

Pastor's Pen,

On Sunday, June 8, we will be celebrating the Day of Pentecost. This day marks the event when the power of God's spirit was poured out upon the disciples in a dramatic way, as described in the Book of Acts.

The Holy Spirit jumpstarted the dynamic movement of God in the early church. It was by the power of the Holy Spirit at work among them that they were able to convey the power of God to others. How did this little band of disciples, with their many frailties and weaknesses, turn a world empire on its head? The answer is the power of the Holy Spirit.

I truly believe the same spirit who inspired the disciples on the Day of Pentecost is still alive among us and continues to be God's driving force among his people. The question is not whether that Spirit is present, it is a question of whether we are willing to embrace that spirit.

Perhaps we are resistant to the moving of God's spirit because the spirit of God leads us in directions we are reluctant to go. It's a common theme in the Bible when God calls people for a special purpose it is often met with resistance. When God called Moses to confront Pharaoh, his response was, "Please send someone else" (Exodus 4:13). When God called Gideon to lead his people against the Midianites, Gideon's response was, "My clan is the weakest, and I am the least in my family" (Judges 6:15). When God called Jeremiah to speak on his behalf his response was, "Truly I don't know how to speak for I am only a boy" (Jeremiah 1:6).

Yet, we will only know the strength of the Holy Spirit if we are willing to follow the direction the spirit leads us. We all need to be asking the hard questions of ourselves as to where the Spirit is prodding us to go. The power of the Holy Spirit is real, and it's up to us to embrace this spirit who calls us to do the hard things.

What might the Holy Spirit be calling us to do now?

Pastor Peter

Rocky River Presbyterian Church



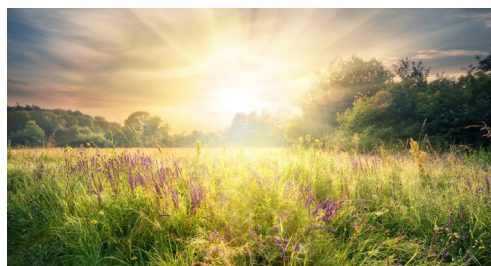
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SUMMER WORSHIP TIME IS 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS IN JUNE

JUNE 8: This is the **DAY OF PENTECOST**, the day which commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts describes it this way: "There came a sound like the rush of a violent wind," and "Divided tongues as of fire appearing among them" (Acts 2:2-3). **We encourage people to wear red to symbolize the fire displayed on that day.**

JUNE 22: This day is the **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS**. These are the officers who were elected to serve on the Session (Ruling Elders) and the Board of Deacons at the Special Meeting of the congregation on May 11. Those being installed as Ruling Elders are: Annette Oberst, Marc Hustek, Sam Mattocks, and Marion Good. Deacons being installed are: Christine Wilson, Sue Hustek, Bill Allport, Karen Allport and Rich Fredrickson. We are grateful for these church officers willing to serve in this capacity. At a Service of Installation, the officers are publicly committing themselves to serve and lead, and the congregation is affirming and supporting their call.



RRPC Events that are coming up fast!



Join your church family and friends for a night out. June 6th at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by May 30th to Melanie Fredrickson, 440-420-6867 OR Anne Busher, 440-539-0787 Separate checks All welcome! Located at 32045 Detroit Rd. Avon, Ohio



NORTH CHURCH PARTNERSHIP: Our church is sending volunteers to the North Church on Superior Avenue in Cleveland June 1, 8, and 15 to serve meals and enjoy fellowship with the people of this urban congregation. We are looking for volunteers to assist with preparing and serving the meals. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the church entrance.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 9-13: It is right around the corner. We are busy planning for this week of fun, fellowship, and learning. **WHAT DO WE NEED....** Volunteers for Recreation leader, daily counters, teen volunteers. Please connect with Brenda Peterson if you are interested or know of someone. bpeterson@riverpres.org



Do you enjoy fishing? Come spend the day fishing on a Charter boat with your church friends.

When: Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ 7 am to 2 pm

Where: Tibbel's Marina & Charter Service

6965 E Harbor Road

Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440

Cost - \$ 53.00 per person - (limit of 16 people)

Do you need your own fishing pole? No, you can rent a pole from the Marina for \$ 15.00 per day.

