

"Rush of a Mighty Wind"

Not all of us have had the experience of the Holy Spirit like those gathered at Pentecost where the Holy Spirit came upon them like a mighty wind, tongues of fire rested upon their heads, and they were able to speak in other languages. Yet, the Holy Spirit is alive and at work in the life of our church! Over the past few weeks, our lectionary passages have talked about the work of the Holy Spirit in individuals, but on Pentecost we celebrate the specific work of the Holy Spirit in the empowerment of Church for Christ's service in the world.

Living in tornado alley, we all know a little something about the "rush of a mighty wind" which has the power to uproot trees and blow the roof off some buildings. Surrendering to the Holy Spirit's work in one's life can sometimes feel like being caught in one of those famous thunder and wind storms we've had on a regular basis this past month. The work of the Holy Spirit is sometimes said to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. Unexpected, sometimes dramatic things happen in our lives as we acknowledge that God is the one in control-not us.

Pentecost lifts up all facets of the redeeming work of God in Christ. Many call Pentecost the "birthday" of the church as the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the gathered community that day. On the day of Pentecost, the liturgical color changes from white to red so we are inviting all church members to wear red on Pentecost, June 12th.

The early church celebrated Pentecost in unique ways. Bishop Durandus reported in the early thirteenth century of churches where a dove would be let down into the church from the roof, or where masses of rose leaves and even sparks of fire would be blown out over the congregation. Be prepared for surprises on Pentecost Sunday and don't forget to wear red!!

On a personal note, I feel the Holy Spirit has led me to Elm Street. I have great respect for you, the members of Elm Street! While I was serving at College Avenue Presbyterian as interim pastor, I had the opportunity to witness your faithfulness, your passion for mission in the community and the great love you have for one another. I rejoice that God has imaginatively made it possible for me to serve two Presbyterian Churches in the same town. Brendan will be a senior next year so he is really pleased we can stay put so he can graduate from Alton High School. I believe both Salem and Elm Street Presbyterian Churches will be enriched by the exchange of ideas and developing friendships.

I so appreciated the lovely reception you gave for me and your invitation to the members of Salem to be a part of my first Sunday with you. I pray that we are able to encourage one another in the faith and live into the hope of the resurrection in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ,


Pastor Janet

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

To start the **Prayer Chain** for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext 2835 or Marj Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005.

Next Elm Leaf Deadline
Friday, August 12, 2011

ESPC Web Site
<http://espealton.tripod.com>
<http://espe.weebly.com>

LITURGISTS

June 5 - Tom Wyatt
12 - Marjory Bryant
19 - Kathy Steinmann
26 - Debbie Wallace
July 3 - Debbie Wallace
10 -
17 -
24 - Jenny Wyatt
31 -
August - 7
14 -
21 -

USHERS

Please volunteer to usher.
Sign up sheet in the sanctuary.
June - Debbie Wallace, Tanya Sisk,
Kathy Steinmann
July - Marjory Bryant,
August -

COMMUNION SERVERS

Communion servers:
July 3 (date may be changed) -
Lyndal Colburn, Chr. Karen Auston,
Norma Waggoner
Pam Stolze (set up & serve)

August 7 - Sue Bryant, Chr.
Kathy Steinmann, Tanya Sisk,
Ann McLaughlin (set up & serve)

ATTENDANCE

4/3-45, 4/10-46, 4/17-45, 4/24-68, 5/1-55,
5/8-45, 5/15-36, 5/22-33, 5/29-31, 6/5-28

CONGRATULATIONS

Caitlin McLaughlin

She graduated from Illinois College in Jacksonville, IL On May 15, 2011 with a Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Management and Communications

Elisa Wallace

She graduated Magna Cum Laude from McKendree College in Lebanon, IL with a degree in Health Education

Lauren McLaughlin

And

Tess Phelps

Graduated from Alton High School
On May 27, 2011

To **Jenny Wyatt** for the Senior Class of Civic Memorial High School electing her to call their names at the commencement exercises.

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to **Kathy Steinmann** for planting the beautiful flowers around the outside bulletin boards

From the **Crisis Food Center** for The \$97.00 collected and sent to them from the Lenten Service held at ESPC.

