

Pastor's Note

Not only did we celebrate Grayson Galvan's graduation this weekend, but we also visited with Zeke and Ezra, who are his newborn nephews on Saturday in the fellowship hall, The food, decorations, and lifetime video of Grayson's milestones were inspirational, and I am certain he will do well at ASU in Jonesboro, AR. He is an excellent musician and we enjoyed him performing in worship at Marvell UMC and BHS in Barton, AR, at the end-of-year band and choir award ceremony. We will celebrate his and Jordan Strickland's graduation in worship on May 19, 2024, in morning worship at Marvell UMC. This is an exciting time in their lives and the lives of their families and friends. Please be with us as we celebrate them and their continuing success.

PENTECOST

28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. **29** Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. **30** I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. **32** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls. (Joel 2:28-32).

This upcoming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, also known as Whit Sunday, or Whitsun, which occurs on the 49th day (or the 50th if counted inclusively) after Easter Sunday. It holds significant meaning to United Methodists and other Christian denominations too. In Acts 2:1-31, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot). Pentecost marks the birth of the Church. It celebrates the empowering of the disciples by the Holy Spirit, enabling them to spread the Gospel and make disciples of all nations. The Holy Spirit's arrival fulfilled Jesus' promise and empowered Christians for their mission.

[Remember that Pentecost is a rich and meaningful celebration, emphasizing the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers and the global mission of God's Church.](#) In modernity, we do not recognize religious holidays and the Christian calendar like we did in the past yet the importance of the birthday of God's Church is central to who we are and what God has given us. I encourage you to **wear red** on Pentecost Sunday as we gather to celebrate Pentecost (May 19, 2024). The season of annual conferences, class reunions, and summer celebrations is upon us. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. I am excited to visit the homeplace, see all the changes, and decorate the final resting places of our parents and grandparents.

There is much to do as we prepare for the Journeys of Paul in Italy, Greece, and Turkey this fall. Kim and I are looking forward to this great adventure cruising the Mediterranean. Yet we have all summer to enjoy family and friends as we begin our second year in Lexa and Marvell. The renovations at Marshall for Maddy, William, and Isabella continue, it is a work in progress that I know they will enjoy for a lifetime. I planted tomatoes in feed buckets on the back patio at the parsonage and already have four small tomatoes growing. I think it will be a more-than-we-can-eat harvest and I plan to share it with others. So, as we end the spring semester, congratulations to everyone who has completed another semester and those who will graduate soon.

Peace and blessings.

Pastor Tom Mullins

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Youth

Friday

8:30 a.m. Open Door Food Pantry

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Lexa Worship

9:40 a.m. Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Marvell Worship

11:00 a.m. Potluck Dinner

Pentecost Sunday

The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Marvell Hymns 374, 128

Lexa Hymns 381, 374, 666

Liturgist Charlotte Wayman

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2024 Budget \$210,585

Needed each week 4,050

Received this week 3,180

Building Fund 125

ATTENDANCE

Youth 6

Lexa Worship 3

Marvell Worship 43 + 625