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St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Purcellville, Virginia

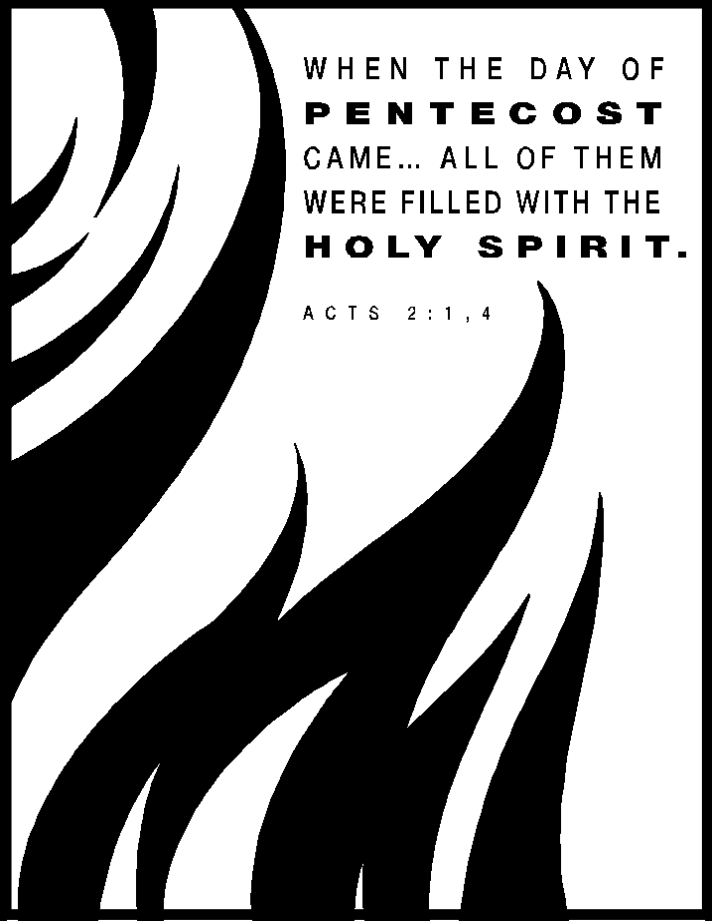
June 2003

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Note...

The next *Good News* will combine July and August in one edition. The deadline is June 10.



WHEN THE DAY OF
PENTECOST
CAME... ALL OF THEM
WERE FILLED WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

ACTS 2:1,4

Pentecost is an ancient liturgical feast celebrated by the people of God since the Exodus. It commemorates the giving of the Law by Moses on Mt. Sinai. Its name is the Greek way of signifying its place on the calendar "fifty days after" the Passover.

As Christians, we celebrate Pentecost for a different reason. Pentecost is the day God poured out his Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples, giving birth to the Church 1,970 years ago. It was quite an event.

The disciples were gathered in the upper room of a house in Jerusalem. Suddenly the house was filled with a sound like the rush of a violent wind. Flames of fire appeared among and upon them. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages.

But this wasn't just a private experience, localized in the upper room. It was an event of such magnitude that it attracted several thousand curious people from surrounding neighborhoods in Jerusalem. As people approached the house to witness the spectacle, they heard the disciples speaking to them in different languages.

Many in the crowd had come to Jerusalem as pilgrims from all over the world for the feast of Pentecost. And here in this most Hebrew of cities they hear the disciples praising God in the languages of their various homelands.

Until now Hebrew was considered the only language suitable for God's praise. But on Pentecost, all that changed. **The language of eternal life is now proclaimed in many tongues.** This reverses the Tower of Babel, where humans were scattered and their language confused.

After Pentecost the human race is now being united across national, cultural, linguistic and ethnic barriers in Christ Jesus. With this new reality comes **the mission of the Church.** The Catechism says, "The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

We got off to a good start on Pentecost in AD 33. Luke tells us about 3,000 people believed and were baptized that day. The day after, 5,000 more were. But this was just a start. These Jewish pilgrims later returned to their homes all over the world and shared the good news in many languages with friends and neighbors from Spain to India, from Ethiopia to Britain.

They paved the way for Paul and the other apostles who would follow up and consolidate the Church around these lay communities of Christians. **Isn't it striking how God uses lay people - you people - as the leading edge of his kingdom?**

You are like those pilgrims returning home from Jerusalem. You know the language. In your places of commerce, study, work and recreation, you speak the language of the people that need to be reached. You rub elbows every day with *all those future Christians* out there in the world.

Dare I say you are their evangelists? As we turn to the Season of Pentecost which will carry us to December, we need to learn more about this. We need to explore our Pentecostal mission, calling and identity and relate it in practical ways to our lives here at St. Peter's.

— Tom Simmons

Birthright Baby Shower

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a baby shower for Birthright of Leesburg. Birthright, Inc. is an international, non-profit organization devoted to helping women, men and other family members faced with an unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

Birthright provides a host of services to mothers and families in need, including free pregnancy testing, confidential counseling, baby clothing and supplies, and maternity assistance and education. Please drop off "shower items" beginning Father's Day, June 15th through June 21st. A playpen will be set up in McCray Hall for collection.