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

1. Kirk Phelps
4 Christopher Darr
7 Nellie Smithee
8 Hannah Auston
Lyndal Colburn

2

11 Grace Williams
12 Jordan Bryant
21 Terry Shewmake
22 Sue Bryant
23 Lois Mitchell
27 Thomas Wyatt
19 Richard Sisk
30 Jean Freer

JULY

1 Patrick Thatcher
Bobbi Wray
13 Terri Darr
19 Belinda Gunning
21 Steven Springgate
22 Chance Shewmake
24 Janice Gremaud
Elsie Siemer
26 Daniel Earnhardt
28 Cathy Bryant
30 Ann McLaughlin

AUGUST

3 Zachary Bryant
Sandy Krug
4 Brandon Medlock
6 Andy Hruby
Sara Keene
7 Timothy Shewmake
Rev. Kenneth DeWall
9 Maggie Paddock
10 Michael Wyatt
11 Mary Cordes
14 Carol Jo Domescik
15 Mark Springgate
17 Jake Brey
16 Willanette Ball
28 Kayla Wray

If I have missed your birthday, I'm truly sorry. I hope it was a good one. Please, let me know when it was. Marj Bryant

CRISIS FOOD CENTER REPORT

ESPC sent over 133 items to the Crisis Food Center since reported in our last newsletter. We have received several letters from the CFC thanking us for our donations. In March, their letter said the number of people coming to the Crisis Food Center had increased by 10% over

the same time period last year. The really alarming statistic is the number of people over the age of 55 who have come to the center for food has increased over 40% in two years.. They have a new way to help them with out costing you a thing. They have registered with "GoodSearch.com" The search engine partners with non-profits all over the country. Every time someone searches the web for their site, the participating non-profit receives \$.01. That does not seem like a lot but pennies add up. If you would like to participate, log on to www.goodsearch.com, choose "Crisis Food Center (Alton) in the "who do you good search for" box and that's it. Every time you use Good Search they receive a penny. They know some are using this because they are seeing the pennies add up.

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons are asking you to continue using your green Deacon Fund envelopes as well as the Love Fund envelopes (found in with your pledge envelopes) as often as you can. There is a lot of people asking for help. The Spaghetti Supper held on April 30, 2011 was a success. They served 261 adults plus many children. **Don't forget they are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads,.**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee is sponsoring a new child from Cambodia, his name is Rothana through Church World Services, if you would like to send him a **card or letter**, see Sandy Krug for an envelope. The **Arms of Love Baby Bottle Campaign** is under way and the baby bottles will be collected on **Father's Day, June 19, 2011**. They sold **White's Nursery Coupons** again this year.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The following Sundays were observed in special ways: Mother's Day, Memorial Day as will be Pentecost Sunday, Father's Day and July 3, when we will celebrate the July 4, 2011.

The choir does not sing during the summer, so we are looking for some kind of special music for the summer Sundays. It could be singers, pianists, musical instruments, etc. If you have any suggestions or know of someone contact Kathy Steinmann.

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session met several times since the last Elm Leaf. The Session approved the following:

1. The minutes of all meetings.
2. Approved \$300.00 for Vacation Bible School instead of the \$150.00 budgeted.
3. Approved hiring Rev. Janet Riley as our Stated Supply with a one year contract and salary as already agreed.
4. Change the purpose of the May 1, 2011 Congregational Meeting to Dissolving the Pastor Nominating Committee.
5. Renew the Housing CD without the accumulated interest and put the interest in the General Fund.
6. Give the Least Coin Offering from January 1 thru June 30, 2011 to the Crisis Food Center.
7. Approved Marjory Bryant as Presbytery Commissioner for May 19, 2011 at CAPC
8. Reimburse Rev. Riley for her mileage to the Presbytery office for her Goodness of Fit Interview as Stated Supply.
9. Approved Rev. Riley's salary package.
10. Approved Rev. Riley's request to attend the Big Tent Conference in Indianapolis, as study leave. She will be gone from June 27 through July 2. Cost paid by Presbytery.
11. Approved the secretary attend a Secretaries Conference on Thursday, July 14, 2011.
12. Approved purchasing a new computer for the church secretary, already in the budget.
13. Approved sending out a questionnaire regarding times for Sunday School, interest in Bible Studies and best times to hold it.
14. To change communion service from July 3 to July 10 if it is necessary.

