

# VOLUME 35

## THE METHODIST MESSENGER

### MAY 2026

MAY IS ALL ABOUT CELEBRATING THE GROWTH AND CHANGES WE'VE SEEN THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR, WHETHER IT'S SCHOOL, HOBBIES, CAREERS, OR RELATIONSHIPS. WE ARE REMINDED TO DEEPLY VALUE WHAT IS FROM GOD! AS PAUL WRITES IN 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31, "THEREFORE, WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD." LAY DOWN EACH DAY AND ITS TASKS TO GOD, REMEMBERING THAT IT'S A BLESSING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO GLORIFY HIM IN OUR DAY-TO-DAY. HAVE A HAPPY MAY FROM HAMLIN MEMORIAL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SUNDAYS!

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## YARD WORK

YOUTH KIDS ARE RAISING MONEY FOR CAMP, WHICH IS \$425 PER KID. THEY ARE DOING YARD WORK FOR \$25/HR. PER KID AND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE FILL OUT THE SHEET IN THE FOYER TO GET THAT DREADED YARD WORK DONE! THEY'LL BE DOING WORK UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF JUNE!

## SENIOR POTLUCK

FOR RORY POMPER

PLEASE JOIN US, ALONG WITH YOUR FAVORITE DISH, TO CELEBRATE RORY POMPER'S GRADUATION FROM FARWELL HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 17TH, FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICE. THIS IS AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT DESERVES GREAT RECOGNITION. PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR RORY AS SHE STEPS INTO THIS NEXT CHAPTER OF HER LIFE! CONGRATULATIONS, RORY!

# CELEBRATING THE CHURCH CALENDAR

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension refers to the moment Jesus is taken up into heaven after His resurrection. This event in scripture was full of powerful spiritual meaning as it fulfilled God's plan. Jesus' mission on earth was complete, and now He reigns alongside God. Following His resurrection, Christ spent time with His disciples and led them near the Mount of Olives. Here, they witnessed Him ascend out of their sight. This strengthened their faith and prepared them for the mission He gave them. The resurrection confirmed His victory over death, and the ascension confirmed His divine authority and return to Heaven.

## DAY OF PENTECOST

Pentecost originated as a Jewish celebration of the Feast of Harvest. But it is remembered today by modern Christians as the day that the Holy Spirit invaded the church. After the ascension of Jesus, followers of Jesus gathered to celebrate the Feast of Harvest. The Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting." "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit enabled them." A large crowd drew near, and Peter spoke to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ. The Church grew by 3,000, and that is why Christians celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is the living reality of the moment that the Holy Spirit was sent to comfort, protect, and guide believers.

# PASTOR'S PEACE

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

### ACTS 2:39

**“FOR THE PROMISE IS TO YOU AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL WHO ARE AFAR OFF, AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD WILL CALL”**

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, GOD HAD PROMISED THAT THERE WOULD COME A DAY WHEN HE WOULD PLACE HIS SPIRIT IN US AND CAUSE US TO WALK IN HIS STATUTES (EZEKIEL 36:26-27). HE ALSO PROMISED THAT HE WOULD POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH AND EMPOWER OUR CHILDREN FOR MINISTRY (JOEL 2:28). IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHEN JOHN THE BAPTIST IDENTIFIED JESUS AS THE ONE WHO WAS TO COME, HE SAID THAT THIS MAN WAS THE ONE WHO WOULD BAPTIZE US WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 1:33). WHAT JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS SAYING IS THAT THE ONE WHO IS GOING TO FULFILL THOSE OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES HAD ARRIVED. THEN, BEFORE JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO WAIT IN JERUSALEM UNTIL THEY RECEIVED THAT PROMISE (ACTS 1:4-5). THE HOLY SPIRIT FALLING ON PENTECOST WAS THE START OF GOD'S NEW CHURCH. IT WAS HOW GOD EMPOWERED HIS FOLLOWERS FOR MINISTRY AND ENABLED THEM TO PURSUE HOLINESS. THIS MONTH, WE WILL BE REMEMBERING THE DAY GOD FULFILLED HIS PROMISES AND SENT US OUR HELPER AND COMFORTER. THIS IS THE REASON WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST. BECAUSE GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS SPIRIT, WE ARE NOW WALKING TEMPLES OF GOD. JESUS IS WITH US WHEREVER WE GO, AND WE ARE EMPOWERED BY SPIRITUAL GIFTS WHEN NEEDED. IT'S THROUGH THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT OUR LIVES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED, AND WE ARE IDENTIFIED AS THE CHILDREN OF GOD. WITH ALL OF THESE BLESSINGS IN MIND, LET'S TAKE TIME THIS MONTH TO BE THANKFUL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS SPIRIT AND MARKED US AS HIS.

## MAY EVENTS

5/6 LAST EPIC KIDS 5:30 PM  
5/10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
5/13 LAST YOUTH 5:30 PM  
5/14 ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
5/17 ASCENSION SUNDAY  
5/17 SENIOR POTLUCK FOR RORY POMPER  
5/20 FARWELL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
5/21 TEXICO LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
5/21 LIGHTHOUSE MISSION 12 PM (NM TIME)  
5/24 DAY OF PENTECOST  
5/25 MEMORIAL DAY  
5/31 TRINITY SUNDAY

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/23 JOSH & KRISTY HETTINGA  
5/27 JEFF & ROBBIE ACTKINSON  
5/27 CHARLES & SHERYL CHRISTIAN

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 CREED CHRISTIAN  
5/5 ROB POMPER  
5/5 BAILEY THURMAN  
5/10 EDIE WHITE  
5/13 BRODY WHITE  
5/18 LARRY GREGORY  
5/19 HARLIN OBENSHAIN  
5/21 JADE HOLT  
5/21 GERRI BOWERS  
5/22 SCOTT TERRY  
5/23 SUTTON COOK  
5/25 CAROLE PATRICK  
5/26 FLOYD CHERRY  
5/30 SAVANNAH HETTINGA