



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 19TH, 2024
DAY OF PENTECOST

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.



Face Masks are optional for all activities and are available upon request.



Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew.

Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.



An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.

Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.



Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

STAFF & HOURS

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4.430pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

CO-TREASURERS: Ed Mattote and Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

*Those who are able, please stand.

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"Pentecost is the moment when a heart of stone is shattered and a heart of flesh takes its place." - Father Raniero Cantalamessa

"Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now." - Henri Nouwen

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us."
-Robert Baer

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty." - Zechariah 4:6

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place:

We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.

Come, Spirit of adoption, and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:

Come, Holy Spirit!

*OPENING HYMN #289 On Pentecost They Gathered (verses 1, 2 & 4)

MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Yet, so often we put conditions on our love- and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence. We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others because we run out of time to be kind to anyone other than ourselves.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

When we persistently make self-centered decisions rather than Christ-centered ones, our faithfulness is weakened, and our discipleship lacks credibility.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

In this aggressive world, We often use strength and power to try to get our way, But we forget that true power lies in a spirit of gentleness and self-control. Forgive us for the times we force our opinions and preferences on others, trying to get our way instead of considering what others need.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love so that we may truly care for one another.

Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (VASILE)

Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (18 months –11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

For Our Teachers

For their— loving, nurt'ring hearts, for their teaching and great care
For the— wisdom they impart, for the lessons that they share
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the— stories, crafts and fun, for the costumes, hugs and snacks
Teaching God's love to ev'ryone, through their kind and selfless acts
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

NRSV NT 119

ANTHEM

Spirit of the Living God

Iverson, arr. Kogut

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Kindle in my heart your fire; come light my way. Come, create, renew, inspire; come with your grace. Fill me, lead me, show me, stir me. Holy Spirit, flow through me; call me to serve. Make my life what it should be; teach me your love. May the world see you in me; teach me your song. Call me, keep me, heal me, free me. Spirit who enlivens me, come rest in me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:22-27

NRSV NT 158

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. M. Hayes



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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with the dedication of our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Loving God, We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought. Light us on fire for your mission of love and justice in this world!

Holy Spirit: **Breathe on us again!**

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice, and oppression: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

Holy Spirit: **Alight upon our hearts with new flames which burn for your peace and justice!**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

Holy Spirit: **Fill us with your comforting presence, and the fires of compassion!**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.

Holy Spirit: **May our hearts burn within us with passion for your Kingdom!**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; to help the sick, care for those in need, and offer peace where there is division.

Holy Spirit: **Guide us with your powerful winds toward where we need to go!**

Loving God, send your Spirit to rest on us, we pray – may it rest upon us in our work, in our relationships, in our worship, in our sabbath leisure, in our service to others – may it never leave us! Send us out from here with the fire of your Spirit that we might bring your mission of love to the world! In Jesus' name: **AMEN**

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Thank you to Mimi Haggerty, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning. This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Don Killian and Walt Dunham, in celebration of their anniversary and Don's birthday.

