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From the Pastor's Keyboard



Devotional writer Isabella Campolattaro recently wrote a devotional that focuses on the adage "Let go and let God", which is so easy to say, but so difficult to do. Or am I the only one who has a hard time giving all of my life over to Jesus and not trying to control events in my life? I'd like to share Isabella Campolattaro's words in hope that they will be as helpful to you as they were to me that Jesus is all-sufficient for our lives:

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
Psalm 127:1 (NLV)

In some respects, I've lived like an atheist for much of my Christian life. Wait! Before you wonder if I'm a spiritual impostor, hear me out. You see, despite my love for Jesus, I acted as though everything that happened—or didn't happen in my life—depended on me. What's worse, despite all my Bible reading, prayer, and praises, I thought I could somehow manipulate the events in my life by my own effort. That's not grace. That's not faith. That's the world's way. My way.

The Bible tells me plainly that apart from Jesus, I can do nothing (John 15:5). Yet, I had this idea that I had to make all the best decisions to ensure the right outcomes, as though I could even determine what the right outcome was in the first place. If what happened was not what I wanted or expected, I'd assume I'd failed or sinned, and it was all my fault.

After making the mistake of leaving Jesus out of certain parts of my life, I've come to the conclusion that I now embrace and believe wholeheartedly. Jesus really is entirely sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9). He pours out His grace in the everyday way I so desperately need, especially on those days when I think I can do it myself and try to live like an atheist.

—ISABELLA CAMPOLATTARO

FAITH STEP: Look up the definition of an atheist in the dictionary. Consider whether you are counting on your wisdom, effort, or good judgment in dealing with a particular issue or if you are depending on Jesus.

I pray that you and I take Isabella Campolattaro's words to heart as we go through the month of May when we celebrate Mother's Day and Pentecost Sunday, which commemorates that birth of the church when the first followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit which led them to realize that being part of our Christian faith community is ultimately important because one's commitment and passion for our Lord starts to fade when one separates from the community of faith and tries to "go it alone" as a Christian.



As I mentioned last month, I pray that we celebrate and support the new ministries we have started here at Blymire's Church, such as Messy Church and livestreaming and the revitalized ministries we have here, such as the Circle of Grace, FUN Team, Bible Study, vocal and bell choirs. I also ask that we all celebrate and support our interim tasks that will help us to soon start filling out our church profile – tallying our Diversity Survey, determining what we need to change or tweak about our church's Constitution and By-Laws, establishing active and affiliated church membership lists, looking for a new home for Emmanuel's Closet, and continuing our caring responses to local and wider church needs, and starting a Profile Committee.

I also ask that you prayerfully remember the questions that we have been asking all during our interim period together: **Who are we as St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ? Who are our neighbors? Who is God calling us to become as we journey into God's future? What is our unique niche here in Dallastown?**

I hope to see you around this month of May. Pastor Rick

May Humor

God's destruction of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah is a story that makes a vivid impression. A teacher relating the story to her class was saying, "Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city which was about to be destroyed. Lot got away safely. His wife looked back and turned to a pillar of salt. Now, children, do you have any questions to ask about this story?"

A boy raised his hand. "Could you please tell us what happened to the flea?"

"Did you hear Robinson snoring in church this morning? It was simply awful."

"Yes, I did – he woke me up."

Both passages come from: Phillips, Bob, The World's Greatest Collection of Heavenly Humor, Harvest House Publishers, 1982.



The public is invited to join us in the pavilion behind our church for an outdoor concert series featuring a variety of different types of music.

The concerts will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 PM.

In case of inclement weather, they will be moved indoors to the church.

There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

Snacks will be available for purchase.

Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets or sit at one of our picnic tables.

Below is a list of concerts for 2023

JUNE 25 - SPRING GARDEN BAND

(Patriotic music)

JULY 23 - TIMELESS

(50's and 60's rock and roll)

AUGUST 6 - RED LION FELTON BAND

(Traditional band music)

SEPTEMBER 3- FIRST CAPITAL BRASS

(Brass ensemble)

If you have any questions, please call the church office at (717) 244-0655.

