

May PRESBY-NOTES

May 2026

It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice to know Christ, to make Christ known, and to exhibit Christ's love through worship, education, and service.

The Holy Spirit

As the church moves toward Pentecost, we find ourselves standing at a threshold moment in the life of faith—a moment when something quiet and uncertain becomes bold and alive. Pentecost is not simply a story about what happened long ago; it is a reminder that God is still at work, still breathing life into the church, still moving among us in ways both seen and unseen.

In the book of Acts, we read that the disciples were gathered together when the Holy Spirit came upon them like a rushing wind and tongues of fire (Acts 2:1–4). It is a dramatic and unforgettable scene. Yet what makes Pentecost so powerful is not only the spectacle, but the transformation. Fear gives way to courage. Silence gives way to proclamation. A small, uncertain group becomes a Spirit-filled community sent into the world.

The Holy Spirit is often the most mysterious person of the Trinity. We speak more easily about God the Creator or Jesus the Son, but the Spirit can feel harder to define. Scripture offers us images rather than simple explanations: wind, fire, breath, advocate, comforter. These are not precise definitions—they are

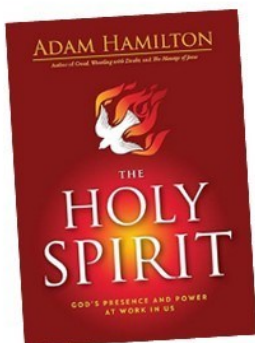


invitations. They point us toward an experience of God that is dynamic, present, and deeply personal.

The Spirit is the presence of God with us and within us. The Spirit comforts us in times of grief, nudges us toward compassion, and calls us into deeper faithfulness. The Spirit is at work when we find the courage to forgive, when we are moved to serve, when we sense God's peace in the midst of uncertainty. The Spirit does not remove us from the challenges of life but meets us within them, guiding

and sustaining us.

This Pentecost, we are invited not only to remember that first outpouring of the Spirit, but to ask where the Spirit is moving now. Where is God stirring something new among us? Where might we be called to step forward in faith, even when we feel unprepared? Pentecost reminds us that the church was never meant to stand still. It was born in movement, in energy, in the power of God's Spirit working through ordinary people.



As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 24, our congregation will also have an opportunity to explore this theme more deeply. The adult Sunday School class will be studying *The Holy Spirit* by Adam Hamilton. In this accessible and thoughtful book, Hamilton invites readers to better understand the role of the Spirit in Scripture and in our daily lives. It is a chance not only to learn, but to reflect, to ask questions, and to become more attentive to how God is at work within us and around us.

Pentecost is not just about what happened in Jerusalem. It is about what continues to happen wherever God's people gather with open hearts. The same Spirit that empowered the early church is present with us today—guiding, encouraging, and calling us forward.

So as we approach this holy day, perhaps the question is not simply, "What is the Holy Spirit?" but rather, "Where is the Spirit inviting me to go?" Because the story of Pentecost is still being written—in the life of the church, and in each of us. **Please join us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.**

*Wednesdays in Lent were enjoyed by those who attended.

*The JOYS salad and sandwich luncheon on Palm Sunday raised \$271.00

*The remaining Wilma Huff paintings that were not bid will be offered to the Beatrice Art Club.

*Sweet Dreams Ministry delivered beds #107 and #108.

*The spring gathering for PW is April 25th in York they are collecting eyeglasses and cases.

*The next stated meeting is May 18, 2026, at 6:45pm



Verna Tubbs; Connie Dake; Diane Mayer; Gayle Eskra; Gary Higgins;
and Deb Bishop.

Also: Shannon Fanning; Steve Arneal; Hope Johns (Maxie Arneal's great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank's sister); Janet Parde; Alyssa Lock (Kristin Jurgens' granddaughter); and Jodee Bolli (Jesse & Betsy's sister-in-law).

A large, vibrant poster for Pentecost. It features a white dove with its wings spread, flying over a wooden cross. The background is a warm, golden-orange color with abstract, swirling patterns. The word 'Pentecost' is written in a large, elegant, white script font. Below it, the text 'Join us at 10:30 AM on May 24 at First Presbyterian Church' and 'Please wear orange, red, or both!' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a quote from Acts 1:8 is displayed in a white, serif font.

Pentecost
Join us at 10:30 AM on May 24 at First Presbyterian Church
Please wear orange, red, or both!
"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"
Acts 1:8

Our next Presbyterian Women's meeting has been moved to May 28th, 2016. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church for Bible Study. We are on chapter 9, *When You Are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus*.



After the Bible Study we will go have lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Ironwood Grille at the Beatrice Country Club.

All women are invited to attend either or both activities.

Renee Jones
Moderator



From the Outreach and Evangelism committee:

Warren's Table will be served at the Episcopal Church on May 5th. If anyone is able to help, come around 4:30-5 pm.

Plan to attend the fall picnic on Sunday, August 9th. The Homestead Harmonizers will be singing at church and all are invited to attend the meal in the fellowship hall.

60 pairs of glasses were taken to the Spring PW meeting in York. Thank you to all who donated.



Sunday School for children and youth will finish on May 3. It will resume in September.



Ardyth Orwen	3
Sharon Langvardt	9
Bert Wolter	22
Julie Hay	24

A banner for "LUNCH BUNCH" featuring a background of crumpled blue paper with a silver fork and spoon crossed over it. The text "PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN" is at the top, "LUNCH BUNCH" is in large white letters, and "Join us on Thursday, May 28, at 11:30 A.M. at Ironwood Grille" is at the bottom.

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