

# Good News from St. John's

June 2022

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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## Pentecost-The Birth of the Church

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and instructed them for 40 days, after which he ascended to heaven. While with them, he said: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." That first baptism of the Spirit would be the birthday of the church.

According to Acts 2:1-21, the Church came into being on the day of Pentecost. As the disciples were fasting and praying in an upper room in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in a violent rushing wind that was heard throughout the city. Small flames of fire rested upon their heads, and they began to speak in other languages. The disciples now had a complete message, an empowered mission and purpose, and a unity that came from beyond them; they had become the church, an entity that would eventually be measured in billions.

Pentecost is a day for Baptisms, Confirmations and Evangelism. We celebrate it on this one day, but for the rest of the Church year, until Advent, the Sunday's are known as Sunday's after Pentecost. The purest meaning of Pentecost is that of a time of renewal for Christian believers. There is a renewed focus on evangelism, empowerment from the Holy Spirit, deeper intimacy with God, and fellowship. For Christians, the celebration of Pentecost imparts faith, hope, a sharing community, and an awareness of a purpose much greater than themselves.

The color for Pentecost Sunday is Red—a color of fire and zeal and passion and heat. The hangings and vestments will be Red and **everyone is encouraged to wear red, in person and those from your homes on Sunday June 5, 2022.**

Mother Sharon



### **A Brief History of Father's Day**

Father's Day, celebrated on the United States on the third Sunday of June, got a jump start from the formation of Mother's Day.

It was during a Mother's Day church service on June 20, 1909, that Sonora Smart Dodd was struck with the idea of creating a special holiday to honor fathers, too.

Because of his love and esteem, Sonora believed her father deserved a special time of honor just like that given to mothers on Mother's Day. In 1909, Sonora approached the Spokane YMCA and the Ministerial Alliance and suggested that a day be set aside for fathers.

The first Father's Day was thus observed in the State of Washington on June 19, 1910. The idea of officially celebrating fatherhood spread quickly across the United States, as more and more states adopted the holiday.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge recognized Father's Day as the third Sunday in June of that year and encouraged states to do the same. Congress officially recognized Father's Day in 1956 with the passage of a joint resolution.

Ten years later, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation calling for the third Sunday in June to be recognized as Father's Day. In 1972, President Richard Nixon permanently established the observance of the third Sunday in June as Father's Day in the United States.

Sonora Smart Dodd lived to see her idea come to fruition. She died in 1978 at the ripe old age of 96.

Mother Sharon

### **Trinity Sunday**

Trinity Sunday commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than an event or person. On Trinity Sunday we remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost.

The Trinity is one of the most fascinating—and controversial—Christian dogmas. The Trinity is a mystery, a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith.

The Trinity is best described in the Nicene Creed. The Son is said to be eternally begotten of the Father, while the Holy Spirit is said to proceed from the Father through the Son. Each member of the Trinity interpenetrated one another, and each has distinct roles in creation and redemption.

In celebrating the persons of the Holy Trinity, we celebrate a relationship, beginning with the communion of three Persons within the Godhead, and expanding to the relationship between the Triune God and all of creation. Trinity Sunday celebrates the encounter of the eternal God with humankind both in and beyond time.

Another attempt to explain the doctrine of the Trinity and reinforce the belief in it is found in the Athanasian Creed found on page 864 in the Book of Common Prayer. The English Book of Common prayer directed it to be said on 19 occasions, including Trinity Sunday. However, today it is very rarely said in any Anglican/Episcopal Church. If you look it up, and see how long it is, you will see

why it is not said as part of a regular Sunday service today.

It becomes clear that the real point of the doctrine of the Trinity, and thus the celebration of Trinity Sunday, is about relationships and thus about unity—God became man in order that man might become God, he in us and we in him.

Mother Sharon

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting  
April 11, 2022**

Present: Carrie Tierney, Verlyn Bolinger, Bess StoneBolinger, Candy Scarborough, Jupe Allen and Mother Sharon.

Absent: Martha Stone, Karla Cox.