Per capita this year is \$27.01 per member

From The Clerk Of Session:

In the last Elm Leaf in my article I put in a paragraph with some information regarding

Commissioned Lay Pastors, at this time I wish to retract the statements and I am sorry if I offended anyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 19 through the 24, 2011 at the Nature Institute from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. It is for youth Pre-school (3) through Fifth grade (those that have just completed 5th grade) Theme second part of "Step Up And Go Green For Jesus" Volunteers are needed to help with snacks, crafts and Adults and Senior High Youth volunteers to help with the groups. See Lyndal Colburn or Marj Bryant. To pre-register your child or grandchild, please call the church office 466-5421 during office hours. We need egg cartons (fiberboard not Styrofoam), glass bottles for vases, Junior size baby jars, beans, corn or rice (no mixed colored bags, please), corks from wine bottles, etc. (different sizes and shapes are great) Drop them off in the office.

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy invites you to share in the Worship of God and the Installation by the Presbytery of The Reverend C. Dale Jackson as Pastor of College Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 19, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. A reception will be held at the church immediately following.

The Area Presbyterian Churches are planning their next Mission Project *Shoes Into Water -turning used and new shoes into Clean Drinking Water.* We will be meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at College Avenue Presbyterian Church. We will be meeting with Rich Kim from Shoeman Water Projects to kick off the mission.

It's simple: clean out your closet of any kind of shoes, tie them together, drop them into a collection bin (sites to be announced later).

Shoeman Water projects will: Pick up the shoes from drop-off location, give them second life, selling to exporters for resale, use the money to purchase well drilling rigs, water filtration systems, and their supplies to bring clean, fresh water to those in need. Dates of the drive have not as of yet been set, this will be done on June 15th. Call the church office for more information.

The Peruvians Are Coming: You are invited to a potluck and program at the Salem Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 3, 2011 to hear from our Peruvian partners through Joining Hands. Potluck at 12:30 pm and the Program at 1:30 pm Our mission co-worker Jed Coball and Peruvian partners will share about their project with local artisans and about the incredible work of the church to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All are welcome! A count from each church is needed so they can make sure to have plenty of food. Please contact Janet Riley at 610-7946 for more information.

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Father's Day - Honoring the Fathers

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Special Coffee Hour after Worship

To Honor our Graduates

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Fourth of July Service

Oasis Women's Center Trivia Night

June 17, 2011 7:00 pm at the

Knights of Columbus Hall 405 East 4th Alton

Master of Ceremonies, Jim Shrader

Publisher, The Telegraph

Doors open at 6:30 pm Cost: \$120.00 per table of eight. Please reserve your table in advance by calling 618-465-1978

Prizes sponsored by Cornerstone Bank \$150.00 1st prize, \$100.00 2nd, \$50.00 3rd

Free beer, soda & popcorn Silent Auction

Over 55 Ministry (open to all ages)

Make your reservations by sending your check to College Ave. Presbyterian Church PO Box 1081, Alton, IL 62002 and make your check payable to "Over 55"

Thursday, June 23, 2011 Lincoln Museum, Springfield, IL Leave CAPC at 10:00 am

October 1, 2011 St. Louis Symphony Coffee Concert

November 16, 2011 Sheldon Coffee Concert - Salute to Veterans

January 27, 2012 St. Louis Symphony Coffee Concert

Encounter Schedule 2011

**June 12 - St. Ambrose Church - 6:00 pm
820 Homer M Adams Parkway, Godfrey**

June 19 - Evangelical United Church of Christ-6:00 pm 121 Home M Adams Pkwy

**June 26-Morning Star Baptist Church-6 pm
1 East Sixth Street, Alton**

July 10-East Alton First United Methodist Church-6 pm 1001 Third Street, East Alton

**July 17-St. John's Missionary Baptist-6 pm
427 Market Street, Alton**

**August 7-Main Street United Methodist
4:30 & 7:00 pm**

1400 Main Street, Alton

Office will be closed Monday, July 4, 2011.

Bulletin Bloopers

When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.

The visiting monster today is Rev. Jack Bains.

The senior pastor will be away for two weeks. During his absence you will find staff members pinned to the bulletin board in the main hall.

The maintenance of the church graveyard is becoming increasingly costly. It would be a great help if parishioners would do their best to tend their own graves.

ESPC'S COOKBOOK CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS:

It has come to our attention that there are some corrections that need to be made in our HERITAGE COOKBOOK. On page 53 Norma Waggoner's Chicken Casserole, called for 1 T. chopped "OIL" (which would have been quite difficult, if not impossible" It should be 1 T. chopped ONION. (This was not Norma's mistake, it was an error in typing and was not caught by the proof reader, and we apologize, also for the next one as well, on page 72, Betty Elliott's Amish Cheesecake: In addition to the graham cracker crumbs, sugar and water, also needed is 4T Butter (for the crust) and for the filling it calls for 2 8 oz pkg of cream cheese instead of one. On Page 72, Kathy Steinmann's Fudge Cake, should be 2 eggs. Page 111 Vanilla Stix Topping 1 tsp Cinnamon. Again, our mistakes and our apology.

