



# The Steeple

The Congregational Church

*United Church of Christ*

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## **wierwille words**

*“...claim what is yours, but, as you climb the ladder of life remember to reach back and help lift up someone behind you!” – Michele Obama, Spelman College commencement*

I've always thought of this time of the year as my very favorite and it has to do with the beauty of the season. But, it is as well the-season-of-graduation when we move through the school calendar year to culminate as those who've completed the assigned work, who've learned and shared the lessons of major areas of studies and earned a diploma declaring the accomplishment – it is indeed a grand grad season for many! An invited dignitary will no doubt impart *carpe diem* themes calling grads to seize-the-moment, use their well-earned expensive degrees to make the world a better/more intelligent/safe place (I am abit curious what Conan Obrien will charge Dartmouth grads with) as they step off the dais and begin their “real-world” journey. Quite often there's a call for appreciation of those who've gone before or aided in some way to enable encourage and underwrite our endeavors to get us to where we are presently.

We will celebrate Church School Sunday at WLCC on June 5<sup>th</sup> with fun festivity and we are indeed appreciative of all efforts put forth that helped to make the season-of-learning an exceptional awesome time for students and adults. There will be fun singing, presentation of Bibles, teacher appreciation and all-around celebration acknowledging the mile-stone annual event. Hopefully we'll also grasp the message that First Lady Michele Obama “lifted up” in her address to the life-long-learning and ever-appreciative Atlanta's black women Spelman College grads. Too easily such events can turn definitive of us individually and proudly rather than as a community, relational awareness that is a proud moment for all of us and something we carry with us in our hearts and lives for the longer time of our life journey -- rather than just a brief celebratory moment it becomes something that helps define us ...eternally!

To think globally and as a community of Pentecost-faith looking beyond our own individual well-being and “rapture” salvation to a way-of-living in appreciative welcoming and generous sharing with grace and compassion for any less fortunate than we is our calling as we move into living *Shalom*. In/spired! Dick

## **JUNE 2011 WORSHIP / BIBLE STUDY / FAITH GROWTH**

**Our faith community gathers in worship at 10a.m. each Sunday – ALL ARE INVITED**

**To sing, pray and celebrate God's call to learn to live in ways that make Christ's love more visible. We give thanks for opportunities to offer God's grace & hope to all in a spirit of extravagant welcome. Accessible facilities, audio assistance & LG PRINT bulletins are available. Nursery coverage provided. There is Adult Bible Study and a Fellowship/Coffee Hour after worship in the Kilton Room.**

- Sun. June 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Church School Sunday Worship / Communion / Diaconate Envelopes**  
**Scripture** Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11  
**Message** *The Body of Christ: a prayer community doing God's work ... You're Hired!*  
**Hymns** PH 327, NCH 325, NCH 433
- 11:15a.m. *The Wired-WORD!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion – Kilton Rm**
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- Sun. June 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Pentecost / Music Sunday Worship**  
**Scripture** Acts 2:1-21; I Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23  
**Message** *The Body of Christ: a diversity of Spirit-gifts for the common good.*  
**Hymns** NCH 69, NCH 272, NCH 284
- 11:15a.m. *The Wired-WORD!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion – Kilton Rm**
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- Sun. June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Trinity Day Worship / Baptism / Father's Day**  
**Scripture** Genesis 1; Psalms 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20  
**Message** *The Body of Christ: blessed and set in motion to teach and baptize*  
**Hymns** PH 251, NCH 325, NCH 12
- 11:15a.m. *The Wired-WORD!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion – Kilton Rm**
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- Sun. June 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Summer Worship / Baptism**  
**Scripture** Matthew 10:40-42  
**Message** *The Body of Christ: empowered to go and do holy welcome*  
**Hymns** NCH 407, NCH 403, NCH 607
- 11:15a.m. *The Wired-WORD!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion – Kilton Rm**

**JUNE**  
**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Chelsea & Joseph Potvin  
12 Judy & Forrest Alger  
16 Amy & Nicolas Pignatore  
22 Marge & Mike Farnsworth  
26 Pauline & Richard Gage

**JUNE**  
**BIRTHDAYS!**



- 3 Cynthia Maynard  
4 Linda Maynard  
6 Dorothy Gattie  
6 Rosemary DalPra  
7 Sarah Montuori  
8 Bethany Adam  
8 Jacob Koehler  
10 Heather Hansen  
11 Andrew Schwarz  
15 Kay Wright  
15 Jack Whitaker  
16 Diane Adam  
20 Kurt Akers  
20 Forrest Alger  
25 Nicholas Acker  
25 Hannah Morgan  
26 Sandy Tisdale  
26 Andrea Burnham  
29 Dominick Montuori  
29 Rachel Loseby  
29 Katie Whitaker  
29 Kristoffer Hansen  
30 Jaz Greiss

**LIZ SEZ**

One of the scariest and most wonderful days in a life is graduation. It is closing the door to childhood and opening the door to being an adult.