Do you need a fishing license? Yes, you will either need a day pass (\$14.00) or a yearly license (\$ 25.00)

Sign up early - call Rich Fredrickson at 440-309-5275 or email him- rfredrickson1968@gmail.com





Heidi Fredrickson
06/01
Jim Doan
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Eric Dillenbeck
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Dan Poole
06/08
Pat Kaye
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Bill Nelson
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Christiano Mahfouz
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George Gecik
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Charlotte Roche
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Molly Ward
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Carol Lewellen
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Jeff Stohr
06/20
Jon Fancher
06/21
Chuck Erml
06/22
Austin Guetling
06/25
Jacob Wilson
06/27
Matt DeWerth
06/28
Mindy Harrison
06/28
Annette Oberst
06/30

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: The Church Picture Directories have arrived and are available for pickup at the church entrance. Please limit one per family.

Are you feeling the call to serve? Our Church has various avenues of service where you can make a difference in the life of our church. We have several vacancies for Deacons and a couple vacancies for Session. We would also welcome your service on our Nominating Committee. If you need further explanations of the various functions of the subgroups within Deacons or Session, please feel free to reach out. Please contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Rich Fredrickson at 440-309-5275.

Sing/Speak/Breathe better --

PAUL KROEGER, a member of the Choir, now has access to the CHOIR ROOM to teach improved use of your voice. If you, your friends or family would like to work on your Public Speaking or your Singing, he can help you. Contact him about a time to meet: 216-741-4762 or

letgo2sing@gmail.com Looking forward to addressing your interest.

2025 Crushers Baseball Outing: Saturday 19th at 7:05 PM Mercy Health Stadium . 2009 Baseball Blvd. Avon. Tickets Sold Sundays 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 Tickets \$12. Contact: Bob Murphy 440-781-1231

Re-envisioned Trash and Treasure Sale

Trash to Treasure



Thank you to everyone for agreeing to volunteer for this year's Trash and Treasure Sale. Unfortunately, we did not end up with enough volunteers to hold the Trash and Treasure Sale in the traditional style.

The Mission and Evangelism Committee has considered many alternative ideas. Here are the details of what the Committee is envisioning for the Sale on October 4, 2025.

Who: Church congregation individuals/groups.

What: The individuals/groups will bring in their own items that they want to sell. They would sell their items at their table. Items could include clothing, books, housewares, holiday items, etc.

Money: Each individual/group will handle their own sales, so you will need to have change available, just like at a home garage sale.

How: Tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall around the perimeter similar to the Alternative Christmas Bazaar. Individuals/groups will select a table on which they will set up their items for sale. Table selection will be first come – first serve.

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025

Set Up Hours: Individuals/groups could start setting up their tables as early as 10:30 am.

Sale Hours: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (NOTE: there will not be food offered for lunches)

Pricing: All tables would have the same pricing for items, for example all paperback books might be sold for \$0.50, and hardback books might be sold for \$1.00.


After the sale: Individuals/groups will be responsible for removing all of their items that have not sold.

Sale Money: All proceeds from your sales will be donated to the Mission and Evangelism Committee.

What we need: We need at least 15 tables of sale items. We will not be accepting item donations from the general community. If you have items and are not able to work a table, we encourage you to partner with someone else who will have a table.

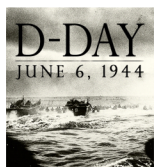
By June 30: If you are interested in having at a table, please contact Barb Johnson at bjohns8303@sbcglobal.net or 440-331-5802 (landline)

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion / Food Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	2 7:00 p.m. Women's AA 8:00 CE Committee	3	4 7:00 p.m. Women's Committee 7:30 p.m. Men's AA	5	6 7:00 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Bible Study	7 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA
8 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	9 7:00 p.m. Women's AA 7:00 Deacons Meeting	10 10:00 a.m. Expressions of Faith 4:30 p.m. HR Committee	11 7:30 p.m. Men's AA 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Nominating Committee	12	13 7:00 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Bible Study	14 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA
15 Father's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	16 7:00 p.m. Women's AA 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	17	18 7:30 p.m. Men's AA 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Nominating Committee	19 Juneteenth Church Office is Closed	20 7:00 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Bible Study	21 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA
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JUNE 2025 LIBRARY LINGO

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**



Mary Schulz, Librarian

DISPLAYS:

Father's Day books for children
New books for adults and children

NEW ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

Chapter Book Fiction

The Girl Who Looked Beyond the Stars

jFIC ANN

Sheena brings an extra lunch to school in case someone doesn't have one. She questions everything, driving her parents and teachers nuts. Nine years ago an angel appeared in front of 4-year-old Sheena, but she doesn't remember. Things change when her father is in a terrible accident, and she witnesses a supernatural being save him.

