

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

June & July 2025



JUNE 2025

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue through the summer months on Monday afternoons at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Day of Pentecost

(Sunday, June 8, 2025)

The fire of the Spirit

The presence of the Spirit of God is often symbolized in the Bible by fire. Moses, for example, saw a burning bush from which God called to him (Exodus 3:2-6).

In the New Testament, fire is said to have “rested” on each of the believers gathered together on Pentecost (Acts 2:3).

It has been common for many believers to talk of feeling something like an electrical current or a burning sensation when they have encountered God. For example, John Wesley, Methodism’s founder, spoke of feeling his heart “strangely warmed” as he attended a worship service one Sunday evening.

Those who have had such experiences feel compelled to share the Good News of Christ with others. Someone said that “a burning heart will soon find for itself a flaming tongue.” The flame of faith inside one Christian is likely to start a fire in the hearts of others when the message is shared. The fire of the Spirit in a single person can kindle a fire within many others. The compulsion to speak about the love of God can lead others to the wholeness that comes with salvation.

Holy Communion celebrated

(Sunday, June 8, 2025)

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8. The Elders serving that morning will be Jane McNinch, Bill Groft, Sharon Burke, and John Harler.

Flag Day

(Saturday, June 14, 2025)

“And let us never forget that in honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for it...”

-President Ronald Reagan

THE AMERICAN FLAG

The American Flag is a symbol of patriotism and has changed many times since the first official flag of 1777. The term “Old Glory” is often used to describe the American Flag. The flag has 50 stars representing the 50 states and there are 13 stripes representing the 13 original colonies. On August 3, 1949 President Truman officially declared June 14th Flag Day.



(Sunday, June 15, 2025)

The beginning of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, a young woman named Sonora Smart Dodd sat in a pew listening to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. She began to wonder why there wasn't a day to honor fathers.

Sonora decided to arrange for a tribute to be paid to her father at a church in her hometown of Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many believe that this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another view is that Dr. Robert Webb, pastor of Central Church, in Fairmont, West Virginia, held a

service giving tribute to fathers in 1908. Regardless of which story is the correct one, it is certain that President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to choose a special day to honor fathers. He proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day in 1924.

A Tribute To Father...

A father is a guiding light sent to us from above.
He listens to our sorrows and smooths them with his love.

A father is a teacher whose place no one could take,
for he's the source from which we learn to think and navigate.

A father is a gift from God, from whom we learn to be patient, strong and loving, filled with integrity.

What makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so He called it...Dad.

Trinity Sunday

(Sunday, June 15, 2025)

Focusing on the Trinity

Christians are monotheists, meaning we believe in only one God. Yet we talk about the doctrine of the Trinity. In the church year, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. It's a day for focusing on what theologians call the Triune God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Someone said about the concept of the Trinity, "You will lose your soul if you don't believe it, and you will lose your mind if you try to explain it."

The bottom line is this: God (one Person) has been revealed to mankind in three ways. He is our Creator, who then came to Earth as our Savior (in the person of Jesus) and is eternally present with us as the Holy Spirit.

On Trinity Sunday, we praise our Triune God for meeting all our needs.

Custodian's Vacation

The custodian will be on vacation from Sunday, June 22 through Saturday, June 28.

JULY 2025

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school class during the month of July.

Loose offering

The loose offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month and will be given to the Deacons to help with their projects.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way--
a life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

-Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

American independence

John Adams, who became America's second president, was so elated when the United States was about to celebrate independence from England that he wrote:

"It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore."