

Spiritually Speaking

Pentecost: an invitation to revive the world in spirit

By Fr. Thankachan Joseph

Someone approached me after Easter and asked, "When are you going to write again for the Gazette Times?" So, here I am once again.



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The Church celebrated the solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday. Pentecost means "the fiftieth day," and originally, was a Jewish feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast. Christians celebrate Pentecost on the seventh Sunday after Easter, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after His ascension as they were gathered in prayer. This feast of the Holy Spirit is also known as the birthday of the Church.

Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Blessed Trinity. Because the Holy Spirit is God, He existed from eternity past. The first mention of the Holy Spirit is in Genesis 1:2 "... And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." We hear that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, anointed by the Holy Spirit, led by the power of the Holy Spirit in the desert, and His resurrection occurred through the Holy Spirit. Since Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is the One who gives us strength to live a victorious and fruitful life.

The Holy Spirit acts powerfully, portrayed as tongues of fire. Fire destroys, purifies, gives light and warmth. The Holy Spirit destroys sin, purifies the hearts of men. He enables man to see clearly God's plans of love for him. He kindles love in the heart of every human being: love for God and for all beings.

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he makes clear the difference between persons led by the human spirit and those led by the Spirit of God: When we live by the Spirit of God, the qualities of that spirit will be visible in us. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.... And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (5:22-24).

In the first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul speaks about these gifts:

WISDOM helps us not to get upset over little problems or put too much stock in passing events. We need the gift of wisdom to remember that people are more important than things and that God's love is more than everything else.

UNDERSTANDING accepts others as they are and cares for people no one else notices. Those who understand us know our faults and imperfections, as well as our strengths and good qualities. Such people are always ready to encourage and challenge us and always ready to forgive us and give us a second chance.

KNOWLEDGE is our responsibility to develop and is what education is all about. We must remember, also, that human knowledge can be used for bad ends, as well as good.

RIGHT JUDGMENT is our greatest gift, the gift to decide for ourselves what we will make of our lives, the ability to make good and wise decisions. Right judgment also helps us to learn from our mistakes and to correct problems caused by bad decisions.

COURAGE is the strength to do the right thing in spite of obstacles and difficulties. The gift of courage gives us the strength and stamina to keep trying, day after day, to be the kind of Christian people we want to be.

REVERENCE is a deep respect for God, others and all of creation. Reverence helps us to see the true value of every person and all created things.

WONDER AND AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE is the gift by which we are given a sense of who God really is and who we are as creatures of God, understanding that this same God lives in our hearts, listens to our daily prayers, cares about our tiny worries, and loves each of us, special and weak.

Persons with these seven gifts are needed to change and challenge the world, which stands in need of some sort of revamp. The power and presence of the Spirit will disturb, delight, deliver and lift. When God sends forth the Spirit, "the whole face of the earth is renewed," chaos is changed into creation, barriers are broken, communities and church are formed, opposites are reconciled, unity is established, disease is cured, addiction is broken, cities are renewed, races are reconciled, hope is established, people are blessed. Let our prayer be, "Send forth your Spirit O Lord, let the face of the earth be renewed."

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

The Willow Creek Terrace community welcomed a familiar, long-standing Hinton-Creek neighbor last month when Don Bennett moved in on the 23rd. Good timing on Don's part means he will be sharing his birthday lunch with family and new neighbors when he turns 96 on the 29th.

Also new to the Terrace is new employee Maricamen Aguilar, who has joined the staff in time for all that comes to the Hill with the first month of summer, which officially starts on June 21.

The month followed celebrations of the mom residents on Mother's Day and the tasty celebration of Cinco de Mayo. May also saw the return of George Nairns for a day of planting some vegetables and flowers around the Terrace. She joined Kim Henrichs and some residents who greatly appreciated the donation for plants from the Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation.

June began with a popular summer-time treat when on the 2nd, everyone celebrated Rocky Road Ice Cream Day. And today, they enjoyed a favorite topic for morning discussion, on Best Friends Day. Today, also, is Mustang Mop Up Day, so residents and staff are surely enjoying conversations with the HHS students who are taking care of some tidy-up jobs for them.

Chatting with visitors

is always a pleasure, and young people are especially refreshing. As the weather has warmed, the number of visitors seems to have greatly increased, which is certainly encouraged. Masks, as well as screening, are still required, but scheduling a visit, though helpful, is not required.

Donald Duck turns 88 tomorrow, so someone could be challenged to talk like him, but at the spring Tea Party on the 10th, proper speaking and manners will seem appropriate, possibly complementing the stylish hats that might show up and the elegant foods.

"Family History" will be the discussion topic on the 14th, sure to conjure up many memories. That is also Flag Day, and the red, white and blue will still be on the minds of the crafters on the 17th when they work on a Fourth of July decoration for their doors.

On the first day of summer, the 21st, the Rocking the Longest Day event will return to the Hill. More details about this fundraiser for the National Alzheimer's Association will soon be explained.

June will come to a close on a friendly, warm note, not from the weather. On the 29th, National Handshake Day, everyone will have handshakes on the mind and/or be offering to shake neighbors' hands, which will probably carry a pleasant feeling into the last day of the month.

