

The Messenger

June 2009

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

What would you say has been the most exciting event in your life so far? The disciples who were gathered in the upper room at the first Pentecost would have no trouble answering that question. They would immediately tell us the story of the Holy Spirit's dramatic descent on the followers of Jesus. A great, thundering wind! Tongues of scarlet fire parting over their heads! Each person filled with the Holy Spirit! Everyone suddenly speaking in languages they had never known before! What a day that was! At Pentecost the gift of the Spirit filled the disciples with the energy and power to speak so that people from many nations could understand them. It was an event that changed the world and gave birth to the universal Church.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The game of one-upmanship can cause trouble even in religious communities. When St. Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians, they were debating about whose spiritual gifts were better. Did those who could speak in foreign tongues have a more valuable gift than those who could prophesy? The truth is revealed in the letter. All of the gifts of the Spirit are valuable. And they are all given for the common good. In the Spirit we are all made one in the Body of Christ. Whatever our different gifts, there is one God who produces them and makes us one.

John 20: 19-23

Some events are so life-changing that we have to keep going back to them in memory to grasp their true meaning. That's how it was with the gospel writers and the resurrection of Jesus. In this reading, John recalls the evening of the first Easter. Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples and gives them his peace. He breathes on them and gives them the breath of the Holy Spirit so that they have the power to forgive sins. As we know from the first reading, the Spirit would be experienced again as fire and a mighty wind at Pentecost. But whatever form the Spirit takes, his gifts are intended to bring unity and peace to the Body of Christ.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Ramos

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

June 7

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 14

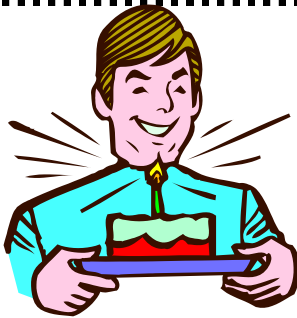
I Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 or 72
2 Corinthians 5:6-10.14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 21

I Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:33-41

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27; Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Mark 5:21-43



HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Philip Karpa</i>	3
<i>Jessica Faith Mannino</i>	4
<i>Brian Stamer</i>	7
<i>Lynette Joy Carhart</i>	9
<i>Glenn Curtin</i>	9
<i>Douglas Martinson</i>	13
<i>Dorothy Gerbounka</i>	18
<i>Kacie Ann Gmitter</i>	23

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Karen S. Karpa</i>	2
<i>Rachael Hanns</i>	4
<i>Marie Dziamba</i>	5
<i>Brian Cocco</i>	7
<i>Christina Crespo</i>	9
<i>Doris Stamer</i>	10
<i>Matthew Henel</i>	14
<i>Jeanne Henel Moore</i>	18
<i>Debbie Stamer</i>	19

<i>Kaylee Zhanna Horne</i>	24
<i>Megan Ann Stamer</i>	25
<i>Mary Jane Koslosky</i>	26
<i>Tessa Henelsmith</i>	26
<i>Debbie Gmitter Horne</i>	28
<i>Drew Hanns</i>	30

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Mary Dalziel</i>	7
<i>Bill Chavan</i>	7
<i>Jayne Schnellenberger</i>	10
<i>Allyson Schneider Blanford</i>	10
<i>Zachary Paul Blanford</i>	11
<i>Jason Schickel</i>	12
<i>Faith Halterman</i>	12
<i>Alex Crespo</i>	14
<i>Karen Brinckmann</i>	15
<i>Tyler Horsch</i>	15
<i>Travis Horsch</i>	15
<i>Jayne Bittinger Cocco</i>	16
<i>Howard Martinson</i>	18
<i>Jamilla Lashley</i>	23
<i>Mary Barnes</i>	27
<i>Gertrude Baldwin</i>	28
<i>Todd Schickel</i>	28
<i>Miriam Hanns</i>	28
<i>Elizabeth Hanns</i>	29
<i>Karen Cammarata</i>	29
<i>Beatrice Bradford</i>	29

.....and many, many more!!!
(Because this is the last Messenger until
September, we are listing all birthdays over the
summer.)

SUMMER CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will continue through June 28th to
worship at 10:00 a.m. in the church
sanctuary.
On the first Sunday in July, (July 5th) we will
begin our worship at 9:30 a.m. in air-
conditioned Aldersgate Hall until the Sunday
after Labor Day, (September 13th) when we
will return to the church sanctuary for our
winter schedule at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

LECTIONARY FOR JULY

July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10; Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 126:19; Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34,53-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 143
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

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LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST

August 2

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33; Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

August 16

I Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14; Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 23

I Kings 8:22-30,41-43; Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 30

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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THE ROBERT E. LEE CIVIL WAR
ROUNDTABLE OF CENTRAL N.J. PRESENTS
“CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND.”

