



THE

EPISTLE

PENTECOST 2010

Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" - the fiftieth day after Easter.

What happened on Pentecost?

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the friends and family of Jesus were together in Jerusalem for the Jewish celebration that marks fifty days after Passover. While they were all together praying, a sound like rushing wind filled the house, tongues of fire descended and stopped over each of their heads, and the people were filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit – an outpouring of the Spirit that was foretold by the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). Everyone there was suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They poured out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds. Not only did they preach with boldness and confidence, but they preached in the languages of all the people present, people who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. It created quite a sensation. The result was that about three thousand people were baptized that day (Acts 2:1-41).

What is the liturgical color for Pentecost?

Red is the liturgical color for this day. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the first converts, and those who have been faithful ever since who suffered for the sake of the Gospel. Martyrs are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

Why is Pentecost sometimes called "Whitsunday"?

A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized catechumens would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies, and hymnals still use this term.

What is the season after Pentecost?

Because Pentecost is the day that God poured out His Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus, the Season after Pentecost is centered on the work of the Holy Spirit in the day to day life of the Christian. This is reflected in the liturgical color for this season: green, the color of life and growth. Through the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit, Christians are enabled to trust in Christ and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbors. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the church year -- it lasts from Trinity Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent. This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the

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Joint Service Schedule Times

May 16 @ 10 am

(Rite I at 7:30 am)

KVA Sunday June 20 @ 10 am

(Rite I at 7:30 am)

SSP Sunday July 25 @ 10 am

Peddler's Fair Sunday August 14 @ 10 am

All other Sundays: 8:45 and 11 am

VESTRY

Lee Anne Bundesen <i>Senior Warden</i>	Caleigh Furlong Jeff Jarvis	Meetings are also regularly attended by:
Bill Smiglewski <i>Junior Warden</i>	Fred Railsback	
Linda Tremain <i>Clerk</i>	Anne Seed	
Sue Embree-Davis	John Wright	
	Rev. Jeanne Forte	

What is Pentecost? *(cont'd from pg. 1)*

church stresses vocation, evangelism, missions, stewardship, almsgiving, and other works of mercy and charity as ways in which Christ empowers us to share the gospel with others.

Why do we celebrate Pentecost?

There are three "mega-festivals" commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that even liturgical Christians may not be as familiar with the third, the festival of Pentecost. God's wonderful Christmas gift of God's Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin, death, and the devil would be of no benefit to us if the Holy Spirit did not give us the gift of saving faith. Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit gives us the faith to believe and trust in Christ as our Savior. This precious gift of faith in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason Pentecost is the third "mega-festival" of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

Party of Parties Update Report

Oh what a night!!!! On the night of Saturday, March 27th, the Parish Hall was transformed into a disco dance party complete with twinkle lights and disco ball! What a great time we had dancing to Abba and the Bee Gees, parading around as we were in 1977 and signing up for some great parties offered by parishioners and friends alike.

This year, parishioners are hosting 23 parties with 9 of them selling out the night of the Party. Several parties have people attending who are not parishioners, so the word is getting out about this annual fund raiser. Many folks contributed to the lovely array of finger foods. Other supplies that were needed are being reimbursed from the Subsidiary Account/Deficit Reduction where the PoP monies are deposited. For this year's party, costs were kept down through the efforts of volunteers and the fact that none of the paperwork had to be created—only changed for this year's parties.

A bulletin board has been put up displaying the available parties and ticket prices. The plan is to add pictures to the bulletin board as the parties happen and to keep these parties on everyone's radar.

Periodically throughout the year, we will continue to announce upcoming parties and provide the opportunity for folks to sign up for any parties that have the room.

A special thanks to David Sells, Debbie Varson, Judy Furlong, Susie Bonstin and Kate Scott, Sara Underwood and Mike Bierman for helping with set up, clean up and organizing the Parish Hall and Undercroft.

Next year's theme will be Big Band! We'll be dancing and swinging to the sounds of the Big Bands of the 1940's. Until then, keep those calendars handy for upcoming parties and join in on the fun!



