



# THE CLOAK

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### Join us on June 4 for Pentecost! What is Pentecost?

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

### What does the word "Pentecost" mean?

The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means "fiftieth day." But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (*pentekonta hemeras* in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

*Shavuot* was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of *Shavuot*/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

### What actually happened on that day of Pentecost?

This event is recorded in the New Testament book known as The Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 2 begins, "And when the day of Pentecost [*ten hemeran tes pentekostes*] had come, [the first followers of Jesus] were all together in one place" (2:1). All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak" (2:4).

The languages spoken by the early Christians were intelligible (not other worldly) and were heard by thousands of Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate *Shavuot*. The content of the miraculous messages had to do with God's mighty works (2:11). Many who heard these messages in their own languages were amazed, though others thought the Christians were just drunk (2:12).

At some point, Peter, one of the leading followers of Jesus, stood up and preached his first sermon. He interpreted the events of that morning in light of a prophecy of the Hebrew prophet Joel. In that text, God promised to pour out his Spirit on all flesh, empowering diverse people to exercise divine power. This would be a sign of the coming "day of the Lord" (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32).

Peter went on to explain that Jesus had been raised and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise through Joel (2:32-33). When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:37-39). Acts reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (2:41). Not a bad response to Peter's first sermon!



## The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon

*St. Martin Episcopal Church  
invites you to our*

### *Celebration of New Ministry*

*Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 2pm*

*The Rt. Rev. Michael Hanley,  
Bishop of Oregon  
will induct*

*The Rev. Melodie Kimball*

*as Rector of  
St. Martin Episcopal Church  
257 E Milton Street,  
Lebanon, Oregon 97355*

*Clergy are invited to join in this celebration  
of ministry.  
The festive color is red.*

*A light reception will follow.*

*Please RSVP to  
stmartinslebanon@gmail.com*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Reception Follows**

### **Did you know? .....Trinity and Trinity Sunday**

On Trinity Sunday, the Sunday following Pentecost, eight weeks after Easter, we celebrate the central mystery of the Trinity, which is the belief that God is three persons –the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit—as "one God."

God the Father generates, God the Son is begotten, and God the Holy Spirit surrounds us. All things are "from the Father", "through the Son" and "in the Holy Spirit".

### **Why do We Wear Red?**

On The Day of Pentecost, fifty days of Easter and ten days after the Ascension, the clergy wear **RED** vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. It is also a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear **RED** on the Day of Pentecost as well.

We wear **RED** to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.

## **Join us in Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.**

- ✦ **June 4 – Pentecost – Wear Red!** Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers; celebrate our high school graduates and teachers
- ✦ **June 11 – Trinity Sunday / Whitsunday** Holy Eucharist
- ✦ **June 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day,** Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers
- ✦ **June 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost,** Holy Eucharist
- ✦ **Saturday July 1 – 2 pm.** Installation of Rev. Melodie Kimball+ and Celebration of new ministry with +Bishop Michael Hanley



**Healing Prayer Services on Wednesdays at 9:30**

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## Rector's June Letter

Dear St. Martin's Family,

Here we are in June already and it is once again time for graduation and new beginnings. There are a number of our congregation who are graduating from High School and many others going to the next grade up. The Scout troop is preparing a float to participate in the Strawberry Festival and a few of our members are singing at the coronation of the Strawberry Queen!

It is a time when after much work and effort families can take time to enjoy each other together outside. As a parish we too are going to spend some relaxing time together outside with a picnic in July and also a Sunday service in the park in Albany in August with our Lutheran neighbors. Watch for these advertisements for times and places.

There are folks from California and Arizona migrating north for the milder summer once again, and those who love the hot migrating south. In the Church, June is a time of great anticipation liturgically of what is yet to come. We are in the midst of Ascension tide anticipating Pentecost Season having experienced the Easter Season.

We first have the Strawberry festival in the community to enjoy. Then I am especially looking forward to my official installation as the new rector of St. Martin's on Saturday July 1. I wish to extend an invitation to all of you to join me in this celebration of new ministry. Our bishop of Oregon, Michael Hanley will be presiding over the festivities and formalities of installing me as your new rector.

You might be saying why now after all this time? Even though I have been with you now for a number of months, this is an official time of celebration of new ministry here at St. Martins with all of you. This collaborative ministry that we share is most evident when we worship together. I would not have a ministry without you. We are all called to serve in this place by virtue of our baptism and in this community. Just as the disciples anticipated Pentecost so too do we anticipate the excitement and joy that celebrations bring in our midst. We will wear red to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit that we all have within us being the body of Christ in this place.

The installation service is a formal way to give and receive a blessing around an event that has happened. Perhaps it could be related to a wedding, where a couple who are in a relationship already go to the Church to ask God's blessing and direction on their relationship together. As rector I ask God's blessing and the blessing of the people to be united in the goal that God has set for us as our mission together in this community.

Our Lord said I go to prepare a place for you. His ascension left the first disciples looking in the air in awe. We too still gaze at the skies in awe and will do so again in August for the Eclipse. And in August we will be worshiping in Monteith Park with our Lutheran and Episcopal neighbors from Albany. This is another great way to celebrate new beginnings with our friends and support the homeless in Albany.

My prayer for each of you is a summer full of Joy, Refreshment and Renewal.

