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Next Sunday, May 31 is Pentecost - the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit appearing to the crowd in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-18). In that text, the Holy Spirit appears as wind and fire, as well as in clarity of understanding.

In other texts, the Holy Spirit appears as Comforter, Counselor, Coach and Advocate: as Comforter who soothes and consoles, as Counselor who listens and guides, as Coach who inspires and challenges, and as Advocate who supports and intercedes.



In preparation for Sunday worship, I invite you to consider the following questions:

In these last few months,

- how have you experienced the Holy Spirit?
- where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work?
- when have you sensed the Holy Spirit's presence?
- in or through whom have you witnessed the Holy Spirit?

As you discover or uncover answers, and if you are comfortable, please feel free to share your answers with Emmie ([office@saintgiles.org](mailto:office@saintgiles.org)) who will compile our responses to share next Monday.

Peace to you and yours,  
Katherine

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Painting by Howard Chapman

Are you still thinking about last week's article about earworms? We'd love to share YOUR ear-worms with the congregation! Send in your earworms and we'll include in an upcoming mini-newsletter! Email them to Emmie at [office@saintgiles.org](mailto:office@saintgiles.org).

If you need assistance with shopping or other errands, please contact Emmie ([office@saintgiles.org](mailto:office@saintgiles.org)) or Katherine ([katherine@saintgiles.org](mailto:katherine@saintgiles.org)).

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### **Graduation Recognition**

Please join all of us at Saint Giles in wishing heartfelt congratulations to all of these graduates!

Carol Pope and Andy Overstreet celebrate the graduation of granddaughter Alexa Overstreet, upon her graduation with honors from Western Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, Virginia this spring. She will attend either North Carolina State or the University of Virginia in the fall.

Carol Pope and Andy Overstreet celebrate the graduation of their niece Kathryn Pope, graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill in May with a B.A. in Sociology and Psychology. She is going to UNC-Wilmington for graduate school in social work.

Christine Lee celebrates her son, Justin Do, who will be graduating from U.N.C. Chapel Hill in May, with a B.S. in computer science and B.S. in information science.

John and Carin Iager celebrate their daughter Elizabeth Grace Iager, graduating this spring in the Class of 2020 at Millbrook High School. Elizabeth will be attending East Carolina University in the fall of 2020 to study Business Marketing.

Phill and Elise Stiles celebrate their granddaughter Tina (Phillie) Stiles, who is graduating from Mt. Tabor High School in Winston-Salem, NC.

The Morgan family celebrates Matt Morgan, who is graduating from the MBA program at the UNC Kenan-Flagler business school this month.

Marilyn and Wayne Brodd celebrate their granddaughter Bailey Anne Brodd, who is graduating from Broughton High School and attending Appalachian State University in the fall.

The Goble family celebrates their daughter, Maggie Goble, who graduated Cum Laude from High Point University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and minors in Finance and Professional Sales. She will be returning to HPU in the fall to pursue an M.B.A. with a concentration in Healthcare Management.

The Black and Tracy families celebrate their daughter, Mari Black, graduating from North Carolina Virtual Academy in early June. She has also attended classes at Wake Tech for dual credit in the college level. She is very excited to be studying at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she plans to study criminology and forensic science.

Janet Wherry celebrates her granddaughter Cadence Molnar, who is graduating from Leesville High School in June 2020. She will attend Wake Tech in the fall.

### **Graduation Recognition (Continued)**

Please join all of us at Saint Giles in wishing heartfelt congratulations to all of these graduates!

The Getzoff family celebrates Barent Getzoff, who is graduating Suma Cum Laude from UNC Greensboro with a Bachelors in Consumer Apparel & Retail Studies with a concentration in Retailing and Consumer Studies and a Minor in Business.

Monte and Kathy Matthews celebrate their son, Duncan, who graduated from NCSU with a B.S. in Microbiology.

Steve and Marilyn Allison celebrate their granddaughter, Allison Moreau, who is graduating from Sanderson High School on June 11. She plans on attending Appalachian State University in the fall.

Peggy McNeill celebrates her grandson, Jack McNeill (John Hugh McNeill III), upon receiving the Doctor of Law degree from Emory School of Law, May 11, 2020.



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### **Giving to Saint Giles**

Although we are not physically meeting each week, Saint Giles continues to pay our staff and support many benevolences. Presbytery, Step-Up Ministry, Urban Ministries, YMCA, Campus Ministry, and others all continue to receive our support that comes from our budgeted income. Now more than ever, we need your continued support to make sure that our works continue.

Your giving makes a difference and we ask that you consider keeping your donations up to date by mailing a check to the Church office or calling Dave Gospodarek (919-880-5618) to make a credit card payment.

Thank you for your support during these times.

## A Pentecost Prayer

On hearts wear with waiting: Pour out your Spirit.  
On imaginations jaded with mediocrity: Pour out your Spirit.  
On traveler worn down by trudging: Pour out your Spirit.  
On all your people, longing for renewal: Pour out your Spirit.

*Barrass, Joyce. Companion to the Revised Common Lectionary:  
Volume 4 - All Age Worship, Year C. Epworth Press, 2000. p 95.*

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### Update regarding the Congregational Nominating Committee

At our Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation in January, we elected our 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC). We scheduled CNC Orientation and Training for late March and then: COVID. Like so many things, CNC Orientation and Training has been postponed.

The GOOD NEWS is God has not postponed calls to ministry and leadership. God is at-work, calling members of our faith community to all areas of service: as members of ministry teams, as teachers, as musicians, as congregational caregivers, as folks who prefer “behind-the-scenes” roles as well as folks who are comfortable being seen and heard. God is calling strategic visionaries as well as practical managers.

On behalf of the yet-to-be trained CNC, **I invite each of you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to express your discipleship.** The CNC will be asked to identify five Elders (Members of Session). We will likely need two elders to serve in our Roots Division (Administration & Staff and Finance/Stewardship) and three elders to serve in our Tree Division.

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The United States Government has passed a range of economic packages designed to support individuals, household and local businesses. One of the items provided is means-based financial incentives. I urge you to consider how you can best utilize these funds.

- Some in our faith community need these funds to provide basic food, shelter and transportation; **if this is YOU, deposit the funds and use them wisely.**
- Some in our faith community need these funds to provide a safety -net or create an emergency fund; **if this is YOU, deposit the funds and save them.**
- Some in our faith community do not need these funds; **if this is YOU, I ask you to prayerfully consider depositing and donating the funds to an organization supporting our neighbors-in-need.** You might consider Interfaith Food Shuttle or Urban Ministries of North Carolina or the Food Bank of North Carolina. You might also consider the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, which we use to assist neighbors (in zip code 27612) and members with utilities and food (including baby formula).

All gifts come from God who invites us to be good stewards. Being a “good steward” means different things to different households, especially in times such as these

## A Pentecost Song - Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”*

*You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

James K. Manley, 1975 (#291 in *Glory to God* hymnal)



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