ERD Receives Third 4-Star Rating

Thanks to you, the good people of St. Paul's have contributed \$1.090 to ERD in support of the relief of Haiti. Thanks to the Episcopal Relief and Development fund, these funds are now in use.

Charity Navigator just awarded [Episcopal Relief & Development](#) its third consecutive annual 4-star rating. This rating reflects an organization's accountability, transparency, and quantifiable results in comparison with other non-profits.

Ken Berger, Charity Navigator's President and CEO said, "Only 14% of rated charities have received at least three consecutive 4-star ratings. Episcopal Relief & Development consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Episcopal Relief & Development from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Episcopal Relief & Development President, Rob Radtke added, "All Episcopalians can be proud of this rating and feel assured that their gifts are being used as efficiently as possible to reach those in need." He noted that this efficiency means we are able to help even more people around the world to better their lives.

To view the Episcopal Relief & Development's profile on Charity Navigator go to www.charitynavigator.org. Episcopal Relief & Development also meets all 20 standards for the Better Business Bureau's Charity Accountability.

To support the work, donations to Episcopal Relief & Development can be made on-line at www.er-d.org, by phone at 1-800-334-7626, ext, 5129 or to Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.



St. Paul's KVA 2010



Finding God in the Circle of Life

Dear KVA Campers, Parents and Helpers,

We are looking forward to our fourth annual Kids' Vacation Academy June 14-18. Our KVA this year is all about finding God in the circle of life, as Simba did in the Lion King. Each day will be filled with singing, praying, arts and crafts, games and wonderful food.

We need campers, preschool through high school, to join us for KVA. Campers will enjoy storytelling, singing, arts and crafts, snacks and games. Middle schoolers and high schoolers will once again help as counselors. We need parents and adult friends to help supervise, organize games, crafts and snacks.

If you have any questions, call the church office at 745-0307 or email admin@stpaulsbenicia.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

COST: \$50 per child before June 4; \$65 per child after June 4; scholarships available

Children's Name: _____

_____ Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Grade in Fall '10 _____
 Child/Adult size T-shirt Child: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16) XL (18-20)* Adult: S M L

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Address _____ City _____ email _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone(day) _____

In case of emergency and the parent /guardian above cannot be reached, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate any special needs (e.g., allergic reactions, learning needs, etc.): _____

(Optional) Do you have a church home? No Yes, (Name of Church) _____

* If you are not sure which size T-shirt to order for your child, guess a larger size than s/he normally wears. If you know you need an adult size, rather than a child size shirt, please indicate clearly.



May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Easter 5 8:45 & 11 am HE† 10 am Sunday School Party of Parties Edible Art	3 9 am MP† Deadline for Pentecost Epistle	4 9 am MP†	5 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	6 9 am MP†	7 9 am MP† 2 pm FA4K Bishop's Conference	8 7:30 am Brotherhood Meeting Bishop's Conference
9 Easter 6 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:45 & 11 am HE† 10 am No Sunday School	10 9 am MP†	11 9 am MP†	12 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	13 9 am MP† 10 am School Tour 7 pm Vestry	14 9 am MP†	15 Armed Forces Day 4 pm Recital 9-1 Youth Convocation, Sonoma
16 Sunday after Ascension Kathy Macek Farewell Joint 10 am HE† Sunday School Graduation/Picnic	17 9 am MP† 6 pm Safeguarding Workshop	18 9 am MP†	19 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	20 9 am MP† 10 am School Tour	21 9 am MP† 2 pm FA4K CDSP Graduation Party of Parties Yappy Hour	22 2 pm Wedding
23 Day of Pentecost 8:45 & 11 am HE† Party of Parties Champagne Brunch	24 9 am MP† 7 pm Worship Leadership Meeting	25 9 am MP†	26 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	27 9 am MP†	28 9 am MP†	29
30 Trinity Sunday 8:45 & 11 am HE† Food Bag Collection	31 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i> 9 am MP†		GROUP MEETINGS <i>Alcoholics Anonymous:</i> 7 am Mon-Sat; 6 am & 8 pm Sundays <i>LifeRing:</i> 7 pm Tuesdays <i>Meditation:</i> 6 pm Sundays <i>Narcotics Anonymous:</i> 8 pm Fridays			



