TOWER CHIMES

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost is an important day in the life of the church that we celebrate every year. This church holiday dates back even before Jesus's time from a Jewish holiday called the Feast of Harvest or Feast of Weeks. The disciples were gathered to celebrate Pentecost after Jesus's resurrection when the Holy Spirit entered the room and fulfilled the prophecy that was promised. The presence of the Holy Spirit was foretold in the book of Joel and again in the book of John. We celebrate this day with joy as the Holy Spirit entered the church and has sustained us all ever since that amazing day.

Join us for Pentecost services this **Sunday, June 8** at **9:30 am** as we celebrate with communion.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We are in urgent need of head cooks and helpers for **June 14, & 21 & all of July.**

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in the kitchen or call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 8
PENTECOST
COMMUNION
9:30 am Summer Sunday Single Service
10:45 am Vacation Bible School
Volunteer Meeting (UR)

Monday, June 9
HONDURAS TEAM RETURNS
8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)

Tuesday, June 10
10:00 am Vacation Bible School Set-Up
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (ER)
12:00 pm Finance (UR)
2:00 pm Staff Meeting (MCR)

Wednesday, June 11
8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)
10:00 am Vacation Bible School Set-Up
12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MCR)
3:00 pm Membership (UR)

Thursday, June 12
10:00 am Vacation Bible School Set-Up

Friday, June 13
8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)

Saturday, June 14
2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams
Debbie Beckman
Orrin Champlain
Marjorie DiLorenzo
Rob Donaldy
Richard & Dana Elmore
Becky Everhart
Dawn & David Fellows
Gloria Goss
Pam Gray
Jane Hayman
Wade & Sandy Hoffman
Janet & Bob Howard
Scott & Becky Irvin
Bill Johnston
Joanie Kooser
Ross Kosmensky
Sawyer Kosmensky
Ray & Gladys Larson
Pat McCarty
Pat Miller
Rick Montney
Joe & Arletta Oriani
Kim Powell
Dick & Nancy Shaw
Jeff Snyder
Katie Sparr
Barbara Tackett
Jay Tackett
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Glenn Thomas
Gale Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Tom Bracket
Glenn & Jennifer Caracappa
Marilyn Carpenter
Jo Davis
Jim Defoe
Tracy Dobrie
Suzanne Emahiser
Rob Hart
Kristie Hatcher-Bollin
Juan Joy
Ada Lopez-Mendez
Becky McElheny
Bill Montgomery
Barb Murphy
Carroll Negley
Raquel Ortiz-Zimmerman
Ann Reddout
Destiny Cheyenne Rivers
Kline Roberts

OUR SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy goes to **Janet & Bob Howard** upon the death of their son, **Bryan Howard**, who died on Friday, May 23, 2025.

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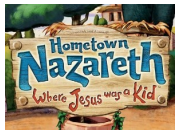
Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 265 lunches the week of 5/26/25.

Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 98 people on Saturday, 5/31/25.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS is quickly approaching! All children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to attend **June 16-19** from **5:30 (dinner) to 6-8 p.m.** for the actual VBS. This year our theme is *Hometown Nazareth*, *Where Jesus Was a Kid*. We are looking forward to a great year. An online sign-up is available at: https://vbspro.events/p/fpcwh.You can also scan this QR code to register. Please register your children now so we can get them placed in their Tribes ahead of time.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy McKee at 863-294-3121.

THE CHOSEN

The Chosen Bible study will meet on **Sunday, June 22** from **5:30 - 7 pm** in the Upper Room. Please bring a covered dish to share. We will be reviewing **episode 7 from season 1**. Please join us for food, friendship, and faith.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH EACH TUESDAY

This is a gathering of men of faith who share and support one another through Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. Bring your lunch and join us **each Tuesday** at **12 pm** in the Edinburgh Room.

WELCOME EMILY SNYDER

The Session is pleased to announce that Emily Snyder is joining our church staff filling a newly created position of Director of Student Ministries and Digital Media Coordinator. Emily previously served as our Director of Students. With her experience and connections to our youth and their families, and her expertise in graphic design and digital media, we feel she could help us not only excel in our ministry with youth and their families, but also take our church communications (in-reach and out-reach) to a new level with digital, print, and electronic media. Please welcome Emily back to our staff in this exciting new faith adventure.

TOWER CHIMES: SUMMER IN THE BIBLE

For the summer season, as many folks are traveling and in and out of worship, we are going to have a little bit of Bible fun to keep us all engaged. Each week in the Tower Chimes, we will ask a question from the Bible. The answer will be announced in worship and the Tower Chimes the following week. **Email the office at cshipley@firstpreswh.org by Friday at 12 pm.** All questions are taken from the Bible Content Exam, a requirement of all minister candidates.

According to the first creation story in Genesis, who or what was created last?

- The woman, out of man's side
- The garden of Eden, in the east
- Men and women in God's image
- The tree of knowledge of good and evil