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**TO THE NEW GRADUATE**

You have fought well the hassle of the first twelve years of learning. Now you will switch your tassel. There are bridges that need burning.

Books that are read do not get dusty. Always keep an open mind. Unused brains may become musty. Keep yours sharp and on the grid,

Wealth will not come to you easy. Purest gold is cold and dense. Life can be fun and breezy if nourished with common sense.

You may never soar as an eagle. Solid foundations can be built. A life that is free and legal, is also free of ugly guilt.

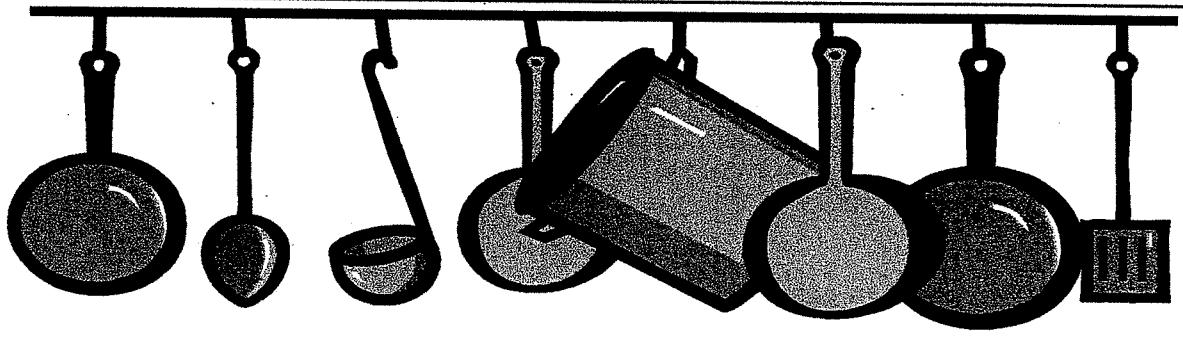
Hate and jealousy bruise others, and breeds bitterness, day and night. Lack of faith and trust smothers so do not hold loved ones too tight.

May your future bring you laughter and grateful faith that does not cease. May your life today and ever after be filled with happiness, joy and peace.

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Each and every graduate deserves our congratulations. May the future of all graduates find faith, love, and live in a world without war. My congratulations to all of you.

Sez Liz



## **June Mission Recipe**

### **Jellied Cranberry-Apple Salad**

1 pkg. Raspberry jello

1 lb. Can cranberry sauce – jellied

2 apples –

1 ½ C hot water

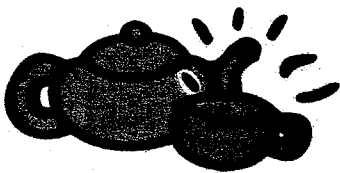
¼ tsp lemon juice

Dissolve jello in hot water. Chill until mixture begins to set. Crush cranberry sauce with a fork. Add to jello, add peeled, chopped apples and lemon juice.

Pour into salad mold.

6-8 servings

Serve with mayonnaise



## **Women of the church**

Watch for the date and announcement for the upcoming Women's Tea Party in the summer. Hats will be required, gloves optional. Also required is to come expecting to have fun.

Women's Fellowship team



## *WLCC Capital Campaign Update*



*Pledges Received to Date: \$27,840.00*

*Pledges Paid to Date: \$14,405.00*

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The CE committee is winding down another school year and we would like to take a moment to thank the parents and volunteers who have helped to make this a rewarding experience for the CE members and hopefully for the children and parents too.

**Church School Sunday will be celebrated on June 5th with our children leading the service and performing many of the "grown up" roles. William Akers is slated to perform a solo on his Cello!**

Georgia Flynn will be heading off to Horton Center with John and Laurie to have fun on the mountain on June 28th! I'm sure all will come back with great stories to tell and a renewed sense of Christian community.

CE has decided to continue to use the "Whole People of God" curriculum and we have renewed our subscription for the Fall. We will be continuing the "one room school house" concept to teach our Sunday school classes again next school year. Please see a member of CE if you are interested in volunteering or you have a project that you would like to include the children in your work.

**(CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN)**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Continued)**

The committee is planning to work with the Growth committee on a "family friendly" Church Carnival that will be in the Fall. Stay tuned as more information will be available at a later date!!

Rally Day will be here before you know it, so enjoy the summer and God Bless.

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Tostenson on behalf of the Christian Education committee members:

Diane Adam, Mal Flynn, Bethany Adam, April Akers, Sarah Robbins-Royce and John Tostenson

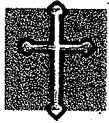


### **INSPIRED MUSIC FESTIVAL** **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

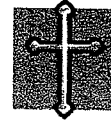
**Come! Listen! Enjoy!** The Capital Campaign Committee, together with featured performers Bob Sanderson, John Tostenson and Molly Bonhag, invite you and your family and friends to a benefit concert at West Lebanon Congregational Church on **Sunday, July 10th, at 3:00 p.m.** This "inspired" music festival will be a fun way to spend your afternoon listening to the fine talents of these three individuals, followed by some scrumptious desserts (cheese cake, pies, and other baked goodies) to follow in the Kilton Room.

Admission is by Donation. The event will benefit the Capital Campaign - Steeple Fund, and we hope to see you all there! Help us to spread the word!

Tracy Bickford  
on behalf of Capital Campaign Committee



## **mission moment**

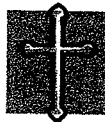


Sunday, June 12 is Pentecost Sunday. It is also the Sunday to take the Strengthen the Church Offering.

### **How is the Strengthen the Church Offering used?**

1. Strengthen the Church offerings help new 'start-up' churches, helps to invigorate existing congregations.
2. It is used to build youth and young adult ministries
3. The offerings are used to help support the "God is Still Speaking" ministries
4. \*\*\*\* Did you know that ½ of this collection stays in the New Hampshire Conference and is designated for Youth Ministry grants? \*\*\*\* Here is news worth celebrating and contributing to!

**Message from your Mission Committee**



# Remember Your Pledge



"Remember to keep up your pledge over the summer. You may mail to WLCC, 19 Maple Street, West Lebanon, NH 03784 or directly to the collector, Debra Ford, 10 Chester Lane, Unit 4, Enfield, NH 03748. Thank you,

The Stewardship Committee."

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The repairs to the siding on the Church have been done by Peter Bickford and Ken Alger. We have received estimates for the gutters on both sides of the church. We are getting estimates for all the projects for the Capital Campaign. We are getting estimates for the wish list which includes roof, lighting, boiler, exhaust system etc. We are trying to find the flag that was at the parsonage and put it back on the pole. The trustees will host the chicken bbq supper on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees will also host 2 coffee hours in July. Linda Maynard and Joann Allan will collect the applications for the Chapman/Whitney scholarship and present the awards on Sunday June 5 2011. A UCC sign on the main street is being considered and we are checking with the city to see if we can put one at the bottom of Church Street.

The Trustees



We welcome Grace Morse and Laurie Tostenson who joined West Lebanon Congregational UCC on Sunday, April 17, 2011!



On April 29, 2011, A Sacrament of Holy Baptism Service was celebrated to baptize:

**Gilman Lloyd Seymour**

**Lilian Colby Seymour**

**Grandmother: Lois Seymour**

**Mother and Father: Justine & Nate Seymour**

## GROWTH COMMITTEE

Well, the Growth committee has been busy throughout the Easter season. We hung a banner outside the church to invite all who drove by to our Easter service and we put together Easter bags and gave away Jelly Beans to those that attended Easter Service. The Easter bag included an audio CD of the New Testament, a "hand print" Easter Lily from the Sunday school kids, one of our church brochures and and a note from our Pastor that read;

" Dear Friend-

We're indeed grateful you've chosen to be with us in Easter worship and hope you find your faith journey nourished in the midst of our gathering today.

God's call for a humble and inclusive presence and extravagant welcome, love and grace for all is our heritage as a neighborhood community of faith.

We gather at 10a.m. each Sunday to share the presence of God's abundant grace and spirit in worship, fellowship and service to others. We invite you to worship with us regularly and look forward to hearing and honoring your faith story. Shalom. "

Our beautiful flowering Cross was on our West Lebanon Congregational Church Face book page before the day was over! We hope that those who have access to this resource find it a useful way to stay in touch with what's going on at church even if you can't come on a regular basis.

The committee is planning a couple of exciting events for this summer!! Save the date!!!! July 24th at Storrs Pond we will be having an outdoor service and baptism!!! We hope that you and your family will consider (if you haven't ) being baptized and

## Growth Committee (continued)

letting the power of our faith in God and Jesus Christ flow over and around us all. Please come and make a day of it!