June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9 am MP†	<i>2</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	<i>3</i> 9 am MP†	<i>4</i> 9 am MP† Deadline for KVA early registration Last day of school in Benicia	<i>5</i>
<i>6 Pentecost 2</i> 8:45 & 11 am HE† 5:30 pm Party of Parties "Let's Talk Travel"	<i>7</i> 9 am MP†	<i>8</i> 9 am MP† Southwest Deanery Clericus	<i>9</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study & Potluck 4:30-6 pm Meal	<i>10</i> 9 am MP†	<i>11</i> 9 am MP† Vestry Meeting and BBQ	<i>12</i> 7:30 am Brotherhood Meeting Ordination of Chris Arnold 11 am in Sacramento
<i>13 Pentecost 3</i> 8:45 & 11 am HE†	<i>14 Flag Day</i> 9 am-noon Kids' Vacation Academy (KVA) 9 am MP Cancelled this week Deadline for	<i>15</i> 9 am-noon KVA	<i>16</i> 9 am-noon KVA 10 am HE† & 4:30-6 pm Meal	<i>17</i> 9 am-noon KVA	<i>18</i> 9 am-noon KVA	<i>19</i> Party of Parties Laughter Yoga & Rebuilding Together SSP Counselor Meeting
<i>20 Pentecost 4</i> <i>Father's Day</i> KVA SUNDAY 7:30 am Rite I HE† 10 am Joint HE†	<i>21 First Day of Summer</i> 9 am MP†	<i>22</i> 9 am MP†	<i>23</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 4:30-6 pm Meal	<i>24</i> 9 am MP†	<i>25</i> 9 am MP†	<i>26</i> Party of Parties Lobster Boil
<i>27 Pentecost 5</i> 8:45 & 11 am HE† Summer Epistle	<i>28</i> 9 am MP†	<i>29</i> 9 am MP†	<i>30</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 4:30-6 pm Meal	GROUP MEETINGS <i>Alcoholics Anonymous:</i> 7 am Mon-Sat; 6 am & 8 pm Sundays <i>LifeRing:</i> 7 pm Tuesdays <i>Meditation:</i> 6 pm Sundays <i>Narcotics Anonymous:</i> 8 pm Fridays		

St. Paul's Sierra Service Project - 2010

On July 18th, our twenty youth campers and four adult counselors (Rev. Jeanne included!) will be heading back to the Indian Valley for our 2010 Sierra Service Project. Indian Valley is a beautiful valley located in the northern Sierra about three hours northeast of Sacramento at a 4,000-foot elevation.

There is a very small Rancheria in the valley and a small tribe. The Maidu Indians were the predominate tribe many years ago, but today most Native Americans in the valley aren't members of any recognized tribe. We will be working with the Roundhouse Council, an organization that provides a variety of services to Native American residents. The Greenville United Methodist Church will be our home for the week. We'll be sleeping outdoors in tents or under the stars, using porta-potties and showering in three hose-fed wood-framed tarped showers!

Once again, our projects will include weatherization projects, roofing, decking repair or replacement, flooring and repair and disabled access ramps. As always, the SSP site staff will involve us all in a moving spiritual experience all week long!

On His Hook,
Steve Rodekohr



CALLING ALL MEN (AND WOMEN) OF THE PARISH

Join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for breakfast on Saturday, June 12

Our very special guest will be **Viola Robertson**
of **Benicia Community Action Council**

Viola will talk about the role of CAC in Benicia,
the special needs in Benicia
and what the Brotherhood and St. Paul's can do
to help meet those needs,
mutually assist, and strengthen our outreach

A freewill offering for CAC will be collected

Breakfast at 7:30 am

Viola will hold the floor at 8:15 (or so)

RSVP required!

Sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall

Or email Steve Rodekohr (stevenet@pacbell.net)

Or call Steve and leave a message (707-747-6904)





May 2010



BIRTHDAYS

		Bonnie Kistner	9	Lisa Guerin	26
		Steve Rodekohr	12	Missa Stotler	28
Tristan Keene	1	Jasmine Ray	12	Corey McMoyler	31
Tom Mader	4	Sandy Voorhees	20	Dale Kilbourne	31
Bob Hall	4	Charlie Kilbourne	22		

ANNIVERSARIES

Walter & Virginia Vate	9	Joe Brien & Blanche Hilman	29
David & Lee Anne Bundesen	22	Bill & Holly Markley	29



June 2010



BIRTHDAYS

		Bob McIntosh	13	Bonnie Keathley	21
		Emmett McDowell	17	Lee Anne Bundesen	25
Dawson Urban	1	Mike Guerin	18	Sandy Schipper	26
Lee Voorhees	4	Frank Shoemaker	18	Jackie French	26
Brian Stotler	7	Virginia Vater	19	Betsy Zampa	28
Joseph Ellett	7	Jake Sackett	20		
Amy Markley	7	Shannon Sweeney	21		

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Ronna Leon	9	Steve & Linda Tremain	22
Bob & Debi Hall	15	Mike & Donna Baldwin	28

May 2010 Lay Ministries Schedule

MAY 2, 2010—5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:45 AM	Lector	Kitty Griffin
	Deacon	The Rev. Shep Jenks
	LEM/Inter.	Kathy Macek
	Crucifer	TBA
	Torch.	TBA
	Ushers	Art & Sandy Schipper
11 AM	Lector	Sara Underwood
	LEM	Steve Yurosko
	LEM/Inter.	Sue Yurosko
	Ushers	Don & Maggie Smith
	Altar Guild	Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott
	Flower Guild	Maggie Smith, Edie Lockman
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Judy Furlong
	Office Angel	Ginny Altice
	PIE Greeter	Jane Samuelson
	Verger	Fred Railsback

MAY 9, 2010—6th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:45 AM	Lector	Katie Scott
	LEM	Kathy Macek
	LEM/Inter.	Martha McAfee
	Crucifer	Joseph Ellett
	Torch.	Mikayla Stotler, Aislynn Stotler
	Ushers	Bob McIntosh, Andrew Urban
11 AM	Lector	Ski Smiglewski
	LEM	Virginia Vater
	LEM/Inter.	Mike Baldwin
	Ushers	Tom & Chris Mader
	Altar Guild	Nancy Bauschinger, Linda Tremain, Jean Wigand
	Flower Guild	Maureen Troyer
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	JoAnne Craig
	Office Angel	Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter	Betty & Bob McIntosh
	Verger	Neal Mulholand

MAY 16, 2010—7th Sunday of Easter

10 AM	Lector	Robin Silver
	LEM	Steve Yurosko
	LEM/Inter.	Kathy Macek
	Acolytes	Michelle Gaines, Teresa Gaines, Mara Guerin
	Ushers	Bob McIntosh, Steve Rodekohr
	Altar Guild	Sandy Voorhees, Edie Lockman, Nancy Jenks, Martha McAfee
	Flower Guild	Lee Voorhees
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Beth Gaines
	Office Angel	Kay Barnard, Dorothy Pitchford
	PIE Greeter	Jennifer Jarvis
	Verger	Tom Aldinger

Altar Guild	Kim Rodekohr, Shelby & Haley Rodekohr, Cyndi Hardy
Flower Guild	Julia Ritter
Lay. Euch. Visit.	Chris Arnold
Office Angel	Betty McIntosh
PIE Greeter	Mike Baldwin
Verger	Bill Markley

MAY 30, 2010—TRINITY SUNDAY

8:45 AM	Lector	Tom Mader
	LEM	Celeste Williams
	LEM/Inter.	Chris Arnold
	Crucifer	Connor Kearns
	Torch.	Christian Kearns, Alan Kwok
	Usher	Jon & Kelly Kearns
11 AM	Lector	Anne Seed
	LEM	Mark Sackett
	LEM/Inter.	Barbara Jewell
	Ushers	Jeff & Jennifer Jarvis

