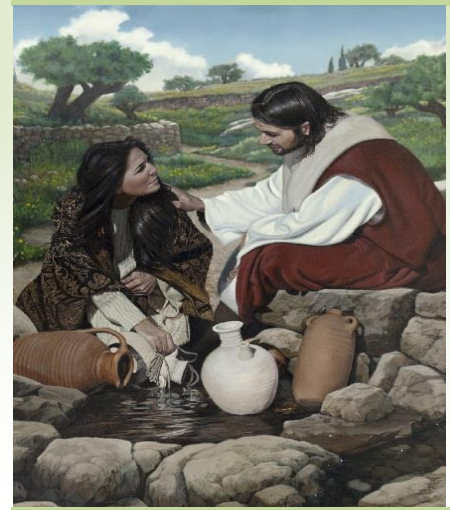




Message from Pastor Bill Vincent



Wind: refreshing. Stirring the stale air. Cooling off a hot day.
Wind: annoying. Messing up neatly gathered leaves. Blowing the hair in your face.

Wind: frightening. Uprooting mighty trees. Dislodging homes. Whipping up storms.

And the Spirit is all of that:

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:2)

Refreshing their stale situations.

Annoying their neatly laid plans.

Even frightening them with the power to uproot their lives and displace them from where they thought they wanted to be...but maybe God wanted something different.

The *wind* of life. The *Spirit* of God. (In Hebrew and Greek, the same word.)

And the wind – the Spirit – blows where it will (John 3:8). Not as an arbitrary whim, but the active will of God.

Moving in our midst. Moving us.

For the Spirit-wind may be refreshing, and annoying, and even frightening.

But it is also life-giving, soul-searching, and even risk-taking.

For it blows where it will – to refresh, to annoy, maybe even to frighten – for the good.

The Spirit-wind blows where it will...even in you!

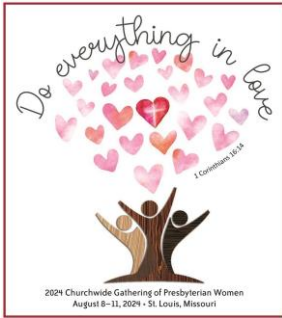
In Christ,

Pastor Bill Vincent



We'll gather to celebrate **Pentecost** Sunday (and the Spirit-wind) on **May 19th** with a joint worship service at First Presbyterian Church:Union at **10:00 am**. There will be a Luncheon following the Pentecost Service The Presbyterian Women group of Union and the Pacific Church will jointly provide food for this event.

The Union Church will provide the Sandwiches, vegetables, and salads for the meal. Pacific will provide the desserts. Donations of a vegetable dish or a salad would be greatly appreciated. Drinks will be provided.



Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering (CWG) is celebrated every three years! In 2024, the CWG will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 8–11. Plenary and large-group sessions will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex. Gathering attendees will receive a special conference rate for hotel rooms at the Marriott St. Louis Grand (across the street from the America's Center), which will house other Gathering programming and opportunities (i.e., shopping and dining!). Save these dates, share these dates, and plan to joyfully join Presbyterian Women in an exciting, faith-filled time of renewal, connection, and fun. An online option will be available, as well, with a select menu of options. Visit presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for full details

Early registration for the Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering, "Do Everything in Love", has passed, but there is still time to register. Complete information on the conference and the link for registration can be found at www.presbyterianwomen.org. There are scholarships available through the national PW and from the PW of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. For a Presbytery scholarship application (deadline June 1st), contact Deanna Vincent (vincentdeanna83@gmail.com).

Also, Deanna has registered as an online participant and will be able to live stream the 4 plenary sessions and the closing worship service- SEE THE SEPARATE ATTACHED PAGE. She is inviting ALL women to come to her house (1101 West 5th Street, Washington MO) for viewing parties. There's no need to act now, but know that this option will be available for participation in the Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering

Presbyterian Women:

The Presbyterian Women will meet on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. at the Church for our regularly scheduled meeting. The Hostess is Martha Ann Holtgrieve and the Co-Hostess is Dorothy Clarkson. The Bible Study will be led by Juanita Youngberg using Lesson 6. All women are invited to attend.

Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all



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: <https://www.facebook.com/firstPresbyterianChurchUnion/>

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>