SHOWER ITEMS include diapers all sizes, pull-ups all sizes, wipes, baby wash and shampoo, formula powder and liquids all stages, baby foods all stages, baby bottles all kinds, clothes (new or gently used) sizes newborn through 2T, baby socks and/or slippers, onesies and undershirts sizes newborn through large.

Unfortunately, Birthright of Leesburg does not have the storage space to accept large items such as toys, cribs, highchairs, etc.

If you would like to learn more about Birthright or you have any questions, please contact Ann Cunningham at 540-554-2739.



Program Review: Renewing Your Mind

I have recently started listening to a radio program that I would like to recommend. The commercial-free, half-hour program is called "Renewing Your Mind" and consists of biblical teaching by Dr. R.C. Sproul. According to their web site, "Dr. Sproul has taught theology and philosophy at the college and seminary level. But his passion has always been lay education — specifically, the kind of in-depth educational resources Christian laypeople desperately need but often can't find." I personally have found his teaching very enlightening. He makes his topics easy to understand, but not "dumbed down." His speaking voice and teaching style are easy to listen to. The program is broadcast on WAVA (105.1fm or 1230am) at 12:30 pm, and it has become my lunch-time habit to tune in when I can. The current day's program, as well as programs for the past month, can also be heard via internet at <http://www.gospelcom.net/ligonier/>. If you have enjoyed Tom's lecture series, I think you will find "Renewing Your Mind" quite to your liking.

—Linda Stoutenburgh

Mite Boxes

The mite boxes presented to St. Peter's on Easter Sunday yielded \$475.65 for Episcopal Relief and Development. Our thanks to Mary Ann Nichols, who rolled all the coins. Please bring in any remaining mite boxes as soon as possible.

St. Peter's Audio Ministry

Did you miss a Sunday or a lecture? Do you spend a lot of time in the car? Here's a chance to hear Fr. Tom outside of church. Copies of Fr. Tom's sermons are available on CD each month. You can buy them at the church on Sunday. Or if you or someone you know would like the CDs mailed to them, please fill out the slip below and send it to the church. Make checks payable to St. Peter's Church, with "Audio Ministry" on the memo line.

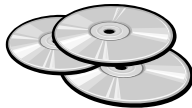
St. Peter's Pulpit: \$5 per disk

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____ Advent Lectures on Revelation \$20

____ Lenten Lectures:
Meeting God in the Eucharist \$25



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Music Notes from the Organist/Director of Music

Easter was Glorious! Many thanks to the members of the Choir for their steadfast dedication during extra rehearsals and additional services.

Summer will soon be upon us and the Choir will take a well deserved break from weekly rehearsals and singing at the services! During the summer, we will continue our practice of having soloists, duets, instrumentalists and "pick up choirs" provide offertory music. On these summer Sundays, we have a short rehearsal before the service and then sing! All, and each, of you are invited to participate. If you have been tempted to sing in the Choir, the summer is a perfect time to try it out. Bring the whole family. Perhaps we have the next von Trapp Family Singers in our midst!

I know that we have instrumentalists "hiding" in the pews. I am encouraging you to step forward and add to our musical worship at St. Peter's. Any trumpeters, trombonists, flutists, oboists, violinists, harpists, etc., out there who would like to play?

I think you follow my theme: we honor and respect those who have stepped forward to share their musical gifts. We would love to have you join the St. Peter's musical family.

Soli Deo Gloria.

God Bless,
Barbara

Scouting at St. Peter's



Some of you have expressed interest in St. Peter's sponsoring scouting troops for boys and girls. With new families moving to town and new schools being built, I think scouting can be an important ministry to offer the community as well as a great way of Building Christians for Service at St. Peter's.

A while ago I met with the regional rep of the Cub Scouts and found out what's involved. To start a Cub Scout den we need five adult leaders to organize it with six hours of training and at least five boys grades 1-5. There will be a day camp for boys in Ashburn the last two weeks of June. Who is interested in getting this great program off the ground?

—Tom Simmons

Scenes from the Purcellville Passion Play

April 13, 2003



Left: Centurion Richard Purnell keeps the crowd at bay.



Above: Centurions Tom Simmons and Randy Stoutenburgh strike a bold pose.