August 8 & 9, 2009 at Parker Press Park, Rahway
Ave., Just off Main St., Woodbridge, N.J.
Directions in the church office. RAIN OR SHINE
FREE PARKING – FREE ADMISSION



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The last meeting of the United Methodist Women, until next Fall, will be on the 1st Tuesday of June – June 2nd. They will meet at 11:00 a.m. and will travel to Keyport and have lunch at the Cottage Inn, one of their favorite places to dine. We would like to thank Gertrude Baldwin for leading the United Methodist Women over the past six months. We would also like to thank Mildred Ebert the treasurer, and Leona Parker, secretary for continuing to serve for so many years. In September, Doris Henel will assume the position of president of the organization. She expects to have the women meet at her home on Tuesday, September 8th, the day after Labor Day. This is a week later than they usually meet but since Labor Day is a little later this year, the meeting will also be a week later. The charge for the luncheon will be \$10.00 which will be turned over to the United Methodist Women as one of their fund-raisers. We always have room for more women so come join us. We'd love to have you!

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RUMMAGE SALE – United Methodist Women
Our Spring rummage sale had to be cancelled and we have set the date for one in the Fall as follows:

- October 19, 20, 21, 22 – SET UP ANYTIME
- October 23 – OPEN TO PUBLIC - 9 TO 1 PM
- October 24 – OPEN TO PUBLIC – 9 TO 12

We can no longer set the sale up in one morning and so we are asking for help, day or night on the dates scheduled above – October 19 through 22. Items can be brought to Epworth Hall any time. More information in the Fall Messenger.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ETHEL STRAND

On Sunday, May 10th and Mother's Day, Tim Strand and his wife, Clare, hosted a 90th birthday party for his mother in Aldersgate Hall, following the 10 a.m. worship service - with some help from the United Methodist Women.

Ethel is a long-time member of our church and also of the United Methodist Women. She served for many years as the Financial Secretary of the church until she and her husband, Tom, moved to Florida. After the death of Tom, she eventually moved back to N. J. and is now living with Tim and Clare in Bloomsbury, N. J.

She looks wonderful and about 50 people enjoyed the luncheon and greeting Ethel and her family. We wish her many more "happy birthdays" and hope to see her again soon.

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PEOPLE ARE FUNNY; THEY WANT THE FRONT OF THE BUS, THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, AND THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

LINDEN HOUSE DOES IT AGAIN!!

After a very successful few days helping the Linden Free Public Library raise funds towards furnishing the inside of our new Library now being built, they are doing it again!!

A percentage of all the food that was served on April 1st, and then they included the following weekend, almost \$1,000. was turned over to the Board of Trustees of the Linden Public Library and the Friends of the Linden Library. It was a great success and everyone felt like one big family dining together for a very worthwhile cause.

Now, we ask you to reserve June 8th through June 14th, (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday). For those seven days, the Linden House will give a percentage of all money taken in to continue helping the Library.

NO COUPONS!! JUST BRING YOUR FRIENDS ANY OF THOSE DAYS FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER. YOU WILL BE HELPING THE LIBRARY- AND GETTING A GOOD MEAL, TOO!

2ND GREAT LINDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY AT THE LINDEN HOUSE
Corner of Summit Terr. & St. George Avenue, Linden
Across from the High School
MONDAY, JUNE 8th THROUGH
SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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RECENT PRAYER LIST IN SUNDAY BULLETIN

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| Leona Parker | Louis Yurinko | Sharon Lutz |
| Gertrude Baldwin | Mary Barnes | Mary Jones |
| Ginny Gibson | Rachel Hanns | Steve Lutz |
| Mycroft Laryea | Charles Lamont | Mary Miller |
| Helen Stamer | Anne Ogier | Mary Dalziel |

Please continue to pray for all of them.

BITS AND PIECES

For a number of years, Georgette Eastman, a neighbor of Louise Yurinko, was on our Prayer List. Although, she was not a member of our church she very much appreciated the prayers from our members. We were saddened to read recently in the paper that she had died on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

The viewing was held at the Werson Funeral Home with the service on May 8th at St. John the Apostle Church. Interment was at St. Gertrude's Cemetery, Colonia.

Georgette was employed as a bookkeeper by the Linden Public Library, retiring a number of years ago.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

A special "thank you" to Lourdes Kozar who has been taking so many wonderful pictures of special events in our church. Many of them are on our Web Page and we appreciate all her hard work. We were thrilled to hear on Mother's Day that Lourdes will become a grandmother – and she sure is excited about that!

She will be leaving for Brazil for a long vacation sometime in June. Have a great time, Lou!

Beatrice Bradford recently returned from a happy vacation in Ghana. Rev. Ramos was surprised to receive a telephone call from Beatrice's pastor in Ghana. He thought someone had the wrong number, but fortunately, the Ghana pastor made him understand that he had the right number and they had a nice conversation.

Beatrice will be getting married in our church on August 15, 2009.

Doris Henel's son, John, wife, Julie and twins, Nina and Alec will be arriving on June 6th for a New Jersey vacation. Only Tessa will be missing since she is staying in Denver to work this summer.

They will be having the whole family for a picnic on June 13th at Bill and Sue's house and expect Jayne, Tony and Charles Lamont to be coming from Maryland. It will be good to see them all. Jayne hopes to bring a couple of her grandchildren, also.

Congratulations to Lorraine Carhart! Her family recently gave her a 70th birthday party and everyone came!. She had a wonderful time and wonders where the year have gone! We all wonder that!!!

Good luck to Christina and Cesar Crespo (Roni and Wayne Hann's daughter) who recently purchased a new home at 639 DeWitt Street.

Marie Dziamba had a wonderful month long vacation in Texas, staying with her sister. Many members of the family came from all over to join together for a real celebration. Michael Dziamba. Marie's son, flew down to join them the last week of Marie's vacation and then flew home with her when they returned to New Jersey. She is still talking about the good times and the many laughs they all had.

Jeanne (Henel) and Rob Moore's son, Andrew, was recently elected to the National Honor Society. He's a junior in High School and keeps busy playing in the band and working towards his Eagle Award in Boy Scouts. Brother Zachary just returned from finishing his first year in college.

Ida Peralta is spending a couple weeks in the Philippines where she still has family. We miss her in the choir, but know she is having a wonderful time and we'll hear about it when she returns.

Congratulations to the new officers of the United Methodist Church Board of Trustees. Donald Beyer was elected President and Tom Henel, Secretary. Good luck, to both.

After May 31st when we will have a number of people joining the church, we will put together a new telephone and mailing list. Many have been asking for a new list, and it should be available sometime in June. They will be at the back of the sanctuary so that you can pick one up on Sundays. If you don't get one, please get in touch with the church secretary and she will see that you receive it. (Doris Henel – 486-5571)

NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Lorraine Carhart is our delegate to the Annual Conference and her husband, Bob, is our Alternate. Rev. Ramos, along with most of the other Methodist pastors always attend the Conference. This year it will be May 28, 29, and 30th, at Valley Forge, Pa. It is difficult to find a place in New Jersey that can hold all the people that attend our annual conference.

We always look forward to an interesting report from our delegate and to hear how many of our previous ministers she saw at the conference.

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REV. RAMOS GOES ON VACATION

When Rev. Ramos returns from the Annual Conference, he and his wife will be leaving on vacation on Monday, June 1st. and return will return on July 1st, just in time to start our 9:30 a.m. worship services in Aldersgate Hall on July 5th. We hope they have a nice vacation and get some well-deserved rest.

He has made arrangements for each Sunday that he is gone, so we will be well taken care of. If you have an emergency or have need for a pastor, please contact Lorraine Carhart, Lay Leader, 925-4865, or Doris Henel, Church Secretary, 486-5571.

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A NEW TIME SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS

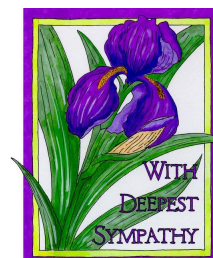
At the recent Administrative Council meeting on Wednesday evening, May 13th, a motion was made that all committees will have their meetings at a time that suits the members of that committee – during the day, or evening, in church or at home. They will keep a record of what was discussed and at the Administrative Council meeting, report about the committee meeting.

A motion was also made to have Administrative Council meetings quarterly instead of monthly. This is one of the recommendations of the Methodist Book of Discipline. The dates they will meet are

the 2nd Wednesday of MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Reminders will be in the Messenger, the Sunday bulletin and on the Web Page. You will have lots of notice about the Council meeting and we hope that all members of committees and chairpersons will attend these four meetings a year. Both motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

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IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND IT TO THE SECRETARY SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE THE MESSENGER THROUGH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. IT WILL SAVE US ALL MONEY. (Send the information through the Web Page - umclinden.org. or Doris Henel, 486-5571)
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For those that remember the many years gone by to the time of the Kum Double Club with many young couples in it and our church being served by Rev. Vern Jensen – we bring back some memories - from the 60's.