We are also in the planning phase of a church family friendly Carnival in September (in collaboration with the CE committee) that we would like to use as a fundraiser for our steeple and other items that need to be fixed in our beautiful and aging building. We will have face painting, clowns, games, music and of course food! Please stay tuned for more information as the date gets closer! Preliminary date is September 10th!!!

As always we welcome your ideas and help! Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you would like to know more or have ideas you would like to share.

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Tostenson on behalf of Donna Stender, Barbie Hazlett, Chris Goodhue and John Tostenson

  
*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

I wish to thank Carol Campbell and Grace Morse for volunteering to water the church flower gardens while I am gone. I will be away for two weeks visiting our daughter and her family.

Thank you again ladies.



"The Flower Lady"

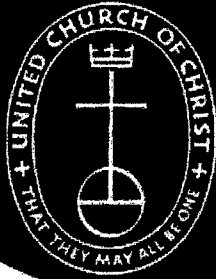
## Thoughts from your Moderator

This is a message more in talking to myself than anything else. Anyone who is close to me will tell you I do talk to myself. I say things I need to remember. Talking to myself helps me when I am following a rather complicated knitting pattern. Sometimes it is to give me courage to do something out of my comfort zone and sometimes it is just plain because I need a good serious talking to as a reminder of how I should be living.

Today is a gorgeous spring day and it happens the daily devotional from the UCC was about "going to church". With the beautiful spring day I know summer will be following. What is Grace's summer going to be like? What are my plans and do they include going to church on Sunday? Many times when I am not in church here in West Lebanon I am attending a church in another town. But summer is a coming! Yes summer, you know those wonderful lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer? The days when you do not have to go to work or, for me, go to meetings. The days when you tend to make plans to have picnics, barbeques, and get-togethers. Maybe I can just take every other Sunday off and do whatever! Oh, I can easily make great plans for a very lazy day. Why there is reading the Valley News, or a good book, or just stay in bed until I feel jolly well like it to get up, and the reasons go on. BUT... the guilt, the nagging voice in my head starts-up and I start talking to myself, "well Grace, you can take the Sunday off but exactly which Sunday in the year does God take off? Will he take off the same Sunday as you do or the other every-other? Maybe you could assign him a Sunday as a vacation day." So the struggle begins.

I also remember the children's game we have played with our hands: "Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people." What really counts in this child's play is when you get to open the doors and see all the people. I remember telling (well really preaching to) my three daughters that the church building itself does not make the church. It is all of us there which makes the church and that is why we go. Just like when I would tell them, expect them all to sit down for breakfast (often the only meal we were all home for), because 'we are a family'.

Can you see, can you hear the talking I do with myself about why to go to church in the summer when the days are sunny, warm and beautiful? I know I will make each beautiful Sunday even more of a perfect picture by going to church to be with you my family and to be with God. I have put enough guilt in my mind so if in town and well I will be in church? Will I see you there? I love my church family, and feel so fortunate when you join me to give thanks and listen to God's word. Grace Dickerson



*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

Dear Dick,

Images of communities torn apart by  
tomados and neighborhoods underwater  
from spring floods fill US news and media  
reports. Our hearts and prayers are with  
all who have been impacted by  
devastating spring storms and those  
ministering with them.



Being a supporter of the United Church of  
Christ, we want you to be among the first  
to learn of the UCC's US Spring Storms  
Appeal which is being launched today.

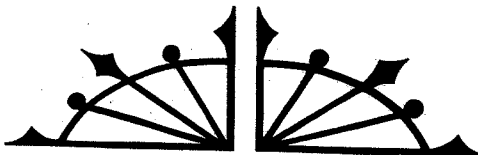
Your assistance in sharing this information with family and friends is most appreciated.

Thank you for your care and concern.

Sincerely,

*Florence Coppola*

UCC National Disaster Ministries



**Come and Enjoy**

**Chicken BBQ  
and  
Strawberry Shortcake**

**Saturday, June 25, 2011**

**5:00pm to 6:30pm**

**Take-out available**

**West Lebanon Congregational  
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**18 Maple St, W Lebanon, NH**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Children, 5-12</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Under 5</b>	<b>Free</b>

