

The Good News

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Sky effect seen March 30, 2017 on our corner.

PHCC is a Hillcrest community church affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It has been at the corner of Spruce and Hillcrest since 1927. Our email is lphcc@gmail.com.

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Happy Birthday to the Church Universal

What better way to celebrate the birthday of the Church than to birth new churches? When you contribute to the Pentecost special offering that is exactly what you are doing—helping to birth new churches. That is important because new churches are the best way to reach new people for Christ. People find it is much easier to join a new church than it is to try to break into an established church.

The story of Pentecost is found in chapter 2 of the book of Acts. Acts is volume 2 of Luke's story of Jesus' life. It is the follow up story of the early church. It begins with Jesus' ascension into heaven, a report on picking a disciple to take Judas' place, and the communal life of the early disciples.

Then comes the celebration of Pentecost in Jerusalem, and God chooses that moment for the arrival of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gets busy right away shaking things up and adding people to the number of Jesus' followers.



Neil Thorogood; The Spirit of Pentecost

People are astonished to see the Spirit alighting on Jesus' followers like tongues of fire, and the Spirit loosens the tongues of the Disciples to be able to share the good news in the languages of each and every visitor to Jerusalem.

The people assume that perhaps the disciples have had a little too much to drink. Peter dismisses that idea, noting that it is only 9 in the morning. He assures them that what they are seeing and hearing was predicted by

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the prophet, Joel. "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my spirit; and they shall prophesy."

The Spirit of God knows no restrictions based on human distinctions of age, sex, station in life, language, culture, or ethnicity. God pours out the Spirit upon all flesh.

Peter then goes on to tell the people about Jesus—who he was, what he did, and how he was betrayed and crucified. This story cuts to the heart of Jesus' people and many repent and believe.

The story of Pentecost is so familiar that we may easily miss some of the profound implications it has for the church. On the day of its birth the Church was multi-lingual, multi-cultural, and ethnically diverse. Just ask anyone who has ever had to read the story in church. The names of all the different countries can be tough to pronounce.

Please give generously to the Pentecost offering so that we may spread the good news of Jesus to new Christians. On the church's Birthday, and every day may we always remember to celebrate its beautiful, colorful diversity. The Spirit makes us one.

Upcoming:

3rd Monday meal items: Shaving cream and razors

The homeless folks that we serve are always very grateful for the gifts that we give. On one occasion, we were asked if we had any razors. We did not, but we decided to make that one of our monthly gifts. If you can help provide shaving cream and razors your gift will be much appreciated. The church has ordered 120 cans of shaving cream and 120 packages of razors for a cost of \$240. If you prefer to buy your own, then just bring them in to the church.

Parent's night Out: Serving our Neighborhood

We are going to offer a Parent's night out for our neighborhood on June 16 from 6 to 10. This will be for ages from 2-12. We will provide a simple meal for the children and young people followed by an evening of fun play, crafts, and bible learning. Parents are free to drop their children off at any time after 6 and pick them up by ten.

We will need to know how many people from the church can help before we canvas the neighborhood with flyers. We will need at least 6 people.

This is a service project that will also allow us to meet some of the young families in our neighborhood.

Graduation Reception for Rachel Smith

Rachel Smith graduated on May 13th with a teaching degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. To celebrate her accomplishment, we held a reception on May 7th, and since we would be here and hungry, Susan declared that we would also have our Quarterly Potluck Luncheon on the same day. We had 20 in Worship that Sunday, and 16 could stay and join in the fellowship afterward. Sam Ellis took some photos, and we share two below. Good food and good fellowship: always enjoyable!



Rachel with her congratulatory cake.



Sixteen stayed to visit and eat some delicious food. Clockwise from left: Betty Jo, Jeannie, Evelyn, Susan, Rachel, Kelly, Chet, Sam, Phillip, Angela, Rebecca, Greg, Jamie, Patricia, and Marilou. The 16th is Tom, using Sam's iPhone to make the picture.

Rachel Smith Graduated April 13, 2017

We got some photos of the day from Chet Chaney:



Rachel with her friends Kelly and Chet Chaney



Rachel will coach basketball, and teach math.