MONTH OF SUNDAYS WORSHIP SERVICES-MAY 2023

MAY 7, 2023 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture: Acts 7:55-60

Message: “What Fills Your Life Now?”

Theme: What fills our lives defines our legacy, decides our focus in challenging times, and helps us further God’s Kingdom/Realm

Sunday School: Pastor Rick

MAY 14, 2023 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MOTHER’S DAY – UCC RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31

Message: “What God will you decide to follow?”

Theme: Does it matter what God we worship? The One who only meets our needs, the One we can control, the take-away-my-pain God, the just-in-case God?

Sunday School: Peggie Free

MAY 21, 2023 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY – UCC MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY

Guest Speaker: Amy Jansky from Pappas House

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

Scriptural Theme: Cliffhangers: Was Jesus going to restore the Kingdom of Israel? What were Jesus’ early followers, and us, to do about Jesus coming back someday, about receiving the Holy Spirit, about all joining together constantly in one prayer and passion, about changing our priorities to God’s priorities?

Sunday School: Peggie Free

MAY 28, 2023 – PENTECOST SUNDAY AND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY – STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13

Message: “Do windcatchers show us what spiritual power is all about?”

Theme: We get spiritually re-charged through numbers (community), size (us common people who are bold for Christ), and location (being at the right place at the right time, perhaps with family, colleagues, friends, or even strangers).

Sunday School: Ginny Weber

JUNE 4, 2023 – TRINITY SUNDAY, CELEBRATING PENTECOST AND HOLY COMMUNION

Scripture: Acts 2:14-24

Dramatic Skit: “The Church is Burning!” J. Fairweather

JUNE 11, 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – MUSIC SUNDAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS



***May God
Bless You On
Your
Birthday!***

3. Brenda Kerchner
Stella Holtzapple
Trudy Hertzog
5. Sonja Ness
Linda Flinchbaugh
Holly Gingerich
7. Kathi Sterling
9. Alexandra Humbert
10. Nelson Leader
11. Jane Picking
12. Zachery Tyler Ness
14. April Weber
15. Chuck Miller
17. Brad Leader
18. Douglas Leader
20. Lonnie Barnhart
24. Joyce Platts
25. Martha Leader
27. Richard Nelson
28. Braxton McKenzie
29. Bernie Noll
30. Claire Barley

CELEBRATING MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 4 - Scott and Sarah Smith - 15 years
May 9 - Tim and Donna Sleeth - 14 years
May 10 - Bob and Wanda Strickler - 48 years
May 10 - Michael and Heather Matthews - 26 years
May 12 - Greg and Connie Hays - 22 years
May 13 - Matthew and Randi John - 17 years
May 22 - Brad and Michele Leader - 24 years
May 22 - Mark and Diane Ness - 40 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2023	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,823.00	\$9,149.59	\$0.30	\$612.18	\$738.24	\$200.00
February	\$7,242.25	\$9,309.43	\$0.22	\$338.98	\$0.12	\$375.34
March	\$8,179.00	\$13,350.64	\$0.29	\$702.79	\$900.10	\$328.10
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$26,244.25	\$31,809.66	\$0.81	\$1,653.95	\$1,638.46	\$903.44

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ April 1, 2023

\$9,395.60

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ April 1, 2023
(Includes \$58,096.91 Endowment)

\$59,909.59

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ April 1, 2023
(Includes \$832,721.20 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)

\$834,488.04

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2023

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 806.82
January	3	\$576.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 381.82
February	1	\$150.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 311.82
March	1	\$25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 316.82
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	5	\$751.00	\$ 261.00	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS and those in need of PRAYER

Peggy Luckenbaugh
Room 704B
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403