Thanks so much for your understanding, The Cookbook Committee

JUNE 2011

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1 VBS mtg. 6:00 pm Boy scout T-7	2. Over 55 comm. Mtg.	3	4
5 9:30 Worship- Communion	6 8 pm AA/Al-Anon	7	8 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	9 6:30 pm Worship Comm. Mtg.	10 ESPC Trivia Night 7:00 pm	11
12 9:30 Worship Pentecost Sunday Collect Pentecost offering Williams Use CE Bldg	13 8 pm AA/Al-Anon	14 6:00 pm VBS mtg.	15 7:00 pm CAPC All PC Mission planning 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	16	17	18
19 9:30 Worship Father's day Trinity Sunday VBS Nature Institute 5:30-8:30 pm	20 8 pm AA/Al-Anon VBS 5:30 pm Refreshments	21 6:30 pm Business & Professional Women meet VBS 5:30 pm	22 VBS 5:30 pm 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	23 Over 55 trip Lincoln Museum 10:00 am CAPC VBS 5:30 pm	24 VBS Potluck 5:30 pm	25
26 9:30 am Worship Coffee Hour Honoring Graduates	27 8pm AA/Al-Anon Rev. Riley gone this week	28	29 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	30		

JULY 2011

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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3 9:30 Worship- Communion 7 th of July Service Potluck 12:30 pm at Salem PC 1:30 pm Peruvian report	4 OFFICE CLOSED 8 pm AA/Al Anon	5	6 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	7	8	9
10 9:30am Worship	11 .8 pm AA/AL-Anon	12	13 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship	18 7:00 pm Outreach Committee meets 8 pm AA/Al Anon	19 6:30 pm Business & Professional Women meet	20 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Worship	25 8pm AA/Al-Anon	26 7 pm Session meets	27 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	28	29	30
31 9:30 am Worship						

AUGUST 2011

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1 8 pm AA/Al Anon	2	3 Boy scout T-7	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship- Communion	8 8 pm AA/Al Anon	9	10 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	11	12	13
14 9:30 Worship	15 .8 pm AA/AL-Anon	16 6:30 pm Business & Professional Women meet	17 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship	22 8 pm AA/Al Anon	23 Session meets	24 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	25	26	27 Presbytery meeting Woodlawn Chapel PC Wildwood MO
28 9:30 am Worship	29 8pm AA/Al-Anon	30	31 7 pm Boy Scout T-7			

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - Summer - 2011

"Members"

Esther & Bill Bott
Nellie Smithee
Lois Mitchell
Mike Paddock
Carole Springgate
Brent Phelps

"In The Nursing Home"

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.
Jean Freer.....Eunice Smith Nsg Home
Willanette Ball.....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Dan Earnhardt... ..Eldercare Nsg. Home
Sonia Hetge.....Jerseyville Manor

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Carol Jo & Don Domesick.....Carole Springgate
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty's Family
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance's daughter
Kim Stiebel.....daughter-in-law of Joyce Schrupf Goethe
Winifred Orris
Mary Calendar, Megan Vatole.....Jarman's
Tim Murphy.....friends of John Kennedy
Nancy Teague.....Chance & Zada Shewmake
Grady Watkins
Mary Brown
Andy Torrez
Bill Oertle
Trish Stolze, Terry Heigert & Ron Bauser.....The Stolzes
Sid & Joanne Ellerston, Tom Norris & Bob Champlin.....JoAnn Phelps
Dale Bailey.....Nancy's husband
John Slusser.....friend of Erin Oxford
Marcella EggemanMary Cordes
Jeff SlifkaAudrey Stewart
Pricilla "Perky" Christman
Gary Neese.....Mike Paddock
Becky and Emma Swarsky (31/2).....Jane Hellrung's niece & daughter
Dixie Darr
Jim Miller.....Nancy Bailey
Miles McLaughlin
Lynna Humbert
Stephen Hopkins.....Kathy Steinmann's nephew
John Hayes.....Zada & Chance Shewmake
Evelyn Marshall.....Audrey Stewart
Shirley Laubscher
The Schmitt Family (injured in a fire).....co-worker of Bobbi Wray
The Families of Vivian Kunz and Marilyn Bradford
Healing of ESPC
Courage to move forward, Strength, to do so and Wisdom to know how

