

May, 2024

Crestline, Ohio

So That They May All be One.

My Mom I will always need my mom, **Regardless of my age.** She's made me laugh, made me cry. Her love will never fade. She's watched me win, she's seen me lose. There's not a thing she wouldn't do. She cheers me up and keeps me grounded If I lose my way. At times she drives me crazy, But my mom she'll always be. Even when I'm far away, I think, what world my mother say... Yes, even still today!



I Came To Visit You Today

I came to visit you today To place this flag next to your grave. The sacrifices you have made Will forever be indebted this day.

I came to visit you today To place this flag next to your grave. It doesn't matter if you fought or not 'Cause with that uniform it doesn't matter what.

> I came to visit you today To place this flag next to your grave The memory of what once was you Still lingers true for those who knew.

I came to visit you today To place this flag next to your grave To just say thank you on this Memorial Day.

Poetry submitted by Don Graff





Come, Spirit, consuming Fire of Love. Fill us with enthusiasm for your vision. May the desire for truth be vibrant in us. Come, Spirit, consuming Fire of Love. Fill us with enthusiasm for your vision. May the desire for truth be vibrant in us. Come, Spirit, joy of our souls. Dance amid life's hills and valleys, encircle us with the delights of your dance. Joyce Rupp

Happy Birthday Christian Church!

Guess what! It's that time of year again. It's time for us to sing, shout and yell "Happy Birthday Christian Church!" In other words we're going to be celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, May 19.

Just in case you've forgotten, the Christian Church was "born" on a crazy day in Jerusalem many centuries ago. It was a day when lots of people from all over the territory had crowded into the city. It was jammed packed with all sorts of people.

It happened something like this.

It seems that the Holy Spirit arrived as a gust of wind, or a fire of the spirit. It was the day that all the disciples and followers of Jesus were together in Jerusalem, not sure what was going to happen now that Jesus was no longer with them.

And then suddenly it happened all at once. With the wind blowing and flames appearing, everyone began talking all at once in loads of different ways. As crazy as that sounds, everyone understood everyone else. All those voices babbling at once and somehow it all made sense.

But some folks from around town thought it was just a bunch of nonsense and that the disciples were drunk! But of course, our friend Peter set the record straight by reminding everyone that it was only 9:00 in the morning. And anyway these folks weren't drunk on wine, they were "drunk" on the Holy Spirit that filled everyone with hope, joy and boundless energy.

What a day it must have been, because according to the story, thousands of people chose to become Followers of the Way right there and then. This is a poem written by Kristin Cooper King about that day

We were sitting, waiting, eating. Gathered in our gloom. The wind rushed in. Swirling, whirling! Filling up the room. The fire is dancing, leaping, spreading. Hovering above our heads. Our words are flowing, languages knowing. We know not what was said.

The people exclaiming. Screaming, Shouting! What is this we hear? We know these men don't know the tongues that we each hold so dear. You're drunk, fools! The people said. It's wine that fills your veins! But Peter, strong and forceful stands. "It's not wine, but faith."

The Holy Spirit has come today. It's opened our minds. It's given us each the power to speak, just as Joel prophesied. Men and women, young and old. The Spirit fills us all. The signs are here. The wind, the fire.

This is our day, people of God. The day the Lord has come. The Spirit poured down over us, to cover us, and lead us home.

So, come to worship on May 19. Be filled with the wind of the Holy Spirit as it comes whirling in on us. We'll celebrate the day by singing "Happy Birthday Church." We'll share Holy Communion together. By the way, wear Red! That's the color of the day.

Happy Birthday!

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Diane

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for collecting peanut butter and funds for shipping. We are happy to partner with caring churches like <u>YOU!</u> Please be in prayer for Haiti as their needs are great.

> In His Service, Dana Krahel Connection Manager Lifeline Christian Mission



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WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS.



CAMP is our local food pantry. They are still serving the people of Crestline on Saturday and Sunday each week, by appointment. Please call (419) 689-2702 or check them out on Facebook. CAMP is accepting monetary and food donations. Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up at least 2 weeks in advance, if possi-



ble, to allow time to notify the florist and the church office for the bulletin. You can contact Paula Ruhl or fill out an envelope and leave in the office. The cost is \$25.00.



<u>Bírthday Wishes for the month of May:</u> Carol Kanable May 12th Dennís Rísmíller May 18th Faye Toy May 22



<u>CHOIR</u>

The choir meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays until the end of May. After that they will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30. All are welcome to join the choir and help fill the church with their heavenly voices.

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**If you or someone in the congregation would like to be added to this list, please let the church office know.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir 7 pm	2	3	4
5 Worship 10 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Choir 7 pm	9	10	11
12 Worship 10 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Choir 7 pm	16	17	18
19 Worship 10	20	21 Heart to Heart 6 pm Culver's	22 Choir 7 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 10	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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