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Dear Fellow Companions of the Way,

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost with Holy Communion and our Pentecost offering at our 10:30 worship service. The name Pentecost comes from the Greek for “fiftieth day.” Its origins relate to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God’s giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter.

Theologian Jurgen Moltmann has written: “The gift and the presence of the Holy Spirit is the greatest and most wonderful thing we can experience – we ourselves, the human community, all living things and this earth. For with the Holy Spirit it is not just one random spirit that is present, among all the good and evil spirits that there are. It is God himself, the creative and life-giving, redeeming and saving God. Where the Holy Spirit is present, God is present in a special way, and we experience God through our lives, which become wholly living from within. We experience whole, full, healed and redeemed life, experience it with all our senses. We feel and taste, we touch and see our life in God and God in our life.”

This Sunday wear **RED**, the liturgical color of Pentecost.

Any and all who love to sing are invited to be a part of our **2015 Summer Choir**. On the first and third Sundays of June, July, and August – June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, August 2 & 16 – rehearsal will be at 9:30 AM in the choir room, prior to the 10:30 AM worship service.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Charlie

Charles Marshall Webster

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MEMBERSHIP

What is expected of a church member? The Church doesn't have an attendance requirement like the Rotary Club, but it does have some expectations. These expectations can be found in the *Book of Order*, which is "canon law" for every Presbyterian congregation. Section G-1.0304 reads:

"Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

Basically, church members are expected to worship regularly, give generously, serve eagerly, and live worthily of the name of Jesus Christ. May this transition time at First Presbyterian Church, awaken in you renewed commitment to Christ and his mission.

Yours in Christ, CMW

NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Recently hospitalized:

Mary Northrop – MLMH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. On May 27th at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall, decorating will begin for **Vacation Bible School!** Becky Spurgeon needs at least 4 helpers but as always, the more the merrier! Please call the office if you can help out.
2. Each Sunday there is a sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room asking for volunteers to assist with different tasks. Please sign-up where you can. Then, make sure that you fill out the worksheet in the workroom, for the activity that you did along with how long it took you.

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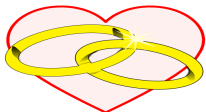
Many children in Hastings rely on the school lunch program for part of their nutrition. While public school kitchens are closed for cleaning at the beginning and end of the summer, the YWCA has served lunch at The Zone, (formerly the National Guard Armory.)

Three volunteers each day are needed to serve these meals. This can be a good family service project, and kids 4th-grade and up are welcome to volunteer if accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers are needed May 26 – 29, and from August 3 – 14, from 11:00 until 12:30.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room.

CELEBRATION



The Rev. Dr. James P. Cooke and Mary Jeanne Cooke will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary with an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, May 31st at the Regency Retirement Residence from 2:00 to 4:00. Their five children and thirteen grandchildren invite their friends and neighbors to this celebration.

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