



WESTERN SPIRE

MAY 2021

Acts 10:44-48. Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

When Peter recognized that the Spirit was blessing not just the Jewish followers of Jesus, but Gentiles as well, he proclaimed it loud and clear. There is no confusion for those first followers in the book of Acts: all are invited to God’s community. This sounds like a new song for both Judaism and early Christianity but reach back and remember that the first creation was for all of the earth and all of its peoples. Throughout the ancient psalms, “all the earth” is invited to sing praise to God - all peoples, all creatures, and even the earth itself. This interconnected understanding of creation and humanity expands love beyond the walls of our homes and our churches to invite any and all to the waters of baptism, to the blessings of the Spirit, to the love of God, to the family of love, and to grateful praise for God who creates and blesses us all.

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship.

Whisper your song of love in our hearts,

that love may flow through every word we hear,

every thought we think,

every word we speak,

and every song we sing.

Spirit of power and grace, abide in us,

that we may abide in your love

and proclaim your song of love for all. Amen.

Notes from Session

We are at the start of a new chapter in our church life. Kyle led his last service with us on April 25th. It was a wonderful service. Having the baptism of Lula Ann Trombino was a wonderful way to end his time with us. Worship shared a prayer to thank Kyle and send him on his way. Fellowship presented him with a scrapbook full of pictures of his time with us. After a collection of funds from the congregation we were able to give him \$1,000.00 to help with any transition expenses.

Session will continue to do the work of the church. We will be working with Reverend Carol Wilson, retired from Canandaigua. Pastor Carol will be the moderator for our session meetings. I reached out to the Committee on Ministry at Presbytery to see what our next steps will be. We hope to hire an interim minister in the next few months. I should receive more information on this after the COM meets next week. We will keep everyone up to date as we move through the process.

The Finance Team will be holding a meeting with a representative from Howe & Rusling, the company that handles our investments. The meeting will be May 20th at 7 pm. It is open to any church member. If you have questions or just want to understand our investments, please feel free to join us.

If any of you have questions, feel free to ask any session member. We will do our best to get you answers.

Janet Manktelow

Clerk

Thursday, May 6th is the National Day of Prayer. Please take time to pray for our church, our country, our world, and all that is important to you.

Also, please check the church's Face Book page daily, throughout the month of May. There will be a new prayer each day that has been taken from our own favorite prayers in the "You Are in My Prayers" booklet.

May all the voices of Western Presbyterian Church be one voice united in prayer.

From your friends on the Worship Team.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

ONE NATION UNDER GOD, ONE VOICE UNITED IN PRAYER

Eternal God, before your nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither by your design. If we have turned from you, return us to your way, for without you we are a lost people.

Show us there is no law or liberty apart from you. Give our leaders and decision makers at every level the courage to work for the good of the nation and the people they serve, putting aside selfish agendas. Help them to hear your voice.

Please teach us peace so that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools. Teach us to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love. Talk sense to us so that we may wisely end every kind of prejudice and cruelty, which divides our human family.

Help us to serve you as devoted people. Show us how to serve those in our communities who are hungry, distressed, and lonely. Help us to discern their needs and to take loving action for your glory.

Prince of Peace, draw us together as one people who do your will, so that our land may be a light to other nations, leading the way to your promised kingdom which is coming among us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Make Crocodile Dock your home for a week of VBS Fun!!

Location: Western Presbyterian Church

(In cooperation with the Palmyra Reformed church)

The adventure will run:

August 2nd – 6th, 2021

Bayou fun begins at: 9:00 am

Bayou fun ends at: 11:30 am

Ages: 3years old-6th grade Cost: Free!

We are excited to offer Crocodile Dock VBS in-person this summer. Preregistration is required so we can follow social distancing requirements.

Contact office@wpreschurch.org for a registration form.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	Courtney Marr
May 3	Emily McFarlane
May 8	James McFarlane
May 10	Cim McFarlane
May 15	Sue Moak
May 19	Cherokee Lane
May 24	Philip Opdycke
May 31	John Dobson IV

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1	David & Patti Squier
May 5	Tom & Alicia Lynch
May 6	Scott & Wendi Lynch-Gagliano
May 16	David & Elizabeth Lewis
May 23	Gary & Pam Hughes
May 30	Peter & Irene Fadden

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!