Acts 2:1- 8, 12-21

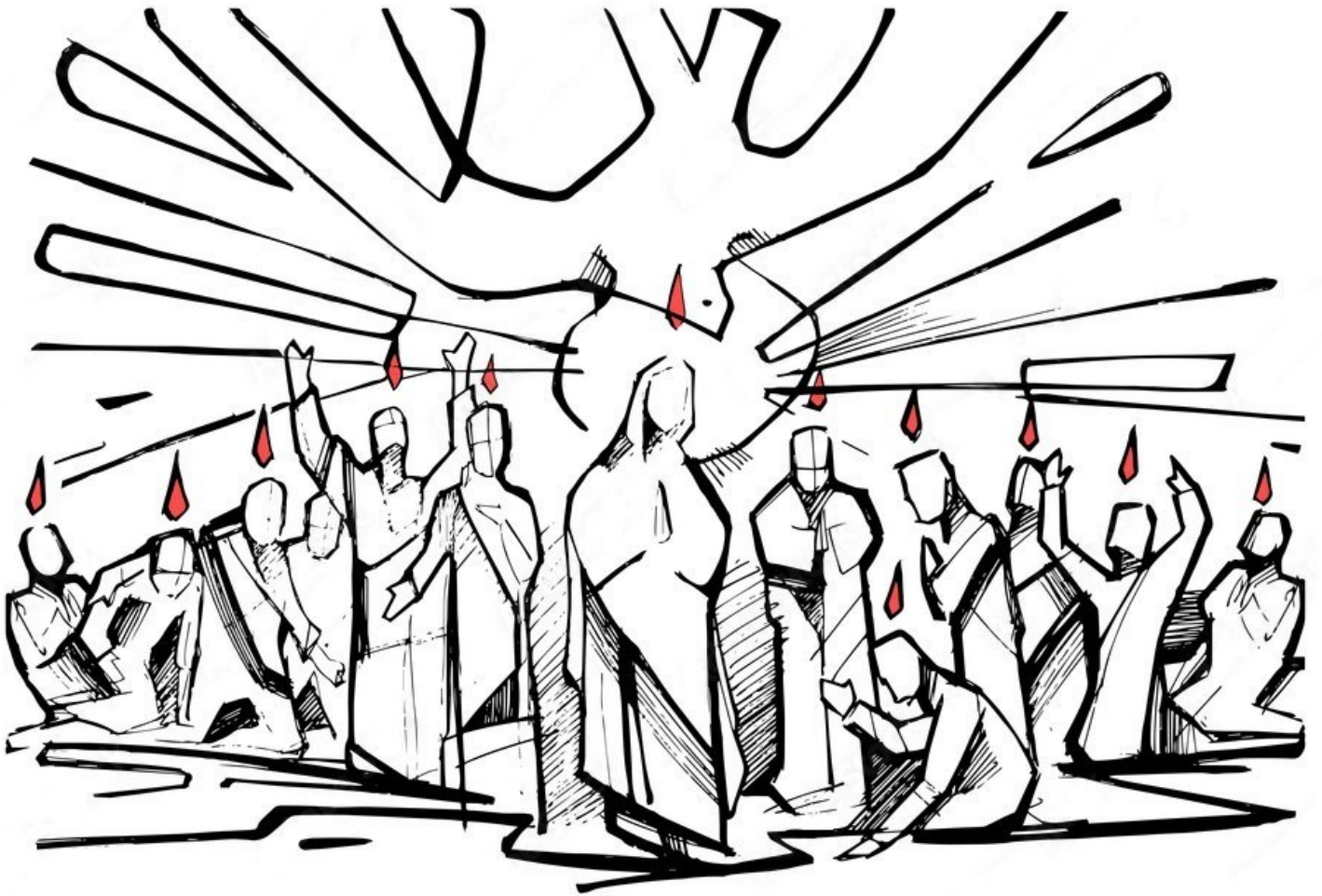
¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'




Romans 8:22-27


²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.




289 On Pentecost They Gathered




1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

Fine

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

to Refrain

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

CONGRATS TO OUR WPC GRADS!

Solit Abraham (Eritrean refugee family sponsored by WPC)

Graduating from: Shawnee Mission West High School (Overland Park, Kansas)

Sofia Anderson

Graduating from: Strath Haven High School

Attending Towson University, Honors College

Majoring in Political Science and minoring in Business, Communication & the Liberal Arts

Zoe Andrews

Graduating from: Thomas Jefferson University

Bachelor's of Science: Psychology

Abigail Grunseich

Graduating from: Strath Haven High School

Attending Dickinson College, Majoring in Biology

Bailey Hansen

Graduating from: Strath Haven High School

Attending Bucknell University, Undecided business major

Courtney Kenworthy

Graduating from: University of Mount Union

Bachelor's of Science: Psychology

Brett Miller

Graduating from: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Bachelor of Science

Natneal Osman (Eritrean refugee family sponsored by WPC)

Graduating from: High School in Ohio

Zachary Schultz

Graduating from: Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

Associate Degree: Electro-Mechanical-Engineering Technology



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

5-8pm, Monday June 3rd

YOU make Strawberry Festival a success!



Volunteer

- Bake a cake
- Slice strawberries
- Sell tickets
- Serve food/strawberries/cake
- Setup/Sell Attic Treasures/Book Nook/Plants
- General Setup/Cleanup

Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall
or use Church Center app

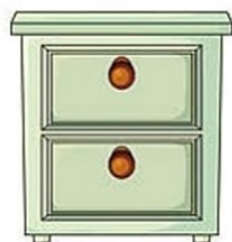


Attic Treasures

Kitchen items, knickknacks, kids items

Drop in rear of Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 19-Sunday, June 2



Larger Attic Treasures

Only accepting those which one person can carry
(side chairs/tables, tools)

Drop outside office entrance

Sunday, June 2 and Monday, June 3

Jewelry

Necklaces, bracelets, pins, accessories

Weekdays – bring to Church office

Sundays – give to Alva



Books

Kids, fiction and non, cookbooks, etc.
(no encyclopedias/textbooks/VHS/CDs)

Leave in Choir Room

Sunday, May 19-Sunday, June 2

Plants

Perennials, vegetables, herbs
(mark with type of plant, sun/shade)
garden tools, pots

Leave in Courtyard

Sunday, June 2 and Monday, June 3



Cakes

Homemade/purchased/cupcakes

Leave in Kitchen

Sunday, June 2 and Monday, June 3



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CHILDCARE Please note there will be no Sunday School for grades K-5 on **Sunday, May 26**. Children ages 18 months – pre-K are invited to the lower-level Sunday School room.

