



**WESTPORT RD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
F / K / A SUBURBAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**

Volume 44, No. 5

May 1, 2012

WESTPORT ROAD CHRISTIAN NEWS

Rev. Ed Koffenberger
Minister

Ethel Riser
Minister of Music

Kristin Riggs
Church Secretary

David Williams
President

Diana Baker
Vice-President

Patricia Williams
Secretary

Cathy Taylor
Treasurer

Lucille Matallana
Financial Secretary

Sam Peege
Administrative

Edith Cox
Outreach

Barbara Stayton
Fellowship

Mary Faye Carr
Finance

Nelda Miller
Stewardship

Jeane Gianneschi
Evangelism

Cindy Webb
Historical/Archival

Mike Baker
Property

Linda Cornwell
Preschool Director

Kentucky Derby, Farmers' Market, Mother's Day, Last Day of School, Pentecost, and Memorial Day. It MUST be May! Hope you aren't feeling tired just looking at the list. I do think it is interesting that Pentecost and Memorial Day are back to back this year. Memorial Day has become the day we all remember those who have fought and died for the cause of freedom. Parades celebrate not only those who have died but those who survived these battles as a way to encourage the men and women in uniform today. Of course, there will be the inevitable debates about the day and its meaning but, curiously enough, it is the freedom to have such debates that this day commemorates as well.

Pentecost does not have such a following, a national recognition, parades, and debates. In some Christian assemblies, Pentecost is lost altogether. We celebrate the birth of Jesus in a big way. We celebrate his resurrection in a big way. Yet we do not celebrate the beginnings of the Church in a big way. And why not? I've got a few ideas.

On Pentecost, no one gets gifts or dresses up in new clothes. In fact, Pentecost has almost nothing to do with what we bring to the gathering. It's all about what God offered to those who gathered. The disciples were lonely, scared, troubled, and I am willing to believe that some were feeling their faith beginning to lag. Without Jesus, alive the first time or resurrected, what chance did they have to "keep the faith" and be as Jesus had charged them to be? If the disciples were as human as they are portrayed in Scripture, I imagine they thought they needed Jesus himself present to actually do the good works and help protect them when they failed. Without Jesus, they felt helpless and powerless.

Pentecost tells us that the church is the new body of Christ. This means we are responsible for continuing the mission of Jesus the Christ. **Us.** Of course a Christian version of a familiar adage is "Let Jesus do it" where we pray to God to get Jesus to do the transformative work while we sit back in wonder and praise. Yet, like the game hot potato, Jesus passes the duty of transforming the world back to us. He will be happy to coach the team, but we have to play the game. Jesus doesn't want a fan club. He wants us to fan out into the world with the Gospel message. Maybe Pentecost isn't so popular because it is a Sunday that emphasizes that responsibility and, thereby, tests our strength of faith.

On Sunday, May 27th, let's all wear red to show that we recognize that we have been given the Holy Spirit and pledge to continue the work of Jesus the Christ to the glory of God.

"I will be with you always"

~Matthew 28:20

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to a close. All of us on staff have done our very best in providing our part of the academic, emotional, social, and spiritual development of each child in our program. I have never been one to have the "go get" attitude with either church or school. If everything is in place as God directs, then He will bring those He wants to us. That's the reason you will hear me say, "Every child that is enrolled in our school is here because this is where they are supposed to be at this time." God wanted this ministry and asked this church to answer that call forty-nine years ago.

Our May is filled with activities until the last day on May 17th.

Tuesday, May 1st—Field Day

Thursday, May 3rd—Derby Celebration

Thursday, May 10th—Pastries with Parents and Spring Musical @ 9am

You are always welcome to join us. You will be blessed. Thank you for providing another great year for the children of this community.

*In His Service,
Linda*

I want to express my sincere appreciation for all your kindnesses bestowed to me after the death of my mother. She lived a long life and was a wonderful mother. The biggest gift she gave to her children was providing them a foundation of faith. There was never a time in my life when the "church" was not the central focus. It is for that that I am eternally grateful. You have truly honored her and blessed me by your care and thoughtfulness.

Love,
Linda Cornwell

Prayer Concerns:

Members:

Estelle Gallenstein, Marion Curtis, John Davis, Fred Wempe, Ruby & Norman Morgan, Nelda Miller, Virginia Boebinger, Don & Patsy Hall, Marilyn Brock, Wanda Gaunt, Joann Patterson, Linda Dennis, Barbara Jackson

Friends:

Libby Oldham (Roland Stayton's sister), Bill Whitehouse (Roland Stayton's cousin), John Moyers (Roland Stayton's friend), CD Mays, USMC (Brandon's brother-in law/Mel's son-in-law), Rev. James Mahoney, Hansel & Sarah Willis (Linda Dennis' brother and sister-in-law), Bill Cooper (friend of Mary Ann's), Jay Irby's daughter, Sandy Dietrick (friend of Mary Ann), Mary Faye's neighbor, Cheryl, Becky Ackerman & family (Tricia's friend), Judy and Edith (Mae Duke's friends), Robin Ann Fagan (Mary Ann's niece), The Charles Jones Family, Ronnie Roberts' Family, Nutley Family, Ava (six-month-old with cataracts) (friend of Vicki Rumer), Mary Brooks (Fred's friend), Melissa Motley (Faith's friend), Katie (Butch's friend), The Gobel Family, John & Darlene, Zachary, Marty Cole Miller and his platoon (Tammy Tobe's nephew), Alberta Adams (Tammy Tobe's aunt)

Current Events:

May 4~No School

May 6~Council Meeting @ 12:30pm

May 9~Family Night Dinner @ 6pm

May 10~Pastries with Parents @ 9am
Farmer's Market Vendor Mtg

May 16~WASC @ 11:30am

May 17~Last Day of School

Farmer's Market begins 3-6pm

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10:30am.

Choir is every Thursday at 7pm.

Counseling / Spiritual Direction appointments call 263-3174.



The CWF Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. Please begin saving items for this event. (No clothing, please.)



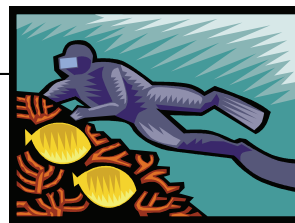
Welcome to our two newest members, Jay Irby and Diane Feldpausch. They joined the church on Sunday, April 15th. We're so glad to have you as a part of our church family!!

Operation Overboard
Where Kids Dare to Go Deep with God
Vacation Bible School 2012
June 4-8
Ages Preschool 3—4th Grade

Materials have arrived. Registrations are coming in and now I am getting the staff recruited and in place.

Be prepared to start seeing sea creatures "hanging" around our facility. Our theme is an aquatic environment which offers all of us to go on a deep sea adventure and meet people of deep faith from the Old and New Testaments.

- Day 1: Depend on God—Noah
- Day 2: Dare to Care—A Servant Girl
- Day 3: Claim Jesus—John
- Day 4: Choose to Follow—Disciples
- Day 5: Change the World—Paul



Please submit any announcements for the newsletter no later than the last Wednesday of the month.

A group meets at the church every Wednesday morning for Bible Study at 10:30am. Come be with us as we draw closer to the Lord by studying His Word.

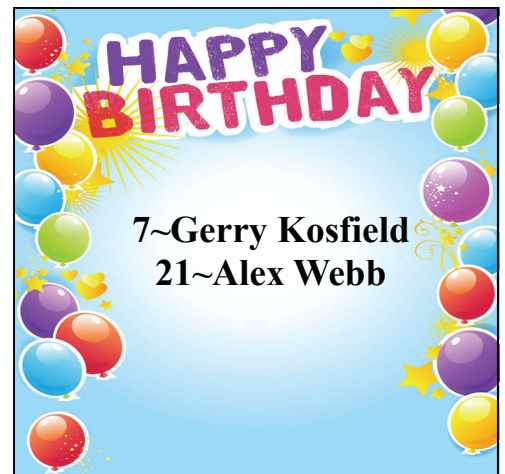
Happy Anniversary

- 4~Norman & Ruby Morgan*
- 19~Sam & Verla Peege*
- 26~Don & Mary Jane Sine*



The men meet every Thursday at the church at noon for a sack lunch. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for food and fellowship.

Westport Area Senior Community (WASC) will be meeting on Wednesday, May 16th from 11:30 to 1pm at WRCC. A light lunch will be served with entertainment to follow. The cost for this event is \$5.00. Please RSVP and get more info by calling Carol Kaufmann at Senior Care Experts at 896-2316 or e-mail her at c.kaufmann@srcareexperts.org.



- 7~Gerry Kosfield**
- 21~Alex Webb**

Those in Service...May 2012

SUNDAY, May 5

Rev. Ed Koffenberger
Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8
"Preparing for Pentecost"

SERVING:

Servers: **Betty Taylor**, Cathy Taylor
Sam Peege, Larry Taylor

Elders: Linda Dennis, Larry Taylor

Scripture Reader: Karen Berkey

Shut In Communion: Larry Taylor

Worship Leader: Linda Dennis

SUNDAY, May 20

Rev. Ed Koffenberger
Psalm 1; John 17:6-19
"Final, Final Words"

SERVING:

Servers: **Betty Taylor**, Cathy Taylor
Sam Peege, Larry Taylor

Elders: Cindy Webb, Rev. Roland Stayton

Scripture Reader: Fred Wempe

Shut In Communion: Cindy Webb

Worship Leader: Harry or Jeanne Gianneschi

SUNDAY, May 13

Rev. Ed Koffenberger
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
"Goodbye and Hello"

SERVING:

Servers: **Betty Taylor**, Cathy Taylor
Sam Peege, Larry Taylor

Elders: Bill & Edith Cox

Scripture Reader: Linda Dennis

Shut In Communion: Edith Cox

Worship Leader: Edith Cox

SUNDAY, May 27

Rev. Ed Koffenberger
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15; Acts 2:1-21
"From the Body of Jesus to the Body of Christ"

SERVING:

Servers: **Betty Taylor**, Cathy Taylor
Sam Peege, Larry Taylor

Elders: Sam Peege, Mary Faye Carr

Scripture Reader: Hope Jones

Shut In Communion: Mary Faye Carr

Worship Leader: Sam Peege