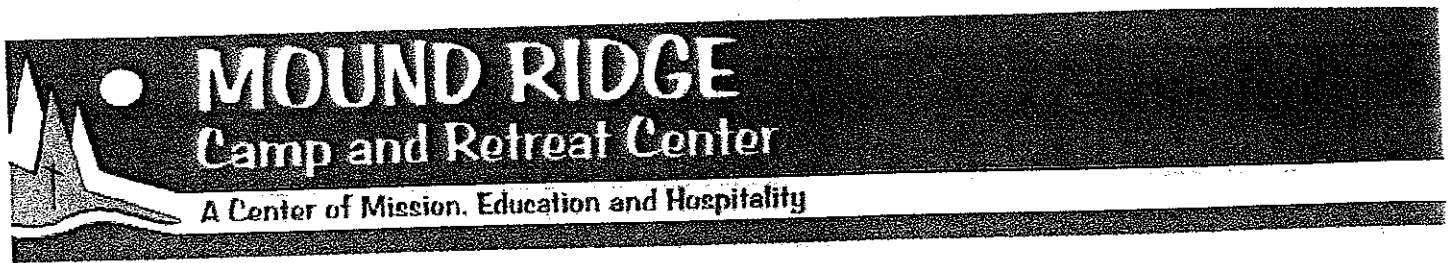
In Service: -Brandon Medlock

***If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list,
please call the church office and let us know.***

Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S COORDINATING TEAM

Invite you to
"Mission-N-A-Weekend"

at



St. James, Missouri
Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 15-17, 2011

Women, Men & Teens needed

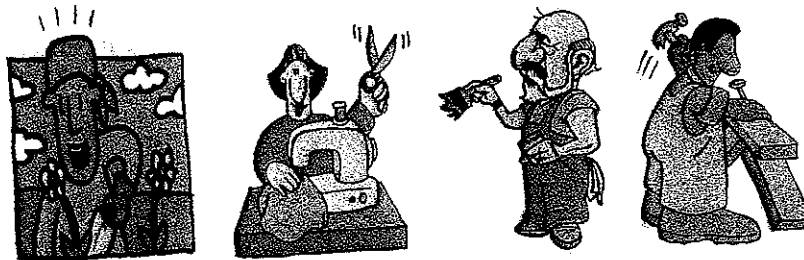
for an **EXCITING** and **FUN FILLED** event to help those who have Christian experiences at Mound Ridge camp and to **MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP** with other volunteers.

We **CAN** make a difference

...to the camp and all those who visit this beautiful camp in a great natural setting by the Meramac River.

The **projects** require various skills.

Bring a **SEWING MACHINE** and **THREAD** to help make curtains
... don't forget to bring your **WORK GLOVES** and **WORK CLOTHES**
for gardening and painting.



Bring an instrument for singing around the camp fire.
After a long days of volunteering there is a swimming pool to relax in.
You will also be able to swim and enjoy the beauty of the Meramac River

SPACES ARE LIMITED so register early.

Cost is \$59 which includes 4 meals Scholarships are available

DEADLINE for registering is June 30, 2011.

Contacts: Muriel Stephens 636-797-4351 or murstep4@aol.com

Lisa Hemphill 618-593-7066 lisahemphil@yahoo.com

If you can't attend but would like to help please send a donation sponsoring a child
to go to camp with a "Campership"

REGISTRATION FORM
Mission-N-A-Weekend
July 15th – July 17th
Mound Ridge Camp & Retreat Center
Cook Station, MO

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

NAMES AND AGES THOSE COMING WITH YOU: _____

PRESBYTERY: _____

CHURCH: _____

LIST PROJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: _____
(see flyer for a list of projects)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ _____

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____

WHAT NIGHTS WILL YOU BE STAYING? FRIDAY _____ **SATURDAY** _____

WILL YOU BE CAMPING? YES _____ **NO** _____
____ (RV WITH HOOK UP \$15.00) _____ (TENT CAMPING \$5.00 PER NIGHT)

INDOOR FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CAMPERS

\$59.00 PER PERSON FOR 3 DAY STAY (INCLUDES 4 MEALS)
(MEALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON FRIDAY)

COMMUTER FOOD SERVICE PER MEAL

BREAKFAST	\$ 6.00
SATURDAY LUNCH FREE	\$ 7.00
SUPPER	\$ 9.00

SEND CHECK ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO:
CAROL PURVIANCE
30 OAK KNOLL PL
BELLEVILLE, IL 62223

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2011