

De Soto United Methodist Church

E-Weekly

June 1, 2017

This Week in Worship: Pentecost Sunday

Romans 8:22-27

A question a retired colleague almost always asks me when we run into each other at various meetings is “Did the Holy Spirit show up on Sunday?” I typically respond with a resounding “Yes!” but sometimes I’d like to add a qualifier, a “Yes-but” such as “Yes-but the Holy Spirit did not help my sermon today!” I think many of us have those types of qualifiers when we think about Pentecost, the celebration of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the lives and hearts of the early believers. In reading the first couple of chapters of Acts we are excited for what is happening as the church is shaped by the promise of the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit, that feeling of exaltation and wonder. But in our daily lives, even our church lives, we may wonder how to capture that moment in our own selves.



The Apostle Paul, writing to folks who weren’t present in Jerusalem for Pentecost, understood this. He knew as he was spreading the Good News that though many lives were being transformed, how is it we sustain that feeling of grace working in us daily? There’s so much going in the day to day that it may be easy to look past the movement of the Holy Spirit. Paul offers words of encouragement, words that still resonate for us today as we remember again the life-giving outpouring of the Spirit.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff

A Note from Sabrina:

Surf Shack VBS, July 24-27, 6:00-8:30 pm.

Register @ desotoumc.org, the VBS table, or 913-583-1359.

Ages: PreK-5th Grade. Optional meal: 5:30 pm.

Wanted: Leaders & assistants who want to discover the Word of God with children at Surf Shack VBS. Sign-up at the VBS Table. Contact Sabrina (youthfamily@desotoumc.org) to learn more, review a leader book, or ask questions. No commitment required to learn more. Information meeting on June 13 at 7:30pm.

Creation Station, 9:00 am Sundays THIS Summer. Adults, grandparents, parents, youth, & kids: Join us starting June 4 as we exercise our creative muscles throughout the summer. Each session concludes with a snack. Contact Sabrina: youthfamily@desotoumc.org.

Children and Family Ministry Team meeting, June 13, 6:30pm. This team is open to all interested in serving in these ministry areas.

This Week at De Soto UMC

Friday, June 2

7:00am

Rotary

Sunday, June 4

9:00am

Creation Station-All ages

10:00am

Worship

Tuesday,, June 6

6:30pm

D.A.R.

THIS Sunday is our first *Creation Station* of the Summer and You're Invited to a **Pentecost Party!!!**

Adults, teens, & kids.

9:00 am, June 4

Fellowship Hall



**Fireworks! Fireworks!
Fireworks!**

This year the church will be running a fireworks stand over the 4th of July holiday. Throughout June we'll have organizational meetings and opportunities for you to serve! **Our first meeting will follow worship on June 11!** Contact Pastor Jeff for more info.

Service Workers, Sunday, June 4

Liturgist: Jim Walker

Greeters: Rains Family

Snacks: Amy Hileman