

Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
Day of Pentecost / Golden Cross Sunday:
May 19, 2024



PRELUDE Adagio *by Khachaurian*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY Jeramy Walsh
Schmitt Woodland Hills

OPENING LITANY

Pastor: Lord, as we worship today on Pentecost Sunday,
give us a vision.

People: Awaken our hearts and minds. Energize our
spirits and our bodies. Move us with the power
of your Spirit.

Pastor: Fill us all with your great Good News.

People: Bring us healing and peace. Bring us wisdom
and justice. Bring true and lasting freedom to
all your people, everywhere.

Pastor: Through the glorious power of your Holy Spirit,

let all our senses be opened anew.

People: Let us see, hear, smell, touch and taste the
kingdom of Heaven right here in our lives, in
this church, and the world around us.

Pastor: In the name of the risen Christ we open ourselves
to all you have to give us and all you may ask of
us today. And to this, all God's people say:

People: Amen!

***HYMN** *Breathe On Me Breath of God* 420

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** for Pentecost

We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with
us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness
upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out
refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the
world.

This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of
God and the promise of eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Worship Music Song *by deSermisy*

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Individual

Pastoral

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN *Spirit Song* 347

WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Scripture Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Power

***HYMN** *O Spirit of the Living God* 539

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Prelude #1 *by J.S. Bach*

Hymn Leaders: Rosanne Knower, Connie Frye,
Kathy Schwinefus

Pianist/Organist: Shirley Steiner

Scripture Reader: Paul Knower

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Prayer: O God, help me to capture the wind of the Holy Spirit in my sails, that I might be able to help others draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 19 **Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.**
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m. – Last Sunday till Fall
Golden Cross Sunday/Pentecost Sunday
RCHS Baccalaureate: 7:30 p.m.
High school auditorium
- 20 Ad Council Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – Library
- 21 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
- 22 Newsletter deadline: Noon
- 23 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library

Upcoming Events:

- 26 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library.
- 30 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library