	JUNE 1	JUNE 8	JUNE 15	JUNE 22	JUNE 29
LECTORS	Olive Johnson	Kelly Cockrill	Greg Smith	David Logan	Graham Alcock
	Paul Theerman	Bill Reckmeyer	Daphne Alcock	Cathy Little	David Logan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Tanya Matthews	Mark Novak	Michael Purcell	John Ogle	Paul Theerman
	Bill Cook	Esther Kilgour	Diane Bell	Page Bradley	Jill Cook
	Paul Theerman	John Marsh	Tom Coate	Mark Baker	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Greg Wagner	Sophiann Nunaley	Diane Bell	Alice Lees	Rick Newby
ALTAR GUILD	Julie Krone	Julie Krone	Julie Krone	Betsie Schrenk	Betsie Schrenk
	Jean McDonald	Jean McDonald	Jean McDonald	Jean Brown	Jean Brown
	Judi Novak	Judi Novak	Judi Novak	Diane Bell	Diane Bell
	Daphne Alcock	Daphne Alcock	Daphne Alcock	Jean Kuhns	Jean Kuhns
				Bobbie Wilhelm	Bobbie Wilhelm
ACOLYTES	Stephanie Barnett	Emily Coate	Katherine Hall	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Alex Andrews	Mallory Blessed	Shane Daugherty		
	Kady Andrews	Allison Croce	Nick Flowers		
	Louise Bell	Regan Reedy	Karen Hamm		
	Anna Condon	Kate Stoutenburgh	Michelle Horn		
	Erik Lindemann		Nicole Little		
GREETERS	Sophiann & Dell Nunaley	Mark Baker	Chris and Rick Newby		
COFFEE HOUR	Mark and Nancy Baker	Marty and Jane Thompson	Penni and Joe Hamm	Rick and Tamara Tyler	Chris & Rick Newby
	Brad and Esther Kilgour	Roy & Michelle Thompson	John and Mary White	Bill & Betty Lou Reckmeyer	H. B. & Lisa Kilgour
	Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh		Linda Irwin	Dick & Bobbie Wilhelm	Bill and Brooks Cook
TELLERS	Mike Krone	Howard Evans	Billy Dillon	Roy Thompson	Doug and Charlotte Healy
		Linda Evans	Alfred diZerega	Mary White	Tim Hall
			Lisa Rogers		Tanya Matthews
USHERS	The Cockrills	The Bakers	The Blesseds	Billy & Buck Dillon	Brad & HB Kilgour
			The Warks	The Flowers	The Alcocks
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Lisa Kilgour Tamara Tyler	Holly Raymond Tamara Tyler			

Note: If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a Sunday you are assigned, please find your replacement.

June 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am; Christian education for children, youths and adults 9 am; Choir practice 11:45 am	2 Women's prayer group 7:30 pm	3 Men's prayer group 6:30 am	4 Bible study 10 am; Eucharist 11:15 am	5	6	7 Mt. Calvary Guild/ ECW Tea 3 pm
← Tom Simmons on vacation →						
8 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am; Christian education for children, youths and adults 9 am; Choir practice 11:45 am	9 Women's prayer group 7:30 pm	10 Men's prayer group 6:30 am	11 Bible study 10 am; Eucharist 11:15 am	12	13	14 Men's breakfast 7:00 am
15 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am; Christian education for children, youths and adults 9 am; Choir practice 11:45 am	16 Mt. Calvary Guild 10 am; Women's prayer group 7:30 pm	17 Men's prayer group 6:30 am; Vestry meeting 7 pm	18 Bible study 10 am; Eucharist 11:15 am	19	20	21
22 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am; Christian education for children, youths and adults 9 am; Choir practice 11:45 am	23 Women's prayer group 7:30 pm	24 Men's prayer group 6:30 am	25 Bible study 10 am; Eucharist 11:15 am	26 Salvation Army Men's Club 6 - 8 pm	27 TGIF 8 pm	28
29 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am; Christian education for children, youths and adults 9 am; Choir practice 11:45 am	30 Women's prayer group 7:30 pm					

ANNIVERSARIES: BIRTHDAYS:

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| 6-1 Charlie & Cathy Little | 6-2 Rick Cockrill | 6-11 Sarah Hardey | 6-20 Barbara Simpson |
| 6-3 Bill & Betty Lou Reckmeyer | 6-3 Leslie Woods-Hulse | 6-13 Joseph Cunningham Stephanie Barnett | 6-21 Rick Smith |
| 6-6 Brian & Marilyn Jarvis | 6-5 Ben Gruber | Louise Bell | 6-24 Nicole Pekin |
| 6-24 Mike & Linda Irwin | 6-7 Tait Simmons | 6-14 Jean Brown | 6-25 Clyde Ball |
| | 6-8 Mary Ann Nichols Hannah Rogers | Judy Didoha | Nathaniel Thompson Courtney Blessed |
| | 6-9 Briana Tyler | 6-18 Nancy Montgomery | 6-27 Ricky Cockrill |
| | 6-11 Bette Ball | 6-20 Sharon Purnell | 6-29 A. D. Bogle |

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Upcoming Dates

May 24-June 7	Tom Simmons on vacation
June 7	Mt. Calvary Guild/ECW Tea 3 pm
June 8	Pentecost; Baptism 10 am
June 10	July/August <i>Good News</i> deadline
June 14	Men's Breakfast 7 am
June 16	Mt. Calvary Guild 10 am
June 17	Vestry Meeting 7 pm
June 26	Salvation Army Men's Club 6 - 8 pm
June 27	Men's TGIF 8 pm