HHS seniors receive scholarships

Heppner High School 2022 graduates were awarded \$120,000 in local scholarships and more than \$530,000 in total scholarships at the graduation ceremony held Saturday, June 4.

-Bank of Eastern Oregon awarded \$500 to both Harley Anderson and Hailey Cunningham.

-The Bob and Bette McLaughlin Education Foundation Scholarship gave \$1,000 to Cody Fletcher and \$750 to Brock Hisler.

-Community Counseling Solutions Scholarship of \$2,000 went to Serena Humphreys.

-Dean and Mary Gilman Memorial Scholarship, renewable for up to eight years, included \$2,270 to Hannah Finch, \$1,500 to Conor Brosnan, \$1,500 to Kylie Boor, \$1,250 to Julie Dyer, \$1,000 to Hailey Cunningham and \$1,000 to Kason Cimmityotti.

-Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Awards for Local #358 were awarded to Cody Fletcher, \$700; Kylie Boor, \$700; Blake Carter, \$400; Brock Hisler, \$300.

-Most Valuable NE District awards went to Kylie Boor, \$1,800; Cody Fletcher, \$1,400.

-MVS State of Oregon scholarship winner was Kylie Boor, \$2,000 (+\$4,000 from ENF).

-Elks National Founda-

tion - Legacy Award went to Harley Anderson, \$1000/year for four years.

-Oregon State Elks Association Vocational Grant winner was Keagan Steagall, \$1,500.

-Clarence Buchanan High School Senior Winners were Brock Hisler, \$1,500; Cody Fletcher, \$1,500; Blane Mahoney, \$1,500.

-The Ford Scholars Program is a highly selective scholarship that awards students from Oregon who are planning to complete a four-year degree at a college in their home state. The scholarship amount varies by student, providing 90 percent of unmet need, up to \$40,000 per year. The Heppner graduate who earned this prestigious award was Kylie Boor.

-Nate Arbogast Memorial Scholarship Fund, compliments of the Inland Development Board, awarded \$1,000 to Hannah Finch, Cody Fletcher, ZaBrena Masterson, Joseph Sherman.

-Irvin and Millie Rauch Scholarship awarded \$1,000 to Cody Fletcher.

Kemp Family FFA Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Hailey Cunningham.

Heppner Lions Club scholarship presents \$500 to each Hannah Finch and \$500 Joseph Sherman.

Heppner Masonic Lodge #69 presents \$1,000 to each Hailey Cunningham, Cody Fletcher, Brock Hisler, ZaBrena Masterson.

-Mid-Columbia Bus Company presents \$500 to Aundrea Pirtle.

-Morrow County 4-H Scholarship presents \$250 to ZaBrena Masterson.

-Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation presents \$500, to each Kylie Boor, Derrick Smith.

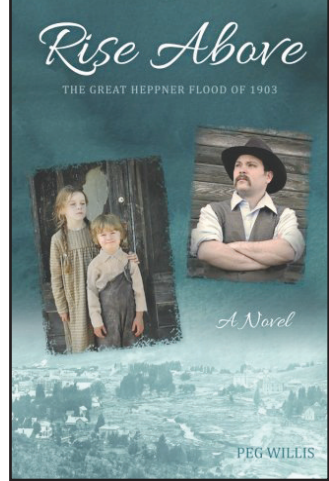
-South Morrow County Scholarship presents \$1,000, to each Kylie Boor, Conor Brosnan, Blake Carter, Jace Coe, Hailey Cunningham, Julie Dyer, Hannah Finch, Cody Fletcher, Brock Hisler, ZaBrena Masterson, Aundrea Pirtle, Julianna Teeman

-Stan Kemp Memorial Scholarship, presents \$500 to ZaBrena Masterson.

-Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau, presents \$500 to Hailey Cunningham.

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Museum to host "Rise Above" author



Rise Above, the story of the Heppner flood, was written by Peg Willis.

The Morrow County Heritage Museum will host Peg Willis, author of "Rise Above" at 7 p.m. on June 14, the 119th anniversary of the Heppner flood. Rise Above is the true story of the Heppner flood in a fictional story of what could have happened.

Books will be available for purchase for \$14.99 each, cash or check. This event was made possible by a grant from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies gathered to hold their playday May 31, on a warm, beautiful day. Low gross of the field winner was Virginia Grant. Low net went to Pat Dougherty and Sharon Harrison had the least putts.

Karen Thompson had low gross and Corol Mitchell low net for flight A. The long drive winner was Virginia Grant. Pat Dougherty got the long drive for flight B.

Low gross for flight C went to Kris Lindner. Low net was a tie between Jean Creswick and Betty Carter. Lorene Montgomery had the least putts and Kris Lindner had the long drive.

In special events, Virginia Grant got the longest putt and Pat Dougherty got a chip-in on #17.

The Women's Invitational tournament will be held June 14.

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Main Course and Refreshments Provided
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Music by John Wambeke and Crew

City Park in Ione 6 PM

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HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES OFFERED

A Hunter Education class is coming up in June at the Lexington Gun Club. Classes will be held June 14, 16, 21 and 23 from 6-9 p.m. and June 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. In order to attend the class, students must register online at <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-field-days>.

Contact Jim Marquardt for additional information at 541 969-4845.

Please join us for our annual **Flag Day Ceremony June 14 at 7:00 p.m**

Youth & Public welcome to attend

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