Recently in the paper there was a death of a Mrs. Elizabeth Dayer who was survived by her son Howard "Bud" Dayer and his wife, Carol. Those that remember and were in the Club will recall Bud and Carol with fond memories and lots of fun times. Gertrude Baldwin and Doris Henel went to the Werson Funeral Home and renewed old acquaintances with Bud and Carol who were thrilled to think they had been remembered.

It was a great visit and lots of old friends were remembered and many joyous times recalled.

MAY 31ST IS A SPECIAL DAY! (PENTECOST)

Not only is it Pentecost Sunday (don't forget to wear RED) but also it is the day that we will be celebrating new members joining our church – and a CONFIRMATION CLASS also completing their lessons with the pastor and becoming full members of our church family.

The following CONFIRMATION CLASS consists of:

Tyler and Travis Horsch, twin brothers, and children of Ralph & Paula Horsch, and grandsons of Vera & the late Ralph Horsch.

707 McCandless Pl., Linden

Telephone:

Chris Beyer, son of Louise (Parker) and Donald Beyer and beloved relative of all the Parker family members.

421 Miner Terr., Linden

Telephone:

Gissela Marie Roberts, daughter of Cathy Roberts Truppo and stepfather, Michael Truppo.

421 Miner Terr. Linden (2nd floor)

Telephone:

We welcome these four young people into our church family. They are already an important part of our church and we are pleased to greet them as new members.

We are also pleased to welcome the following people into our church fellowship:

Pauline Agumba, 15 E. Price St., Linden

Telephone:

Claudette & William Harty – 717 Washington Ave., Linden Telephone:

Pamela Humphries – 542 E. Blancke St., Linden

Telephone:

Elizabeth Marosi – 718 W. Blancke St., Linden

Telephone:

Joanne Marosi – 718 W. Blancke St., Linden

Telephone:

Carlos H. Jimenez – 718 W. Blancke St., Linden

Kathie Horsch – 713 McCandless Place, Linden Telephone:

Kathie first joined the church on 4/15/62 and is reinstating her membership today

Rev. Dr. Robert Costello, District Superintendent will be preaching on May 31st and we will be meeting together with El Redentor UMC since they will also be taking in new members.

Following the worship service, everyone will then go into Aldersgate Hall for a covered dish luncheon as we celebrate and welcome our new church members.

PLEASE BE SURE AND BRING A COVERED DISH (anything you like to make) THAT CAN BE PUT ON THE FOOD TABLE AND SHARED BY EVERYONE. FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR CHURCH MEMBERS AND BY EL REDENTOR MEMBERS. BOTH CHURCHES WILL SHARE IN SERVING AND CLEANING UP AT THE END OF THE LUNCHEON.

DURING THE SUMMER

Over the summer, the church secretary will be putting together a Messenger that will be sent out the end of August, with a reminder of all the things that are starting up in the Fall and the dates for each event. If you have plans for the Fall, please be sure that the secretary (Doris Henel –486-5571) has the information so that it can be listed in the coming Messenger.

The secretary stops officially working the last Sunday in June (June 28th) and will resume her duties the day after Labor Day (Sept. 8th)

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ALTHOUGH IT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE & MEMBERSHIP LIST AVAILABLE IN JUNE, WE NOW FIND THAT IT WILL BE READY BY MAY 31ST.

THEY WILL BE AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

JUNE, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00-Board of Trustees (B. Carhart, B. Losyk, J. Stamer, J. Valdez, T. Henel, W. Hanns) <u>Minister on Vacation</u> 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	2 11:00 am – United Methodist Women Lunch at Cottage Inn 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	3 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	4 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	5	6 9:30-1:30 – Fencing School
7 8:30-Choir Rehearsal 10:00-Church School 10:00-Worship Service <u>Scholarships Presented</u>	8 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	9 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	10 <u>No Adm. Council</u> <u>this month</u> <u>Committees can meet</u> <u>anytime</u> 4:30-9:30 Fencing School	11 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	12	13 9:30-1:30 – Fencing School Aldersgate Hall Reserved – Ida Peralta
14 8:30-Choir Rehearsal 10:00-Church School 10:00-Worship Service	15 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	16 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	17 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	18 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	19	20 9:30-1:30- Fencing School
21 8:30-Choir Rehearsal 10:00-Church School 10:00-Worship Service	22 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	23 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	24 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	25 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	26	27
28 10:00-Church School 10:00-Worship Service LAST SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY Next Sunday in Aldersgate Hall at 9:30	29	30				