The One and Only Ivan

NEWBERY MEDAL; made into a movie

jFIC APP

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

True Stories from Pickle Palace SHORT STORIES

jFIC DAY

A group of 7 friends and misfits who live at Pickle Palace are a lot like you. They have thoughts, feelings, and traits that make them each unique and special. Yet, they bond together over the experiences they share and the challenges they learn to deal with.

An Elephant in the Garden

By author of War Horse

jFIC MOR

The bombing of Dresden looms ahead; and Lizzie's mother, a zookeeper, persuades the zoo director to allow a young elephant that has bonded with Lizzie to be kept safe in their garden. Their home is destroyed by bombs, so the family have no choice but to flee in the dead of winter. How can they stay safe from approaching Russian soldiers with an elephant in tow?

Tall Girl, Big Faith

jFIC ROS

Moving to the other side of the world? For Rainey, the family move from Australia to Oregon is the ultimate test of faith. Will her faith fall as flat as a pancake? Follow her journey through a new country, new friends, a whole new life, and a major growth spurt!

Shadow Jumper Mystery Adventure Series:

-Shadow Jumper

jFIC FOR

When it comes to the truth, how far will Jack jump to find it? Jack's allergy to sunshine confines him to the shadows, leaving him lonely and at risk of life-threatening burns every time he steps into the light. Shadow jumping on the rooftops at dusk makes him feel alive. And free. But his condition is suddenly worse than ever and only his missing scientist dad can save him.

-Twilight Robbery

jFIC FOR

Will Jack solve the crime, or die trying? The rooftops are his safe place, perfect for shadow jumping. But, when he and Beth find a packet hidden between the chimney pots, Jack becomes the prime suspect for theft.

The Out of My Mind trilogy by author Sharon Draper:

-Out of My Mind

jFIC DRA

STARRED REVIEWS BY SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, KIRKUS REVIEWS, AND BOOKLIST

Words have always swirled around me like snowflakes- each one delicate and different. Deep within me, words pile up in huge drifts- mountains of phrases and sentences and connected ideas. Clever expressions, jokes, loves songs... But, only in my head. I have never spoken one single word, and I am almost 11 years old.

-Out of My Heart

jFIC DRA

Every day since I was born, someone has fed me, bathed me, and helped me do every single detail of my life. I know I'll always need some kind of help, but when do I get to be me?

Out of My Dreams

jFIC DRA

Melody did something wonderful for someone who is very thankful. She is going on her first airplane flight... to London. Will her wheelchair make it there in one piece? Will she finally find a best friend? Will she be brave enough to give a speech when she has never uttered a single word in her entire life?

Christian Education Corner

Christian Education Facilitator, Brenda Peterson

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Adult Education: This group completed a four week session with Lisa Watts. Lisa presented an opportunity to discuss **“Do We Still Need Religion? Reflections on Faith and Community.”** Lisa used video clips of Nadia Bolz-Weber as well as excerpts from her book “Accidental Saints.” The discussion revolved around how our church communities can remain active and even vibrant in these challenging times. Thank you Lisa for your gifts and time to bring this presentation to us.

We will be off for the summer and resume our weekly gathering in September. Please consider joining us. We learn, we discover, and we grow. We welcome you anytime time.

Youth Fellowship: What can I say about this amazing youth group... if you were present at church May 18th then you saw firsthand how this group has grown, absorbed and applied our discussions and lessons we have shared this past year. Dave and I always enjoy our time with this youth group. If you missed church, then please go to the River Presbyterian Church YouTube channel to view their sermon.

We take time off during the summer and will resume our regular 2x/month Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:30 PM gathering. This is for Jr and Sr High students. Friends are welcome too. We will also try to squeeze in an outing for fun over the summer.

Sunday School: We have been blessed with our teachers, Ellen and Melanie. Diane and Susan jumped right in to assist as needed. Thank you for all your time and dedication. The children are always delighted to run their way to get to the classroom, a special time for all.

They resume in September. Children are always welcome to worship Sunday mornings with us in the sanctuary. We have our pray- ground and the nursery is available with a sound system if a parent feels more comfortable with their children there.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL !!!! JUNE 9-13, 2025. Monday through Friday 9-11:30 AM.

Friday picnic POTLUCK picnic (with grilled hamburgers and hotdogs) at 6:00 PM. Then at 7:00 PM there is a brief program where the VBS children will sing songs they have learned throughout the week for parents and guests. Looking for something to do on Friday, June 13, 2025.

Sign up for the picnic and or come hear the children sing at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

You can email me Brenda @ bpeterson@riverpres.org OR look for the poster sign up in the Narthex area.

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Please member if you have articles for The Pulse to send to the office by the 24th. Thank you!

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