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THE *Circuit Rider*

Bourne United Methodist Church Newsletter

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PENTECOST



MAY 24, 2026

From the Pastor

The month of May bridges seasons; from the green shoots of late March and early April we move into full gardening time. The last frost, the longer days, the blooming trees and shrubs telling us that the resurrection is being practiced all throughout nature.

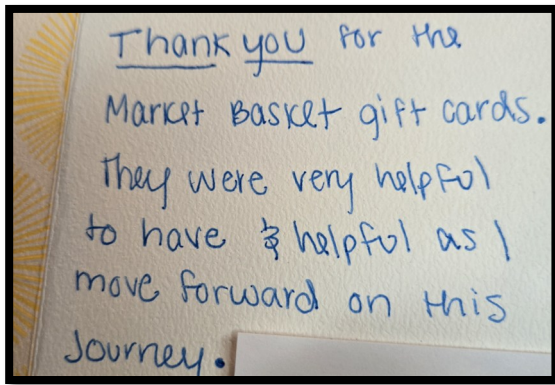
Pentecost is May 24 this year; the day we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. We should not overlook the fact that the scene of this story is chaos, diversity, and more than a little fear!

The Holy Spirit, *Shekina*; the in-dwelling of God within people, arrives in physical form. Two thousand years later, we continue to ponder the story, its meaning and implications. As Jesuit priest, mystic, scientist, philosopher and writer Teilhard de Chardin observed,

*It often happens that what stares us in the face
is the most difficult to perceive.*

See you at the table.

Karen Lilli Pax



A note from a grateful Food gift card recipient who moved after a divorce and is seeking a job as a teacher... The office is almost out of Stop + Shop cards.

BUMC Served as Location Host to the Bourne Historical Society Annual Ham and Bean Supper attended by 80+ guests



**Mmmmmmm Cakes!
Provided by Johnson and
Wales Culinary Students**



**Trustee and ServeSafe
certified Stu Parsons shows
his talents as a dishwasher!**



**Joan Davis and Betty Anderson
enjoy some laughs at the supper**

The Thrift Store Turns Over For Spring

Volunteers came to help re-create The Thrift Store for Spring and early summer. Cathy Tibbetts provided coffee, muffins and direction and Emily Edmond, her daughter Mia, Diane Johnson, Jan Woods, Anne Marie Seitzinger, Priscilla Manning and Annie Fritschner joined in the fun to make The Thrift Store Spring ready!



Our youngest Store worker invites you to...

“Come shop and volunteer”!



The United Women In Faith will be meeting Monday May 4th from 12-2 in Crain Hall. Bring your lunch, and beverage and dessert will be provided.

Our speaker will be Catherine Clark, Vice President of Community Engagement for Housing Assistance Corporation of Cape Cod. Questions? Need a ride? Contact Joan Davis at 508-759-2104



Easter Blooms at BUMC

The 2026 BUMC Directory will be available in July (if all things go well).

PLEASE have your photo taken in the office before church on Sunday, May 24th or after service. There are also dates on the May calendar (see the newsletter) when you can come into the office to have your photo taken.

In early June, there will be appointments available during office hours or by special arrangement.

The Directory will have photos of each member or family group (your decision) and it will be the time you confirm your contact information and sign a Safer Sanctuary waiver, giving the church permission to use your information/photo in the Directory.

You do not need to have your photo in the Directory; we will still need your permission to have your information listed. Call the office with any questions (508) 759-4898.

May Birthdays

Joan Davis 5/5
Emily Edmond 5/5
Susan DeWitte 5/10
Marsha Burt 5/11
Kathy Parsons 5/18
Jayden Edmond 5/18

May Anniversaries

Robbie & Dottie Cotter 5/8
Steve and Julita Lucas 5/17



A Sunday School Update

The Sunday School classes leave the worship service following the offertory, and spend time with their Upper and Lower School teachers exploring a Bible lesson, prayers, music and the natural world.

Arts and crafts are included in age-appropriate ways, as children learn about God and practice appropriate behaviors in sacred space with their friends.

Come and visit us after church so you can see the future church in action!

Please thank our Sunday School providers: Susan Goux, Kathy Parsons, Liz Bailey, Stu Parsons, Joan Davis, Sarah Butler, Emily Edmond, Tom Goux, and Rod Weston. -Susan Jenkins



Thank You For Our Thrift Shop Volunteers



Sunday, April 19th the Thrift Shop Volunteers were honored with cake and kudos celebrating the Shop donating over \$500,000 since its inception. Congratulations to all!



HOPE

Hope is the thing with strings

The teether holding your worries down

Hope is the anchor that makes sure your loose faith does not escape

Hope is unintelligible, completely undefinable

Yet it is a grounding cable

Hope is found inside the shelter of a stable

Faith is hope fettered

Keeping dreams from being lost or shattered

Faith has wings and feathers whilst hope has a heart and head

Keeping doubt and fears unfed

Hope is honoring your souls desires and faith is your daily bread

Written by SarahMarie Butler

Go on a rampage
of appreciation,
rather than discussing
the evils of the world,
and offer joyful commentary
whenever possible.
-Wayne Dyer

INVITATION TO SMALL GROUP

The Holy Spirit

LOVE AS ENERGY AND ACTION IN THE WORLD



- IN PERSON -

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 at 7:00PM
BOURNE UMC—CRAIN HALL

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to receive preparation materials*

May 2026						You don't learn to swim by reading about water.
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Two Parish Pot Luck Supper Friday, June 12th! More info in next month's newsletter and by eblast.						2 Children's Clothing Exchange 12-2
3 Communion	4 UWF meeting 12-2	5	6	7 SPRC Perry Room 7	8	9 Private Event 12-3
10	11	12	13 Aptucxet Garden Club 10-3	14 Trustees 4-5 Small Group 7	15	16 Private Event 12-4
17 BUMC liturgists at Parsonage 1:00	18	19 9-12:30 Directory photos in Office	20 Aptucxet Garden Club 4-8	21 Finance 5:30 Council 6:30	22	23
24 Pentecost 8:30-11:30 Directory photos in office	25 Memorial Day	26 9-12:30 Directory photos in office	27 9-12:30 Directory photos in Office	28 9-12:30 Directory photos in office	29	30
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Weekly Events

Sunday:

9:30am Worship
 7pm Women's Bible Book Club via Zoom
 7pm Narcotics Anonymous, Crain Hall

Monday:

10:30 am: Meditation
 7pm: Narcotics Anonymous, Crain Hall
 8pm: AA, Classroom

Tuesday:

8pm: AA, Crain Hall

Wednesday:

7pm: AA, Classroom
 7pm: Choir, Perry Room

Friday:

12pm: Al-Anon, Classroom

The Swift Memorial Monthly Men's Breakfast

happens the first Saturday of every month from 8:00-9:00 am.

All BUMC men are welcome to join.

The Swift Memorial Monthly Women's Breakfast

happens the second Saturday of every month from 8:00-9:00 am.

All BUMC women are welcome to join.

Please confirm on the Swift Memorial website before attending.
www.swiftmemorial.org