listlessness, but to remember that the Spirit, whose coming we mark at Pentecost, offers hope and direction, comfort and healing ... in soul if not always in body.

Pentecost – the bursting of God's Spirit in our midst – is for all of us in the Springs and Summers, and the Falls and Winters, of our lives.

So, receive the outpouring of God's healing balm! Rejoice in God's enlivening Spirit in our lives!

Behold, the Spirit of God comes!

*Peace in Christ,
Bill Vincent*





Summer Concert Series:

Linda Rose Rice (Band Director) will be hosting a summer concert series of local musicians at the First Presbyterian Church of Union. The first performance will be Ms. Melissa Fyr and Mr. Daniel Swan, Sunday **May 30, 10:15 am – 11am**. Please join the free public event and spread the word to come and support local talent!

Stay tuned for more event dates and info in the next newsletter.

PW West Cluster Gathering



The PW West Cluster Gathering will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Sullivan on Saturday, May 22nd, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Our theme will allow us to honor many of the Saints from our churches that have helped us become the PW's that we are today! Please bring the name of a special Saint (or 2) from your church that you would like to share with the group!

Pre-registration is requested. You may email Tonette Barnes at tbarnes@fidnet.com or Carol Gruber at grubercarol8@gmail.net to turn in numbers/names for your church by Monday, May 17th. Or give or mail the registration form along with payment to Carol Gruber.

A morning snack with coffee and juice will be served during registration. Lunch will be provided; \$10 per person. Food for coffee time and the lunch will be individually wrapped.

COVID guidelines will be followed, and masks will be required. It will be 14 months since we last met in March of 2020, so we really hope that you can join us for this event!

More information can be found in the separate attachment with this newsletter.



A reminder:

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website (www.unionfirstpresby.org), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchunion

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