Our Prayer Concerns (updated April 28, 2021)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of George Dunn (requested by Pastor Kyle and Elena)

Family & Friends of Marie McGory (requested by Sandy McMenamin)

Family & Friends of Myrtle Lasher (requested by Ray and Sharon Marr)

Family & Friends of Robert “Andy” Sloan (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of Betsy Goodwin (requested by the Deacons)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

Jeffrey Bavis, AJ Bliss, Cody Bullock, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Patrick Magno, Josh Polli, Dylan Smith, Adam Stephens, Adam VanNatta, Shod Williams

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Wes Barager, Brenda, John Davis, Ian Guest, Janet Haigh, Bill Hassler, Bobby Haurand, Judy Humphrey, Christine Stachecki Johanness, Ed Kasperwicz, Rev. Patience Kisakye, Samantha Knight, Elizabeth Lewis, Karen Lupa, Jennifer Mahnke, Iris McConnell, David Mills, Rochelle Morse, Jim Murray, Denise Nash, Mary Ann Niemiec, Rev. Dick Otterness, Ron Pieters, Kathy Rynders, Jonathan Santmyer, Delaney & Calvin Scheuerman, Andrew Stephens, Charlie Tolson, Marguerite Vizzini, Connie West, Deborah Wilder & family, Kevin Woolever, Chris Wunder, Bob Wyllie

Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Tracy D’Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Kathleen Dougherty, Art Duel, Evelyn Elsenheimer, Greg Elsenheimer, Barbara Denton Knight, Kriss Larsen, Kathy Lesio, Jessica Locey, Ashley Maragas, Cim McFarlane, Paul Murphy, Wesley Pruitt, Wilma Redman, Joanne Rockwell, David Squier, Fran Storm, Albert Zaranka

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Madelyn Jagger, Beverly Koeberle, Bev Mouton, Ginny Palmer

Prayers of Intercession are offered each day by our Pastor and Deacons.

To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenamin, or the Church office.

Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.

Ministry Teams

If a ministry team is going to meet,
the chair will reach you
by phone and/or email.

Stay Well. Stay Safe.

You can mail your
offering to
101 East Main St.
Palmyra, NY 14522.
Or you can bring your
offering to the church.
Kathy puts an offering plate
outside the office Tues.,
Wed., and Thurs. 9:00-2:00.



Breakfast ^{With} Mom



Where: Western Presbyterian Church
101 E. Main St. Palmyra

Date: **Sunday May 9, 2021**

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am

Price: \$6 per person

Includes:
pancakes
sausage
applesauce

**Take
Out
Only**

Benefits Western Presbyterian Church
from the Sunday School Children



of Wayne County

Chicken BBQ

Sunday May 23, 2021 from 11 am until gone

Tickets \$12.00

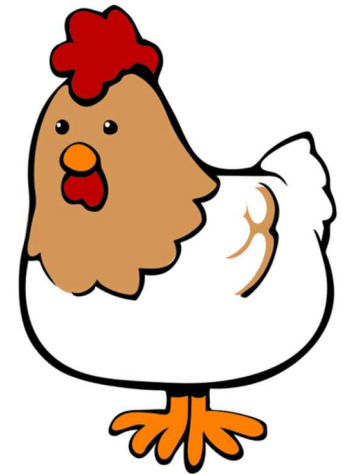
Includes chicken bbq, salt potatoes, coleslaw, roll/butter, bottled water

**Drive-Thru at Parking lot across the street from St. Michael's Church
Route 14, Lyons NY**

Pre-sale meals held until 1 pm

Tickets can be purchased from any Board Member or email kwoodlock@rochester.rr.com

Thank you for your support!!





MAY 2021

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 5 th Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Elder John Gingerich preaching	3 7 pm Fellowship FH	4 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed.	5 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9 Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30 to 11:30 am 9 am Sunday School Communion Sunday Pastor Val Fowler preaching	10	11 7 pm Worship	12	13	14	15
16 7 th Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Lois Fiegel preaching	17	18 SPIRE DEADLINE 6-9 pm King's Daughters FH	19 1:30 pm Circle FH 6:30 pm Property	20 7 pm Finance FH	21	22
23 Day of Pentecost Youth Led Service Last Day of Sunday School	24 4:30 pm CTNS	25 7 pm Session	26 6 pm Sanctuary CTNS Graduation	27	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday Lois Fiegel preaching	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					



JUNE 2021

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed.	2 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	3	4	5
6 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	7 7 pm Fellowship FH	8 7 pm Worship	9	10	11	12
13 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday	14	15 SPIRE DEADLINE	16 6:30 pm Property	17	18	19
20 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Sister Barbara Moore preaching	21	22 7 pm Session	23	24	25	26
27 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	28 4:30 pm CTNS	29	30			