Keeping in our prayers
Dolores Barley
Jeanette Black
Cindie McKinsey
Friends battling cancer
Covid 19 patients

Linda Trone
Room 604
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403

Carolyn Innerst
Room 123
Senior Commons@Powder
Mill
1775 Powder Mill Road
York, PA 17403



**Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military**

A1C Ness, Brandon
6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad
Tucson, AZ 85756

You are invited to a SURPRISE party:
Rev. Sue Oelrich's
40th Anniversary of Ordination
on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at
Locust Grove United Church of Christ
1035 Locust Grove Road, York, PA 17402
9:15 a.m. Worship
Wait outside until invited in at 9:15!
If you are unable to come to worship,
feel free to come just for the lunch!

11:00 a.m. Celebration Lunch
Reserve your place by email:
shrdouZR@comcast.net

Cards may be mailed/delivered to:
Ron Oelrich, c/o Faith UCC
509 Pacific Ave., York, PA 17404

Send ministry photos of Sue to:
soelrich@eastern.edu
REMEMBER: IT'S A SURPRISE!

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Stephanie Oelrich (she/her)
soelrich@eastern.edu
Seminarian
Lancaster Theological Seminary

Check Your Important Documents

Recently I was setting up a life insurance policy for online auto pay. The Term policy was purchased about 20 years ago as a backup to my main policy. A beneficiary was not listed on the policy. I knew a beneficiary was listed on my original paper copy. Somehow it did not get copied over to the documents the company listed online. In the Beneficiary Tab it stated, "Only policy holder may name a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary". I made the necessary changes to the beneficiaries and received confirmation through an e-mail.

I have begun to check my other important documents to make sure that information that is listed online is correct with any paper copies that we have. It is not known what difficulties this may have caused if the policy had been claimed. Many times, the person on the phone is looking at a computer screen with your information on it. They do not have ready access to any past paper copies that were made. Protect yourself, check your important documents and clarify any misunderstandings that may exist.

Don't rely on your loved ones to make those corrections after the fact.

Submitted by Joel Frey



MEN'S GROUP



Our Men's Group will hold their next meeting at 7:00 PM at church on Tuesday, May 9th. Our guest will be Catherine Stoner, who will return to update us on your Uganda family and their progress. The Men's Group has supported this family in the past with purchasing pigs and assisted financially in building a school.



Our second chicken BBQ of the season will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter all for \$10.00. To place an order, please call the church office 244-0655. We sold out early nearly every month last summer, so to be guaranteed a dinner, it is best to pre-order. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru October.

We are also planning to set up a bake sale table and would welcome donations of homemade cookies, rice krispie treats, cupcakes, candy, etc. Please put individual portions in baggies or plastic wrap. They may be dropped off at the church the day before or the morning of the BBQ. Thank you.



A big thank you to Peggie Free, Barb Adams, Ginny, Weber, and Nancy Taylor for moving our book sale library and setting it up. It is organized in an easy to read order by author and book title.

Thanks again from CMT and Trustee Teams.

If you haven't been in the Book Room lately, check it out. New titles are coming in on a regular basis and you never know what interesting things you may find.

In addition to hundreds of books, there are also DVD's, magazines, games, puzzles and a couple of "Freebie" bins.

MESSY CHURCH



What is Messy Church? It's church, but not as you know it! Messy Church is a form of family church for children and adults. It involves creativity, celebration and hospitality! It's church for people of any age and at all stages of their faith journey. If traditional church is no longer a part of your life, come try out Messy Church!

Our first Messy Church gathering was held on Friday, April 28, from 6:00-7:45 PM. April's theme was "Springtime Celebration" a celebration of springtime, Easter, and Mother's Day. Supper was included at no cost.

Upcoming Messy Church gatherings will be May 19 and June 9, also from 6:00-7:45 PM. Meals will be provided each month. May's theme will be Gardening/Farming.