The Thank You note the church received from Rachel for the reception and luncheon: "Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the awesome potluck lunch. The food was wonderful! I even ate food colored green! Ha! I'm so honored y'all would have a fellowship for me. I love being here and am so happy Chet & Chaney brought me here in January. Thank you for everything. Peace to you all, Rachel Smith"

Theresa McCrudden Graduated May 12, 2017

This photo was provided by her mother, whom you may recognize in the photo:

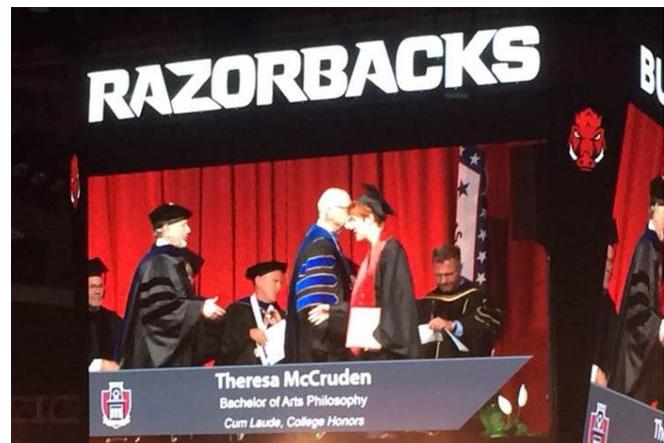


Theresa with her parents, Patrick McCrudden and Susan Miller

Theresa graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and now holds a degree in Philosophy with minors in Biology and Spanish.

Now that her undergraduate work is out of the way, Theresa will move to Pittsburg, PA for four years of law school at Duquesne University. She is preparing for a career in Medical Ethics.

Graduation was held in the Bud Walton Arena, which meant that Susan would be far away from the stage. To her delight, the graduation ceremonies were presented with image magnification to the jumbo TV screens hung in the center ceiling of the stadium.



Theresa receives her diploma. Live!

Happy Birthday to the Church



Pentecost, June 4th, is the birthday of the Church Universal. I would like to invite our members to give some simple gifts to the church kitchen. Many meals are prepared there for the homeless, for our neighbors, and for fellowship events among our members. Each time I help cook for the homeless, I notice that there are some things that are in short supply.

They are simple and inexpensive things but also very useful things:

- Towels and dish cloths
- Measuring cup set
- Glass Pyrex measuring cup, 16 oz. and 32 oz.
- Potato Peeler
- Sponges with scrub pad on one side
- A chopper
- A Mandoline (hand held slicer)
- Cookie Sheet

If you can provide any of these things (used are fine if in good shape) then please let the church office know and bring them to church on Pentecost or when you can.

—Susan

April 2017 Stewardship Report

Apr. Budget Needs – \$8,166.67
 Apr. Offering – \$7,468.00
 Other Income – \$4,587.44
 Total Apr. Actual Income – \$12,055.44

Apr. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,890.33
 Apr. Actual Expenses – \$7,353.41
 Net Result for Apr. – \$ 4,702.03

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 4/30/17
 Offering – \$54,126.05
 Other Income – \$37,136.60
 Total FYTD Income – \$91,262.65
 Expenses FYTD – \$85,765.78
 Net Result FYTD – \$ 5,496.87



Events in June 2017

– **Birthdays in June** 1 – Donetha Groover; 1 – Una Groover; 10 – Jamie Crockett; 12 – Tanner Summerlin; 19 – Theresa McCrudden; 25 – John Graves.

– Events of note

- 1 – 1st Thursday Shop 'n Sip.
- 4 – **Pentecost Sunday**
- 14 - 6:00 pm scheduled Board Meeting
- 18 – Sign July birthday cards.
- 19 – Third Monday Meal is served; 1101 W. Markham St.
- 30 – Fiscal Year 2017 ends
- **Sunday School June** 4, 11, 18, 25



Events in July 2017

– **Birthdays in July** 17 – Angela Frazier; 23 – Greg Pendleton; 24 – Alex Perry; 31 – Betty Jo Thibault.

– Events of note

- 4 – **Independence Day** (Church office closed)
- 6 – 1st Thursday Shop 'n Sip.
- 12 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting
- 16 – Sign August birthday cards.
- 17 – Third Monday Meal is served; 1101 W. Markham St.
- 30 – **Community Breakfast.** 7:30 a.m. at Quapaw Quarter UMC, 1601 S. Louisiana St.
- **Sunday School July** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Please Continue Prayers for:

Frank C., Stephen C., Martha C., Shannon P., Ron C., Jean H., Kim P., Trip R., Lynda C., Keith R., Mrs. F., Bill S., Ezgi Y., Wissam A.; our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; the Mission First initiative of the DoC; those struggling to do God's will; refugees who are fleeing the violence of war. Pray for peace as global tensions rise, pray for the grieving, that they may be comforted; those worldwide being persecuted for being 'different'; the citizens and residents of the U.S.A., and others God leads you to know of.

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