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from John 12:1-11.

Treasurer's Report:

We are \$120 ahead on pledges. The transaction and budget reports were reviewed. The report was approved.

Old Business:

We are providing salad and bread for the Holy Week lunch on Wednesday. We are partnering with the First Christian Church.

The work is complete refurbishing the cabinet in the old sacristy.

New Business:

The Bishop is visiting May 15 and will officiate the service. A member of Epiphany, Independence will

be received during the service. A reception will follow the service.

Alex Meister will receive the Dorothy Trieber Scholarship upon his graduation from Labette County High School. A reception will be held at the church May 22.

Church camp was discussed and due to several members and potential members attending, it was proposed to use the Undesignated Funds to help defray the cost of the camp for those attending.

Assessment:

Minutes from the March 14, 2022, meeting were approved.

Vicar's Report: Planning to attend the Christm Mass.

Wardens:

Senior: No report.

Junior: No report.

Discernment:

Worship & Music: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Communications: No report.

Education: Children's: A community service project is being planned at Curious Minds.

Adult: The Lenten Study is complete and went well.

Stewardship: No report.

Planned Giving: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Altar Guild: Need to meet Wednesday to set up the Altar of repose and Saturday to set up for Easter.

Endowment: Balance as of March 31, 2022, was \$97,455.38.

ECW: No report.

Next meeting, Monday May 9, 2022, at 5:30.

A prayer by Mother Sharon concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupe Allen,  
Clerk



### Treasurer's Report

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.  
Treasurer – St. John's Episcopal Church



### Prayer List

#### Our prayers have been asked for:

Teresa, Jim, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Janie, Wuanita, Jeffrey, Boo, Jane, Regina, Bretten, Richard, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Alan, Kay, Lorrie, Addlee, Jon, Josh, Vickie, Randy, Tommey, Keyandria, Bill, John & family, Special needs children their families and caregivers, Les, Mark, Priscilla, Jennifer, Jaden, Kelle, Michelle, Barb and the Wulf family, Keith, Lu, Olive, Matthew, Lakin, Trevor, Lora, Lincoln, Jennifer, Ray and family, Jenn, Jill, Arthur, those with and those recovering from Covid-19 and their families, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, all

clergy in the Southeast Convocation especially, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and first responders, the men & women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served.

### Those who have died:



### June Birthdays

12 Mark Chambers  
27 Candy Scarborough



### June Anniversaries:

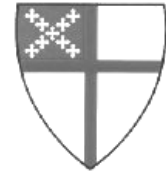
2 Carolyn Adams  
4 Sharon Billman  
5 Brad & Senta Meister  
16 Bob & Connie Spinks

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# St. John's Episcopal Church

## JUNE 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Mother in Office	3 Mother's day off	4
<b>5 The Day of Pentecost</b> Holy Communion 9:30 am	6	7	8	9 Mother in Office	10 Mother's day off	11
<b>12 The First Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	13 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	14 Newsletter Deadline	15	16 Mother in Office	17 Mother's day off	18
<b>19 The Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> Morning Prayer and Sunday School 9:30 am	20	21	22	23 Mother in Office  Worship & Music 5:30 pm	24 Mother's day off	25
<b>26 The Third Sunday After Pentecost</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	27	28	29	30		

# St. John's June 2022 Schedule

	06/05/22	06/12/2022	Morning Prayer 06/19/2022	06/26/2022	
<b>Officiant</b>	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Daria Condon	Mother Sharon	
<b>Lector</b>	Mark Chambers	Alice Miller	Jill Chambers	Jupe Allen	
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Verlyn Bolinger	Martha Stone	None	Joe Stone	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alex, Sidni Karla, Tim, Verlyn	Karla, Brody, Elsa	Tim	Karla	
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	None	Daria Condon	None	None	
<b>Greeters</b>	Tom Tanner & David Bamburger	Alice Miller	TBA	Candy Scarborough	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Pentecost	Mark & Jill Chambers	TBA	TBA	
<b>Counters</b>	Vestry Members				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bess Stone-Bolinger				