CARD and GAME CLUB

We have started a group to play card and board games here at the church. Everyone is welcome, and if you don't know how to play certain games, there will be someone who can teach you. You can bring lunch or order in.

We will meet the second Wednesday of each month starting at 11:00 AM and playing until people are ready to stop. Our next meeting will be May 10.

CHAIR YOGA

Looking for some gentle, easy exercise? Come check out our Chair Yoga classes! These classes are especially good for beginners. No equipment is necessary.

Yoga is one of the most highly recommended forms of exercise for seniors! You can come occasionally, once a week, or twice a week. Just come and give it a try! It's easy! Men, this is not for women only!

Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11 AM here at the church. There is a \$10 fee for each class. Hope to see you there!



Book Club has returned! We get together on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Each person will tell about a book they have read or are currently reading. It is also a time of fellowship and support. Lunch will be ordered in. Come join us and bring a friend!

Any questions? Text or call Ginny Weber at (202) 549-4358.



MAY 2023

“Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet “

Dale Partridge

You can preach a better sermon with your life than your lips.

Oliver Goldsmith

Joy is what we are, not what we must get. Joy is the realization that all we want or need in life has been etched into our souls. Joy helps us see not what we are "going through," but what we are "growing to"-- a greater sense of understanding, accomplishment, and enlightenment.

Joy reveals to us the calm at the end of the storm, the peace that surpasses the momentary happiness of pleasure. If we keep our minds centered on joy, joy becomes a state of mind.

Iyanla Vanzant

Attitudes are Contagious. Make yours worth catching.

TobyMac



THE 23RD PSALM MOM

My mom is my shepherd; I shall not want. She makes me lie down under cool, downy comforts. She watches me play beside still waters. She restores my soul.

She leads me in paths of respect, responsibility, and goodness, for I am her namesake!

Yea, even though I walk past monsters in the dark, I will not be scared, because my mom is always near me. Her hands and her voice, they comfort me.

Mama sets the table and cheerfully calls me to dinner even in front of big, mean bullies.

She anoints my skinned knees and broken heart with kisses. She smiles and throws me a towel when my cup runneth over.

Surely God's peace, power, and mercy shall uphold me all the days of my life, for my Mother taught me to dwell in the house of God forever.

Unknown

"This day I will make the best of my life. This day I will drink every minute to its fullest. I will savor its taste and give thanks. I will live this day as if it is my last. And if it is not, I shall fall to my knees and give thanks."

Og Mandino



Dear "big" kids, when your mom says she doesn't want "anything" for Mother's Day, what she means is she just wants:

A hug

A text

A phone call

A conversation

A shared meal

A "thanks, mom"

To hear your voice.

To see your face.

A "how are you, Mom?"

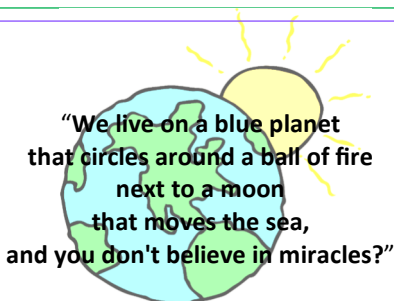
An update (without her asking)

An "I love you:" via any method.

To know you are happy and healthy

And for you to know you mean everything to her!

In this noisy, restless, bewildering age, there is a great need for quietness of spirit. Even in our communion with God we are so busy presenting our problems, asking for help, seeking relief that we leave no moments of silence to listen for God's answers. By practice we can learn to submerge our spirits beneath the turbulent surface waves of life and reach that depth of our being where all is still, where no storms can reach us. Here only can we forget the material world and its demands on us.



One Sunday morning the pastor noticed Johnny staring at a plaque mounted in the foyer. "Johnny, do you know why all those names are on there?, asked the pastor. "No I don't, sir." he replied. "These are all the people who have died in the service." Somberly, they stood there together. After awhile Johnny's voice broke the silence. "Which one sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30?" **Albert Schantz**





"Be very gentle and loving with yourself. Each time you enter the quiet within your heart, you leave another aspect of your low self-esteem outside to be replaced by My peace and rest.

