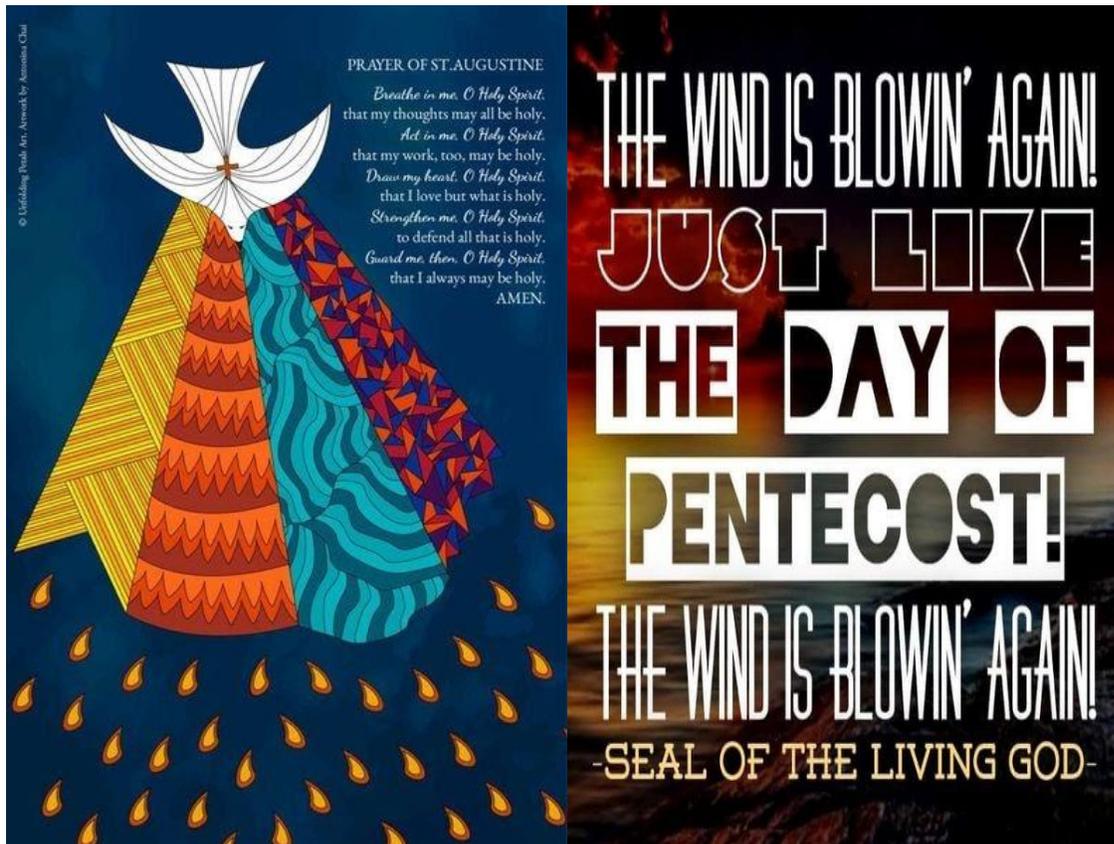


Weekly Newsletter 5.21.21

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit- the pneuma- the wind, breath, and spirit. We will experience the breath of God upon us as we worship in Word, Spirit, and Praise. Remember to wear your red! The church will be decorated and it will be a celebratory time of worship as we are reminded that God continues to breathe new mission and life into us.

By Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

We are enjoying the warmth of summer and the greening of the trees. There is something about the early leaves of spring that makes things come alive after the winter cold and snow. The beauty of the hills around us are many different shades of green giving the spirit of renewal. As we come together to celebrate Pentecost this week, may we be filled with the spirit that makes us feel alive and renewed!

Sunday, May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday. Don't forget to wear red!

In Memory

Flowers given by Chris Goodhue in memory of her son, Michael.

Missions

The UCC tells us that "the Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ".**

Your Mission committee will gratefully accept your gifts to support STC until Pentecost **Sunday (May 23)**.

Please, send your gift to the office or leave it in the offering plate. Make you sure that you label your check and/or envelope with Strengthen the Church (STC).

Thank you so very much!

CHAPMAN/WHITNEY Scholarship Applications The Trustees will welcome applications during the month of May for the Chapman/Whitney Scholarship. The Chapman/Whitney Scholarship is an educational scholarship opportunity that is available to graduating high school seniors, graduate students, or anyone entering a technical program or other continuing education program. Please pick up your application in the Church Office, Monday – Friday, during office hours from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. All applications are due back by **May 25, 2021**. The Trustees will announce the lucky recipient(s) on Church School Sunday in June, date to be announced. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracy Bickford or Linda Maynard on behalf of the Trustees.

Greg Schwarz Memorial Service

Here is the link to the video from Greg's service:

<https://youtu.be/DgxquNaK3Bc>

There are timestamp links for each of the speakers. To see the timestamp links, click on **SHOW MORE** under the video and then click on a timestamp to go to the section of the video where the person is speaking.

Thank you to all of you who attended the Zoom memorial service.

The **Little Food Pantry** has seen some withdrawals as well as some additions. Now that the weather is warmer we are accepting cans and jar goods. Some of the items that go quickly are peanut butter, ramen noodles and coffee. At present we have plenty of mac and cheese, pasta and rice, but anything you donate is greatly appreciated. Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM**. We are looking at world religions and discussing our plans for the Christmas Bazaar this fall. Stay tuned!

WLCC Men's Group Meeting and Project

On **Saturday June 5th** the WLCC Men's Group will meet at the **outside picnic tables at the West Lebanon McDonalds on Rt 12a**. We'll **gather at 8 am**, eat breakfast, have time for fellowship and plan future activities for the next few months.

Afterwards those willing and able will go to Cynthia Sleeper's house in Quechee and build an access ramp. We will have tasks for all levels of carpentry experience and physical ability. So no special skills needed. See Tom Kahl or Peter Bickford if you have any questions or want further information.

On June 5 from 5 to 6:30 PM or sold out, we will be offering an Italian dinner with homemade sauce, meatballs, sweet sausage, tossed salad, garlic bread and homemade cookies. It will be a fixed price of \$10.00. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by sending an email to office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net or phoning the church office at 603-298-8096.

Faithfully
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC