

May message from The Rev. Dr. Cindy McClung

Dear Friends,

Pentecost is coming! Fifty days after Easter the church celebrates the festival of Pentecost. It is the birthday of the church. It is the day when people began to be able to hear about the Good News in their own language. On Pentecost we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus. There were at least two other times that this occurred in the book of Acts. People came to faith in droves. What an incredible time this was in the beginnings of the first century church.

The Holy Spirit also gives to us our spiritual gifts. The point of having a spiritual gift is that it is to be shared with those around us, the Body of Christ. Our gifts are not for selfish motives and personal gain. The gifts that have been given to us to be used for the good of others and the furthering of the kingdom of God here on earth.

As a congregation we have taken spiritual gifts inventories and talked with others about how we might use those gifts in the kingdom of God.

Perhaps you were surprised by your gifts. Through conversation with others, you may have found new ways to use these gifts or received new insights into how God may be calling you to serve in God's kingdom. I want to challenge and encourage you to use your gifts for the furthering of the kingdom of God here on earth. Find some new ways to use your gifts. Focus your energy on learning more about your gifts and using them for the good of all. Imagine what our congregation can look like if we all would be good stewards of our gifts. Wow!

The possibilities and opportunities before us are awesome. Let's celebrate the Holy Spirit and the gifts we have been given

Blessings,

Cindy