Leave behind the worn-out modes of thought and judgment about yourself and others. Let us be practical in this training of elevating your thought processes to a more spiritual level.

Let the past be the past. Leave your mistakes and disappointments behind.

Only retain the lessons you have learned from them, and the blessings you have experienced.

Count those blessings and let them warm your heart on the rainy and windy days of trouble and disappointments. They will begin to lose their strength and importance the more often you come to Me, and feel My comforting presence within you.

From this calm center, go forth into your daily life to be a comforting presence to others, because you are learning to drink from the well of Living Waters, the Source that dwells within.

Only you can block My positive stream of thought, through a negative attitude, and falling back into the old redundant pattern of fault-finding and judgment. Banish any negative thinking at once, so there will be more room for positive thought. "

"So Come. So Rest. So Learn."

11:11 Progress Group



As my husband and I took a ride in our Jeep one evening, we passed three sandhill cranes walking slowly across a yard. Turned toward the little one between them, the two larger birds appeared to be doting parents. It reminded me of watching my son take his first steps.

We often see sandhill cranes in the fields around our house, but I had never seen one this young.

I was surprised to read that many sandhill cranes have only one baby to raise. They keep that child with them for a year, then the youngster transfers to a group of other young cranes who are learning together how to live on their own.

I teared up as I realized the connection of these three birds to my own life at the moment. In a week, we would be taking our only child to grad school in another state. He is paying his own rent for an apartment. He knows how to make bacon carbonara but often eats ramen noodles. He needs a credit card. He wants to buy a queen-size bed. Our young one is officially leaving the nest to live with his peers.

When our babies are young, we lean in close. We hold hands and wash faces. We laugh at their corny jokes and wonder at all the rocks in their pockets. There never seems to be enough time. Watching a child become his or her own person is the most exhilarating thing we will ever do.

When I read again how our Lord carries me as a father carries his child, I am overwhelmed by His great love. It gives me confidence to lay my head on His shoulder, maybe even cry a few tears, and sigh as His loving arms surround me until He finally carries me home.

Twila Bennett

HAMMOCK OF GRACE

Attempts at "self-salvation" guarantee nothing but exhaustion.

We scamper and scurry, trying to please God, collecting merit badges and brownie points and scowling at anyone who questions our accomplishments. The result? We are the weariest people on earth. We so fear failure that we create the image of perfection. Call us the church of hound-dog faces and slumped shoulders.

Stop it! Once and for all, enough of this frenzy! Hebrews 13:9 tells us, "Your hearts should be strengthened by God's grace, not by obeying rules." In Matthew 11:28 Jesus promises, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

"There is no fine print. A second shoe is not going to drop. God's promise has no hidden language. Let grace happen. You have His unending affection. Stretch yourself out in the hammock of grace.

You can rest now!

Max Lucado





Revelations for May from “Bly Mire” Mouse

To our dear church family:

What a busy month you all have had in April! Besides the usual weekday and Sunday activities, you’ve had some special events, such as your Maundy Thursday service, Easter service with lots of people, the baptism of Callie Nugent with even more people, and the first Messy Church session! And we saw and heard the excitement of the women (and two men) as you left for the women’s retreat at Rehoboth Beach. You served food at several of these events, which we and the young ones always like because the crumbs you leave are so tasty!

The friendly banter and conversation, the music, the messages, the lessons, and the everyday activities around here that we have seen and overheard do our hearts good – especially the fact that because Jesus rose from the dead, He lives in us and His presence is real (yes, even with us mice!). What better truth is there than that to shout from the rooftops (or to shout from the tops of the counters and tables for us mice)?

Speaking of shouting from the rooftops, we heard someone at church recently quote from Ephesians 5:19: **“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Did you know that some insect friends of ours make music in unusual ways? They are the cricket and the grasshopper. A grasshopper has long hind legs with a row of tiny pegs on the upper, inner portion of each leg. When these pegs are rubbed against the hard edge of one of the grasshopper’s wings, a musical sound is produced. Some grasshoppers rub their hind legs together to make music. A cricket has ridges and also a sharp-edged area on its wings. When the wings are rubbed together, the cricket is said to be “singing.”

Only male crickets and grasshoppers sing, and they do so to mate. The music may sound like a chirp, crackle, click, or creak. It may be soft or loud. The grasshopper tends to sing during the heat of a summer day and the cricket in the evening when it is cooler. If you run your fingers over the teeth of one of your combs, you can begin to understand how insect music is produced.

Another unusual thing about a cricket is that its ears are on its front legs. A grasshopper has ears on its abdomen. We could say that these insects make music and hear music in an extraordinary way! You could say that they are doing in wonderful ways what Ephesians 5:19 asks us to do!

As we’ve already mentioned when we talked about Easter, we remember that God has given us many wonderful things. Your human world – and our mouse world – is full of beauty and the miracles of God’s creation. God’s greatest gift to us is His constant love. This love was demonstrated for us in the life of Jesus Christ.

We know from you all that one way we can thank God and share our Christian joy with others is through music. Like the legs and wings of the grasshopper and cricket, our voices are musical instruments and can be used to worship God. We hear your beautiful music all the time – with the outstanding organ music, the hymns, the choir anthem, and the ringing bells. We two and the little ones even try to join along with you from time to time in your music and praises to God! You are encouraging us to use our voices and our ears to appreciate music and to give thanks to God. (1)

Just one more thing. We know that Mother’s Day is coming up. We want to share with you all what we saw one of you do with each letter of the word MOTHER that tells us why mothers are so fantastic.

M is the first letter of map. A map reminds us that mothers spend a lot of time taking us to places, such as school, church, a friend’s house.

O is the first letter of orange. An orange reminds us that mothers fix the food we eat and make sure that we eat the right kinds of food each day.

T is the first letter of thermometer. A thermometer reminds us that mothers take care of us when we are sick and help us get well.

H is the first letter of house. This reminds us that mothers (with the help of the rest of us) keep our houses (in our case, our mouse holes) clean and nice.

E is the first letter of ear. Ears remind us that whenever we call, mothers hear us and help us.

R is the first letter of rib. A rib is a bone near our heart and near to our side. When God wanted to tell us how Eve, the first mother was made, God said that He took a rib from her husband, Adam, and created the first mother. (2)

Aren’t you glad that God made mothers? We thank God for all mothers (human and mouse) who love us and care for us in so many ways.

We look forward to seeing you around (and gobbling up your crumbs) during the month of May!

Love, Bly and Mire and our precious little ones (who are growing)

(1) Edstrom, Lois, Contemporary Object Lessons for Children’s Church, Baker Book House Company, 1985.

(2) Trull, Joe E., 40 Object Sermons for Children, Baker Book House Company, 1978.

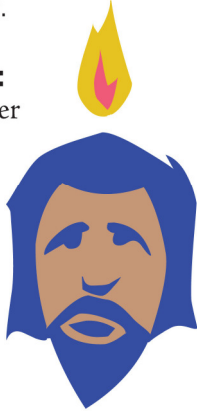


Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

PUZZLE



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV [] []
2. [] [] ABLE
3. [] [] AY OF PENTECOS [] []
4. [] [] ONGUE
5. [] [] PIRI [] []
6. [] [] OGETHE [] []
7. [] [] ES
8. [] [] ONGUE
9. [] [] A
10. [] [] IND



"When the _____³ came, they were all _____⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____¹⁰ came from _____¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁹ what seemed to be _____⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁵ and began to speak in other _____⁸ as the Spirit _____² them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind