

A Time Called ... PENTECOST SEASON

What is better than an ordinary day? An ordinary day lets you catch up on small tasks, or it gives you time to have a nap, or it gives you time to clear out the garage. The season of Pentecost is both long and ordinary.

Historical Roots of Pentecost

The seasons of the Christian church are organized around two major celebrations – Christmas and Easter. The long period of time (33 or 34 Sundays) between Pentecost Sunday and Advent have long been referred to as Pentecost Season or Ordinary Time. The original meaning of Ordinary Time seems not to have the meaning of mundane or common. Rather, it meant “counted time” – the time counted between Pentecost and Advent. Traditionally, this time focused on the mission of the church to the world.

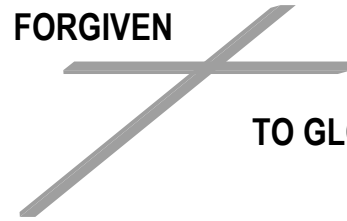
Finding Meaning in the Tradition

Sometimes church leaders jokingly say that the long stretch of time from Pentecost Sunday in the Spring to Advent in the fall contains all the parts of the church year left over after everything else has been accounted for. It is a time for growth. Hence, the colour green. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for “green” also means “young.” Pentecost season is a time for doing ordinary things – teaching the young, growing, learning, experimenting changing, thinking. This long season is a time to reflect on how to live under the guidance of God’s Spirit.

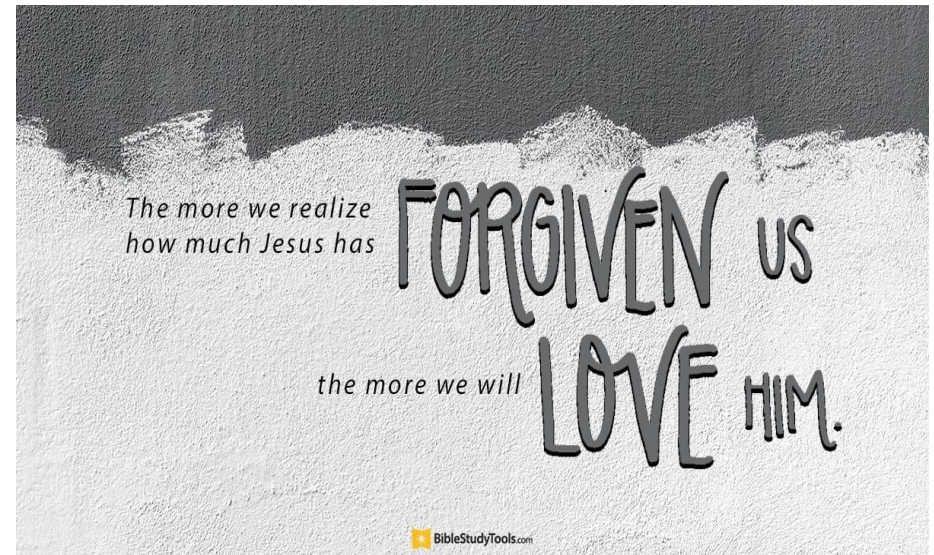
Questions for Personal Meditation

In what ways will I grow and change in this long season? What delights me about Ordinary time? How can I engage in the mission of the church to the world?

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Sunday 02nd June 2024 10:30 am

**The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Lord I lift Your Name on high” SB #48

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “For those tears I died” SB #6

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Luke 7:36-50 NLT

Message: “Knowing about, or, Knowing Jesus!”

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “We praise Thee O God” vs 1 BP #571

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “In full and glad surrender” BP #423

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “May the Lord” SB #80

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS TEAM: PRAYER REQUESTS

Warnock Aitken – St. Joseph's Life-Care Centre, Brantford

Frank De Vries – at home

Pearl Howden – Trinity Village LTC

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg McCorriston – at home

Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Highland Place Retirement Residence

Glen Verheye – at home

Sunday School: Our 2023/2024 Sunday School times wrap up on Sunday **June 9**.

We have split the group: Grade 5 and under, and Grade 6 and up, to create a more engaging experience for our older children.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team for the fall, If interested, please

contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene

(nclemens7@yahoo.ca) or Johnson

(srikanthjohnson@gmail.com).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children!

Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Nicolene, & Johnson

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2024 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

After having a surplus for the month of March, our April offerings have dropped and we experienced an expense shortfall of almost \$5000 for the month. This means our YTD shortfall is now \$10,750 to the end of April. As we are approaching the summer months, the Finance team asks for your consideration and prayers to help us meet the proposed budget targets. Thank you, the Finance & Stewardship Team.

KEPC Book Sale:

A huge thank-you to all who helped with our Book Sale that was yesterday!!

From the Mission & Outreach Team:

The KW Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. You may contribute by cheque or online. Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. New this year, they are asking for donations of formula.

They are asking for the following types of stage 1 formula:

Enfamil A+ Powder	Similac Powder
Enfamil A+ Liquid	Similac Pro Advance Liquid

EVENTS THIS WEEK: 02nd – 09th June 2024

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service
Tuesday: 12 – 1:30 pm Music Therapy
6:30 pm – Sparks
7 pm – Worship & Sacraments Team meeting
Wednesday: 7 – 9 pm – Scouts in Gray Hall
Thursday: 9 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation downstairs

Church Photo Directory:

The elders here have decided that it would be good to do a congregational photo directory, through IPC Canada. We last did an IPC photo directory in 2007, and we think that we should have an updated one done.

We will be aiming for this to take place in the fall of 2024, with the hope that the new directory would be here before Christmas. Three people have volunteered to contact everyone in the congregation to arrange for scheduled picture taking sessions, and gathering other pictures of our church life for inclusion in the directory.



VBS 2024: Hello everyone:

We are well underway in prepping for our VBS at KEPC this summer! Thank-you to everyone who has already offered to volunteer this year. If anyone else is wondering about helping, please speak with Sarah Pottier.

Dates are July 8-12, 9am-noon. The theme is SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God.

The registration forms are available here with this link:

[KEPC Scuba VBS Registration Link](#)

And also on our church website at:

<https://pccweb.ca/kitchenereast/>

Please fill out one registration form per child attending.

Kindly, Sarah Pottier

Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, Summer 2024:

- Father's Day Dinner - Sunday June 16, 2024
- Culinary Weekend with Chef Matthew Foote - Friday July 12 to Sunday July 14, 2024
- Trails
- Lamb Therapy

Celebrate with fresh local food!

FATHER'S DAY DINNER

Adults \$45 / Children \$25
**Food restrictions accommodated when noted in advance*

3:30 Play games on the lawn or stroll through the farm

5:30 Dinner

See full menu at www.crieffhills.com/events

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RETREAT CENTRE