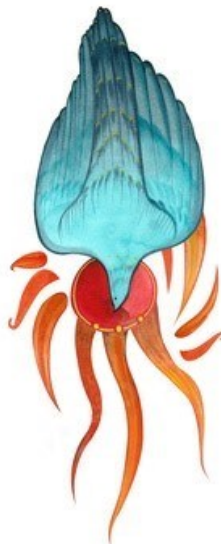


SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Summer Sunday School begins **Sunday, June 2**. Following a Time with Young Disciples, children grades K-5 can watch VeggieTales in the Reception Room; youngsters ages 18 months – pre-K are invited to spend the entire service in the lower-level Sunday School room. Use the QR code to volunteer for the K-5 class (play the DVD lesson and interact with the kids). Continues through Sunday, September 1.

VBC This year's theme is Scuba - Dive into Friendship with God, featuring fun, faith-filled programming; storytelling, games, crafts, fellowship; end-of-week celebration and mission (Red Wagon). **Held 6-7:30pm, Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12**. Open to kids ages 4-11 – **registration begins Tuesday, June 4**.



YOUTH GROUP HERSHEY PARK TRIP Take in the rides and the yummy chocolate, **9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, June 29**. Parents – join the fun as drivers/supervisors. Open to grades 6-12; cost – \$45 (plus pocket money for food). Use the QR code to register.



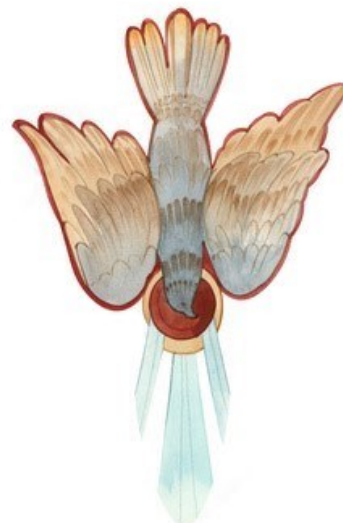


CONTAINER WATERING Pick a week from **mid-May to mid-September** to water the containers at the Narthex doors. It just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Use the Church Center app or the QR code.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TICKET PRE-SALE Beat the rush – buy your Strawberry Festival tickets during Coffee Hour on **Sunday, May 26 and Sunday, June 2**. Cash, credit card and Venmo accepted.

RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. LifeWerks is requesting:

- Cereal (kids' and whole grain adult)
- Soups
 - Condensed (any kind)
 - Chunky: Beef (any combo with potatoes and veggies), Chicken (any with noodles), Sausage (any type), Chowder (New England, corn), Italian Wedding, Minestrone, Lentil
- Broths (beef, bone)
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Canned vegetables, stewed tomatoes, tomato paste
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Paper goods (tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)
- Household cleaning products (multi-purpose spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges/wipes)
- Skin care products (body lotion, hand cream, Chapstick/lip gloss)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, overnight)
- Bladder control products (medium, heavy-long pads)



| WPC Week at a Glance | |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost | Wednesday, May 22 |
| 09:00 am- Chapel Choir | 09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner |
| 09:30 am- Chancel Choir | 03:00 pm- Flute Lessons |
| 10:00 am- Worship | 03:30 pm- Brass Lessons |
| 11:00 am- Coffee Hour | Thursday, May 23 |
| 05:30 pm- Accessibilities Initiative Meeting | 06.30 pm- Bell Choir |
| Monday, May 20 | 07:30 pm- Chancel Choir |
| 10:00 am- Adult Bible Class | 07:30 pm- BSA 277/2019 |
| 10.00 am- Staff Meeting | Friday, May 24 |
| 07.30 pm- Education Council | Saturday, May 25 |
| Tuesday, May 21 | Sunday, May 26 |
| 04:00 pm- Flute Lessons | 09:30 am- Chancel Choir |
| 07.00 pm- Ballroom Dancing | 10:00 am- Worship |
| 07.30 pm- Deacons | 11:00 am- Coffee Hour |

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