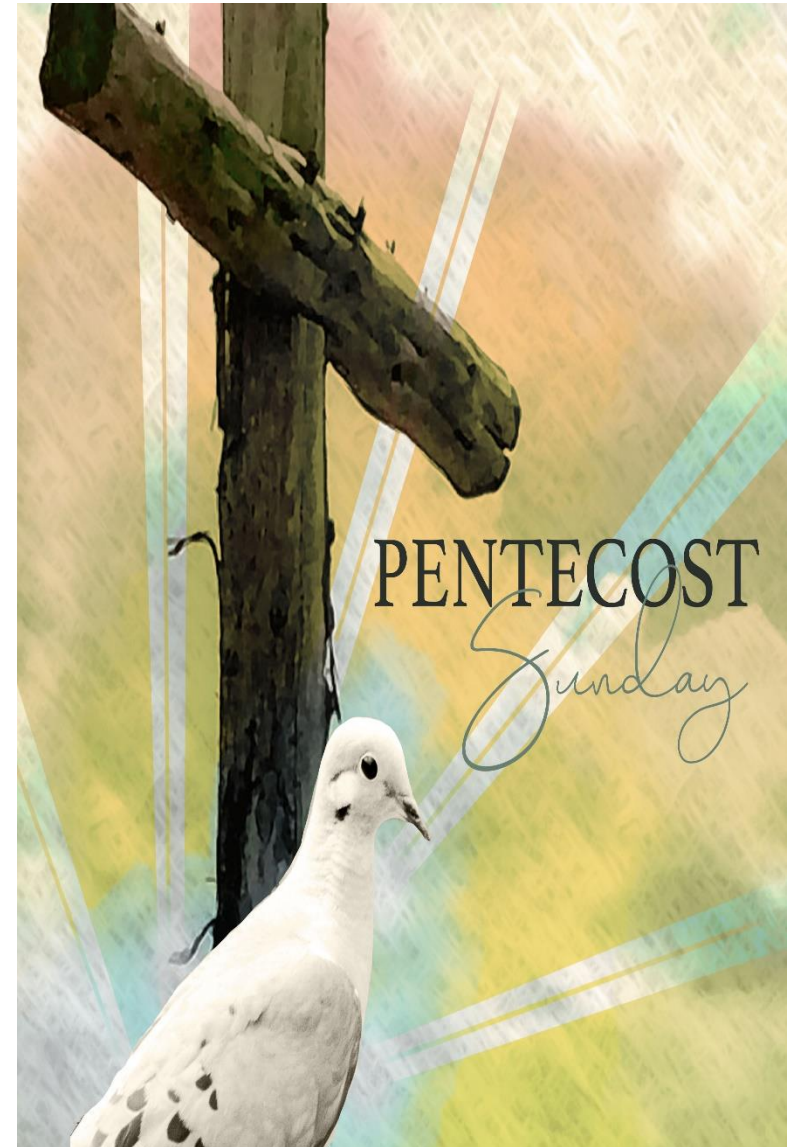


| May Birthdays | | May Anniversaires | |
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| Chris Storer | 5/1 Millie Koehn | 5/17 Leonard & Connie Frye | 5/16 |
| Betty Boeing | 5/3 Gabriel Tjossem | 5/17 Gregg & Deanna Gochenaur | 5/18 |
| Jill Sommer | 5/3 Gavin Tjossem | 5/17 Tim & Michelle Woodman | 5/23 |
| Carolyn Freeman | 5/4 Hadlee Jo Wilmot | | 5/18 |
| Barb Shannon | 5/4 Dave Foley | | 5/20 |
| Eiko Subera | 5/12 Al Marshall | | 5/23 |
| Chris Shannon | 5/14 Peg Moser (102) | | 5/26 |
| Nicholas Hodge | 5/16 Katherine Hall | | 5/27 |
| Mandy Brewer | 5/17 Gregg Gochenaur | | 5/29 |



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR
 HOSPITALITY HOST
 Many thanks to Joan Bethke for
 hosting coffee hour today

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Pentecost
May 19th to November 17th

Fifty years after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pente-cost, the Christian Church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

²"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violet wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:2-4 NIV)

As the wind and fire descended as sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power"(verse 11). "No wonder Luke wrote, All were amazed and perplexed saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'"

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember the powerful event as the birthday of the church.

Peace with Justice:
May 26, 2024

From Despair to Hope

Today our work is or unprecedented genocide, poverty, hunger, and global Saddened by the world, overwhelmed by these problems, and about the future, we calls us and equips respond.



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Harsh economic conditions have made it impossible for the world's poor to break the ongoing cycle of despair and exploitation. The disparity between rich and poor has grown. Global financial improvement has not affected many of those living on the margins of society.

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world.. We will celebrate Peace with Justice when all people have access to adequate jobs, housing, education, food, health care, income support, and clean water. We will further celebrate when there is no more economic exploitation, war, political oppression, and cultural domination.



The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will not meet in June, July or August. Their last Tuesday meeting will be May 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Golden Cross Sunday May 19, 2024



By making a contribution to the Golden Cross Sunday, you are making a difference in the lives of our senior neighbors through our connection as United Methodist but more importantly through our connection as Christians. We need your help in making life better for our great generation.

Annual conferences now use the funds in a variety of ways:

1. Emergency medical assistance for individuals
2. Support for church-related health institutions.
3. Support for after school care for children.
4. Purchase of equipment for youth ministry.
5. Scholarships for students purchasing health related careers.
6. Support of a residence for alcohol rehabilitation.
7. Advocacy education programs for emerging critical health concerns.

Each long-term healthcare ministry receives 50% of the offerings received from our district (*Schmitt Woodland Hills*). The remainder is distributed to the Conference for their various related programs.

Your donations help make ends meet in emergency situations and help to bring the extra activities to the communities. Make a contribution or volunteer today!

One of those ways is through **Golden Cross Sunday on May 19th**.



General Announcements



There will be no more choir practices till next fall. There will be from time to time, special music during our worship services.



Baccalaureate Service

Richland Center's Baccalaureate is tonight at 7:30 in the High school auditorium.

Save The Date!
RC-UMC Ice Cream Social
June 19, 2024
from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Sign-up sheets are in the
Narthex.



A BIG THANK YOU to Shirley Steiner for filling in for Jennifer Hall today on the organ/piano.