8:45 AM	Lector	Anne Seed
	LEM	Judy Furlong
	LEM/Inter.	Sue Yurosko
	Crucifer	Amy Markley
	Torch.	Emily Sackett, Jake Sackett
	Ushers	Tom & Edna Aldinger
11 AM	Lector	David Bundesen
	LEM	Jennifer Jarvis
	LEM/Inter.	Jeff Jarvis
	Ushers	Steve & Kim Rodekohr
	Altar Guild	Steve & Sue Yurosko
	Flower Guild	Mittie Railsback, Debi Hall
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Judy Furlong
	Office Angel	Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter	Jane Samuelson

verger Bob Hall

June 2010 Lay Ministries Schedule

JUNE 6, 2010—SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

8:45 AM	Lector	Debi Hall
	LEM	Dale Kilbourne
	LEM/Inter.	Charlie Kilbourne
	Crucifer	Joseph Ellett
	Torch.	Patric Knoblich, Matt Markley
	Ushers	Bob & Kay Barnard
11 AM	Lector	Maggie Smith
	LEM	Virginia Vater
	LEM/Inter.	Mike Baldwin
	Ushers	Don & Maggie Smith
	Altar Guild	Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott
	Flower Guild	Maggie Smith, Edie Lockman,
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Beth Gaines
	Office Angel	Ginny Altice
	PIE Greeters	Betty & Bob McIntosh
	Verger	Joe Brien

JUNE 13, 2010—THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

8:45 AM	Lector	Martha McAfee
	LEM	Deacon Chris Arnold
	LEM/Inter.	Mittie Railsback
	Crucifer	Michelle Gaines
	Torch.	Teresa Gaines, Mara Guerin
	Ushers	Bob & Debbie Varson
11 AM	Lector	Maureen Troyer
	LEM	Jennifer Jarvis
	LEM/Inter.	Jeff Jarvis
	Ushers	Art Schipper, Steve Rodekohr
	Altar Guild	Nancy Bauschinger, Linda Tremain, Jean Wigand
	Flower Guild	Maureen Troyer
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	JoAnne Craig
	Office Angel	Dorothy Pitchford
	PIE Greeter	Jennifer Jarvis
	Verger	Tom Mader

JUNE 20, 2010—KVA SUNDAY

10 AM	Lector	Caleigh Furlong
	LEM	Jackie French
	LEM/Inter.	Judy Furlong
	Crucifer	Connor Kearns
	Torch.	Mikayla Stotler, Aislynn Stotler
	Ushers	Robin Silver, Carole Johnson
	Altar Guild	Sandy Voorhees, Edie Lockman, Nancy Jenks, Martha McAfee
	Flower Guild	Lee Voorhees
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Chris Arnold
	Office Angel	Betty McIntosh
	PIE Greeter	Mike Baldwin
	Verger	Tom Aldinger

JUNE 27, 2010—FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

8:45 AM	Lector	Ann Lindsay
	LEM	Edie Westphal
	LEM/Inter.	Mary Frances Kelly Poh
	Crucifer	Matt Markley
	Torch.	Emily Sackett, Jake Sackett
	Ushers	Dale & Charlie Kilbourne
11 AM	Lector	Robin Silver
	LEM	Mark Sackett
	LEM/Inter.	Barbara Jewell
	Ushers	Steve & Kim Rodekohr
	Altar Guild	Kim Rodekohr, Shelby Rodekohr, Haley Rodekor, Cyndi Hardy
	Flower Guild	Julia Ritter
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Judy Furlong
	Office Angel	Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter	Jane Samuelson
	Verger	Neal Mulholand

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St. Paul's Vision Statement

Vision

*We are the hands of Christ
in the Heart of Benicia*

Mission

*We celebrate
God's Presence
as we
Worship,
Pray,
Study, and
Serve in the Community*

St. Paul's Worship Schedule May/June

Monday - Friday

9 am—Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10 am—Holy Eucharist

Sunday

8:45 am—Choral Holy Eucharist II:
Traditional Music

10 am—Sunday School (Sept.-May)

11 am—Choral Holy Eucharist II:
Praise Music

Nursery care is provided for infant and toddlers
(0-4 yrs) from 8:30 am to 12 pm.