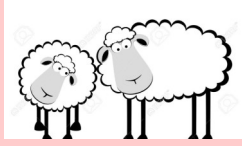


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Brandon Christian Church



Flock Talk

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Day of Pentecost

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Erin Dunnivant-Paulson

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21

Psalms: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-4

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Sermon: "Gifts of the Spirit"

Serving in Today's Worship

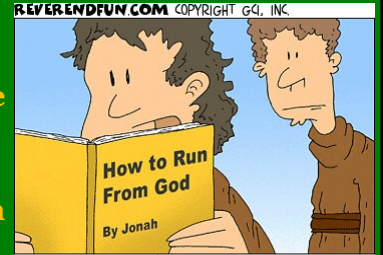
Elders: Steven Blinder, Brian Sears

Music Director: Rick Barclay

Audio/Video: Art Konnerth and Tom Smiley

Sunday Funnies:

To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring light-hearted church humor. Hopefully we can bring you a chuckle.



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Jonah 1-4) 09-19-2009



Thanks to Aunt Faye (See Genesis 18-1-13) 11-15-1999

In essentials, unity.

In non-essentials, liberty.

In all things, love!

Praise Reports

Thanks be to God and to the tireless BCC volunteers and staff that have kept Worship active, lively, and fulfilling even in the most difficult of circumstances

Donations received from our April host week surpassed all previous weeks and showed just how blessed our community is! Thank you much for your generosity. In addition to feeding our family in the program we helped many people who needed food when they lost their home, paid for hotel rooms and paid for security light at the center. There is still money left that Edwina, the director, will continue to use to help those in this time of crises. If you want more details please contact me - Sue Benitez

Looking Forward

- Our ability to greatly enhance the livestreaming of our worship service will soon become a reality. This is your opportunity to donate to this worthy cause. If you are interested in donating you can send a check (marked for AV equipment) to the church office or you can give on line to the worship fund through Give Plus. Thank you for your consideration!
- Sunday May 31 is the start of BCC Mission Week—if you are wondering how you can get involved please see Rev. Day or Steven Blinder.
- The BCC Congregational Meeting will take place on June 21 via Zoom, using our normal Fellowship meeting code. More information to follow in the June Newsletter.

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Prayer Needs...



BARNES, Johnny & Danielle (Powell)
 BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)
 BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)
 BENNICK, Patty (Garthwaite)
 BROERS-CASE, Rev Day
 BRYAN, Thelma (Rev Day)
 BURDICK, Ronald (Skasko)
 BUTTERWECK, Chris
 CAIN, Gail
 COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)
 DENTON, Bill
 DIGREGORIO, Robyn and her roommate Gene
 DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)
 ECKDAHL, Kathy
 FAILES FAMILY
 FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)

GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)
 GOODRUM, Steve (Mary Ann's brother)
 GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan
 HALL, Lori (Jean U.)
 HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)
 KYLE, Julie (Peterson)
 LEBOW, Jake (Friend of the Powell's)
 LEUNG, Gordon and Anthony
 MCKINLEY, Sarah Lynn (Denton)
 MCMILLON, Florence (Andrea's Mother)
 MCMILLON, Andrea
 MICHAEL, (Jo H.)
 MILLER, Brooke (Blinder)
 MOJICA, Nelda
 (Betty C.'s Mom)

MOJICA, Ruthie (Betty C's Sister)
 PAULSON, Diane
 POWELL, Betty (Rev. Day)
 RIENSCH, Nancy
 RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)
 SKASKO, Family
 SMITH, Tim
 STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)
 UPTON, Dallas (Jean)
 VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)
 WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)
 WATSON, Tom
 WATTS, Dorothy (former member)

++new name—Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.

One Shepherd's Thoughts...



In the past, Pentecost Sunday meant a shopping trip for the dreaded hunt for a red dress. The churches I previously served all seemed to love themes and unified colors. Year after year, I faithfully fulfilled the request that we wear red to celebrate the church's birthday.

Every aspect of the liturgy—from the Scripture reading to the announcements—is an invitation to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit. The entire worship experience is a festive delight that I have come to love. The congregation expects that the Spirit will fall in the midst of worship—that we will experience the Spirit's presence in much the same way that the apostles did. God forbid the service should fall flat—with the underlying feeling that we did not adequately celebrate the awesome gift that is the birth of the church.

I've frequently wondered whether my traditional way of understanding Pentecost has left room for it to be experienced beyond church walls. And we are experiencing that this year—aren't we? If one is not a regularly worshipping follower of Jesus—how do you explain Pentecost to someone who stands outside an established worshipping community. How do we explain Pentecost to our neighbor(s), to our friends—maybe even to your significant other—who thinks your church is too loud?

Is there a way to explain—or even experience—Pentecost apart from the spirited worship and celebration you and I have come to expect? (We are going to find out this year—aren't we?) Pentecost is a group of faithful disciples discovering they have power—the kind of power that allows them to speak different languages.

Pentecost is purposeful power, enabling each of these disciples to speak the language of the people they are called to serve. Pentecost is God using God's people to be a catalyst for transformation and to reach those who have been overlooked or considered beyond the bounds of ministry.



Pentecost is the equipping of everyday people to witness to the ends of the earth, or at least to places that seem like the ends of the earth.

Welcome to this new season of Pentecost! May we listen carefully to Spirit and follow faithfully as we go forward from this day—in this new time in the life of BCC—in this new way of being God's BCC.

God be with you,
Rev Day



How is the Pentecost offering used?

In 2001, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) embraced a bold vision: to start 1,000 new churches in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020.

Today, we have welcomed 1,034+ new places of worship into the Church. The Table around which we gather has grown in language, diversity, and life experience.

Courageous leaders have answered the call to grow the denomination through the new church movement. They have reached the underserved, welcomed new neighbors, and created communities of faith. And we, as Disciples, have committed to supporting them.

Support the 2020 Pentecost Offering. Each year, half of this offering stays in your [Region](#) to support and sustain new churches. The second half helps leaders across the United States and Canada through [New Church Ministry](#) programs.

Brandon Christian Church has made the Pentecost Special Offering available to donate to in GivePlus, or you can feel free to write in the memo line of your check that it is for the Pentecost Special Offering.