

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> 9:00 Study	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Grad Day 9:00 Study 6:00 Service at the Oaks	12	13 7:00 Martha At Janet Lowes	14	15	16	17 Ray Watts Me- morial 2 pm
18 Father's Cay 9:00 Study	<b>19</b> 11:00 Garden Club 6 SK Board	20	21	22 11:30 Wild Bunch	23	24
25 9:00 Study	26	27	28	29	30	





### **CHURCH EVENTS**





#### From Pastor David ...

I have been grateful for the opportunity to walk these weeks with you all. I'm gradually coming to learn some of your names, know and appreciate some of the stories important to you, and gain some sense of the rhythm of life pulsing within Lebanon First Christian Church.

I am now looking toward my next three Sundays with you all before departing for the Midwest to be with Shari in her Doctor of Ministry program at Phillips Theological Seminary, visit with many family and friends in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana, and participate in this year's General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis on July 8-12. I believe each and every day of life marks a unique opportunity never to be repeated, and these next three Sundays are no exception. I aim for them to be as helpful and useful to you all as they can possibly be (that's my intention anyway).

#### In brief, I will talk about:

How breathing deeply of the Holy Spirit can make genuine differences in our lives (June 4, Pentecost Sunday)

- Tools and ways we can be *true to our selves*, *true* to one another, and true to God when we seriously disagree about things that are important to us (June 11)
- Ways we can be true to God and Jesus by literally practicing the things Jesus continues to teach us (June 18, Fathers Day)

(For those who might be interested, I offer more detail (on page 2)

As the sun rises and sets each day of June, may you be aware of God's presence with you, and



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God's love for you, those around you, and for the world.

David ()

#### **Getting to Know Your Elders**

I have always been fascinated with storms. As a child, I remember opening curtains and sitting on the bed to experience the thunder, lightning, wind and rain as it moved through the stand of trees outside. To this day, I have been known to stand tall, close my eyes and spread my arms in a stiff wind.

I can only imagine the storm of Pentecost: wind and fire and perfect communication! Imagine the Breath of GOD moving among the gathering. Imagine the Spirit's fire of energy and enthusiasm touching hearts and souls. Imagine communication so perfect it is almost clairvoyant.

After 40+ years of marriage, I sometimes think Mike and I communicate with smoke signals and a 2 year old vocabulary. However, the Bible says the Pentecost gathering was talking about the works and majesty of GOD. Maybe we need to change the topic of our communication.

Hmmm, maybe to celebrate Pentecost, each of us could:

-Open our curtains to awe and wonder. -Reach out to feel the wind, power and fire. -Center our thoughts and words on the majesty and works of GOD.

Wear the color red for Pentecost! See you Sunday!

Sheryl Kizer

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## **Congratulations Grads!**

We will be honoring our Graduates on June 11, 2017

Makenna Slavenski will be graduating from Lebanon High School. Chloe Chambers has received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Pacific University.

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#### For Sunday, June 4 –

This date marks *Pentecost Sunday*, the fiftieth day after Jesus' resurrection. I will be talking about "Resuscitated," based primarily upon Genesis 1:24-28 and 2:4-7, and Acts 2:1-13, while also bringing in Ezekiel 37:1-3 and the story that follows.

After Jesus had taught his disciples for forty days following his resurrection, he said to them, "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven" (Luke 24:49). Well, his disciples did exactly that, and as it turned out, it was just about ten days they waited.

Just as Jesus did then, I believe God and the Holy Spirit are aiming to do the very same work today with each new generation of disciples. What might that look like, for God's people to once again breathe deeply of the breath of life? What might it look like for Lebanon First Christian Church to be filled anew with the Holy Spirit?

We'll be exploring that question on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

#### For Sunday, June 11 –

"But What About When We Disagree?" In this message rooted in Romans 14:1-6, 20-23, I aim to take a really practical look at tools and ways that we can we can be true to our selves, true to one another, and true to God when we seriously disagree about things that are important to us. In this scripture, early followers of Jesus in Rome found themselves deeply divided around what day to worship, and whether or not to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols. What issues deeply divide us today, and how would Paul's words to Jesus' followers in Rome apply in our divisions?

#### For Sunday, June 18 -

"Building Our Houses . . . on the Rock" builds upon Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 7:24-27 as we remember **Fathers Day**. Many (though maybe not all) have heard or sung the song, "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock." In this message, I will say that I grew up thoroughly enjoying that song, and believing that the rock was Jesus, Jesus himself.

However, in Jesus' own words in the story, the rock seems to be more about hearing Jesus' words and practicing them (7:24). So on this Fathers Day, I'll invite us all (including myself) to look at some of Jesus' words, and think about what it would look like to practice them in our everyday lives. My hope would be that in so doing, we will be better able to stand more rock-solid when the rain falls, the floods come, and the winds of life blow and beat against the houses of our lives. Even more, that life's storms will not be able to prevail against Lebanon First Christian Church!

**NEW ADDRESS** Gloria Bernhard has moved to Kalispell, Montana. Her address 212 Merganser Dr.



**Memorial Service for Ray Watts** 

June 17, 2017 2:00 PM **First Christian Church** Lebanon, OR



Sheryl Kizer for designing and making the window treatments in the office. They are perfect! And thank you, Mike Kizer for installing them. Thank you both for the Tree of Life hanging in the Conference Room. AND

Thank you both for the wonderful picnic you hosted on May 28, 2017. Delicious food and great fellowship with the church family.

# ENTION PAREN

Don't miss this opportunity to send your child to one of the church camps being offered this summer. We have several full ride scholarships available and are anxious to see our young people take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

Eric Free who was our Youth Pastor for several years will be one of the camp counselors this year. If you are interested and want more information, please call the office @ 541-258-5911.

See camp schedule to the right.



#### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Ruth Moss Millie Patterson Arlene Breckel Vila Adkins Myke Eggert Curt Prosa Mike Kizer Mary Lee Howell Natalie Ward Dorothy Love Jesse LeSeur Grace Johnson Flightner Family August Flieshman Dennis Stover Jacob Marmer Patti Smith Blanche Glaub Diana Johnson Robert Maxwell Cal Landon David Buyer Tom Chenail Patricia Heckman Miriam Swanson, Shari Howard James Lenfesty

Mariam Swanson Gloria Barnstead Rachel Dunn **Donna Primasing** Penny Sealy Tim Ireland

#### **Service People:**

Spc. Coury Gagne, Marine Capt. Pete Brawn Sgt. Scot Noss Cpt. Tory Petersen 1st Lt. Kellen Peterson Sgt. Ethan Spurr Sgt. Daniel Campbell

**Pray for our** 

Church, our Ministers, the Soup Kitchen. Kim and Erik Free and their ministry and our Regional Ministers.

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in