**Come, eat and enjoy**

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Diaconate: Carolyn Stone Bob Sanderson Trustee: Linda Maynard Flowers: Lin Wierwille</p>			<p><i>1</i> 10:00-2:00 UVHS</p> <p>6-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>2</i> 9:00 Work Mtg.</p>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<p><i>5</i> 10:00 Worship Communion Children's Sunday</p> <p>11:45 <i>Wired-word</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>7:30-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>7</i> 1:00-3:30 <i>Care Givers Class</i></p> <p>6:00 <i>Bells</i> 7:00 <i>I/G Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> 1:30-6:00 <i>Piano</i></p> <p>6-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>9</i> 9:00 <i>Work Mtg</i></p>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<p><i>12</i> 10:00 Worship Music Sunday Strengthen the Church Offering</p> <p>11:15 <i>Wired-word</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>7:30-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>14</i> 10:00 <i>Quail Hollow</i></p> <p>1:00-3:30 <i>Care Givers Class</i></p> <p>6:00 <i>Bells</i> 7:00 <i>Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>15</i> 10:00-2:00 UVHS</p> <p>6-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>16</i> 9:00 <i>Work Mtg</i></p> <p>5:00 COMMUNITY DINNER</p> <p>7:30-9:00 NCCT</p>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<p><i>19</i> 10:00 Worship BAPTISM</p> <p>11:15 <i>Wired-word</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>7:30-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>21</i> 1:00-3:30 <i>Care Givers Class</i></p> <p>7:00 <i>Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>22</i> 1:30-6:00 <i>Piano</i></p> <p>6-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>23</i> 9:00 <i>Work Mtg</i></p> <p>6:30-9:00 NCCT</p>	<i>24</i>	<p><i>25</i> 5:00-6:30 <i>Chicken BBQ &amp; Strawberry Shortcake Dimmer</i></p>
<p><i>26</i> 10:00 Worship FOOD BIN</p> <p>11:15 <i>Wired-word</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>6:30-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>28</i> 1:00-3:30 <i>Care Givers Class</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>6-9:00 NCCT</p>	<p><i>30</i> 9:00 <i>Work Mtg</i></p> <p>6:30-9:00 NCCT</p>		

# The Newsletter<sup>®</sup>

## ACTIVITIES PAGE

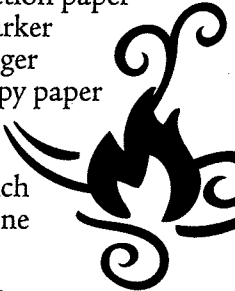
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### PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

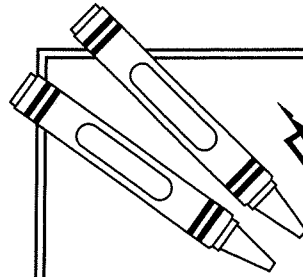
#### What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



#### What you do:

1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.

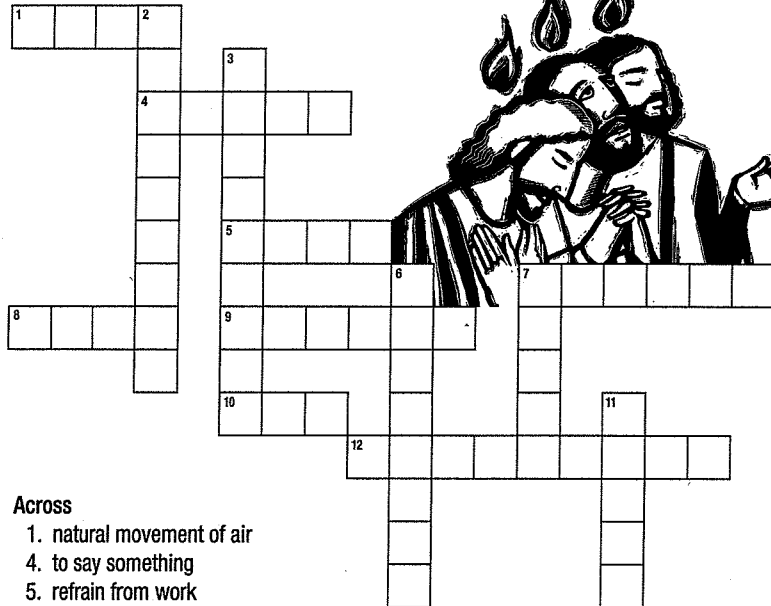


# PUZZLE

## The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



#### Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

#### Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

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**Worship Service: Sunday 10 AM**  
**Church School: 10:00-11:15**  
**Email: [wicc@valley.net](mailto:wicc@valley.net)**  
**Web Site: [www.westlebcc.org](http://www.westlebcc.org)**  
**Phone: 603-298-8096**  
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**Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-3:30**  
**Wednesday 9:00-12:00**  
**Pastor's Office: Tues, Wed, Thurs a.m. or by appt.**

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