Peace and blessings, Rev Melodie+

Song-writer Graham Kendrick, author of the beloved hymn "God of the Poor" (right) has been described as "a 'father of modern worship music' whose songs are 'crammed full of poetic, divine, biblical truth' that have 'sculpted a view of God that has impacted generations.'"

<http://www.grahamkendrick.co.uk/about/about-graham-kendrick/graham-kendrick-biography>

## VESTRY Highlights from the May 24 meeting

- Bishop Michael Hanley will visit us for Rev Melodie's Installation on Saturday, July 1. All are invited. See the invitation in this issue of The CLOAK.
- The monthly Fun-Raiser Raffle will resume in September
- Vestry members and volunteers are taking required diocesan trainings.
- Sr. Warden was asked by the vestry to check diocesan rules for parish hall use regarding insurance, and a few fee figures were amended.
- Brandi Libra was approved to fill the Finance committee spot of Jim Tingle.
- The Rector brought before the vestry the suggested idea of creating "Blessings Bags" to give to needy people who stop by the church.
- Our Scouts (see also p. 6) will be preparing a float for the June 3 Strawberry Festival Parade in the Church Parking lot on Memorial Day after they remove flags from the IOOF Cemetery. If you watch the parade, wave to them. Also the Rector and Sara will be planning a time for Scouts to make a presentation in church as part of earning their Inclusive Scouting Badge.



## God Of The Poor (Beauty for brokenness)

Beauty for brokenness  
 Hope for despair  
 Lord, in the suffering  
 This is our prayer  
 Bread for the children  
 Justice, joy, peace  
 Sunrise to sunset  
 Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives  
 Cures for their ills  
 Work for the craftsman  
 Trade for their skills  
 Land for the dispossessed  
 Rights for the weak  
 Voices to plead the cause  
 Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor  
 Friend of the weak  
 Give us compassion we pray  
 Melt our cold hearts  
 Let tears fall like rain  
 Come, change our love  
 From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars  
 Havens from fear  
 Cities for sanctuary  
 Freedoms to share  
 Peace to the killing-fields  
 Scorched earth to green  
 Christ for the bitterness  
 His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth  
 Oceans and streams  
 Plundered and poisoned  
 Our future, our dreams  
 Lord, end our madness  
 Carelessness, greed  
 Make us content with  
 The things that we need

Lighten our darkness  
 Breathe on this flame  
 Until your justice  
 Burns brightly again  
 Until the nations  
 Learn of your ways  
 Seek your salvation  
 And bring you their praise

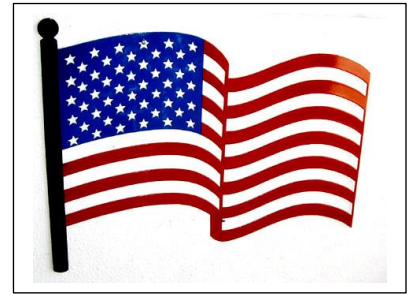
By Graham Kendrick



## Memorial Day Memories

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings:  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds – done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence: hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, the long, delirious burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew –  
And, while the silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

“High Flight,” composed by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jr. while flying 30,000 feet over England. Shortly afterward, in 1941, he was killed at age 19 while serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force. This is a favorite poem of many, including Barbi Thomson,



**Thank you to all our  
veterans for their service  
and sacrifice.**

**And in memory of Air  
Force Veteran Jim Tingler**

**Come remember him at  
his service on Saturday  
June 17 at 11 am**

## Summer is a great time for Cycling

**Santiam Spokes** is a local Lebanon recreational bicycling club for cyclists of all ages and abilities. Check them out here: <http://www.santiamspokes.org/> Here are some details from their web page:

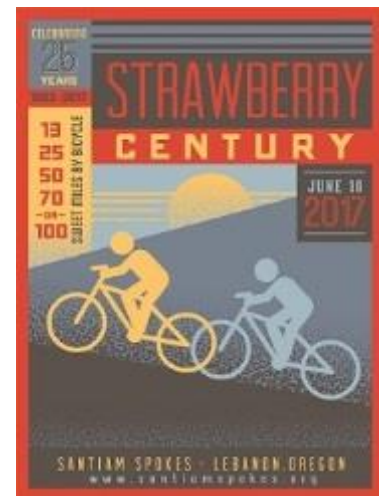
“... We like to ride, but we are happy also to go slowly and enjoy the wonderful biking roads in the beautiful Willamette Valley of Oregon.

We look after each other on rides and try to be sure that everyone is having fun. We welcome new and experienced riders. Regularly we offer a Discovering Bicycling Class that helps you get off the sofa and into the fun of bicycling.

... Mostly our rides are moderate on the many routes we have mapped in the Willamette Valley. However, we do some climbing and fast rides that are strenuous and challenging. ...

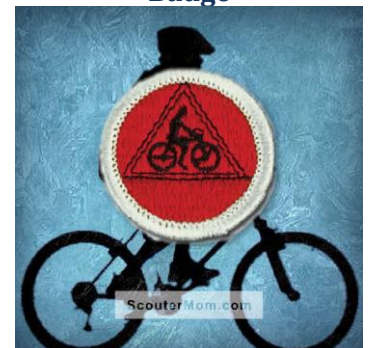
We also help community by conducting bicycling clinics for children, donating helmets and other safety gear, and other activities to further responsible bicycling by youth and adults.

Our club meetings are at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at [Lebanon Community Hospital](#). Our [newsletters](#) are in area bike shops. Pick up a copy....”

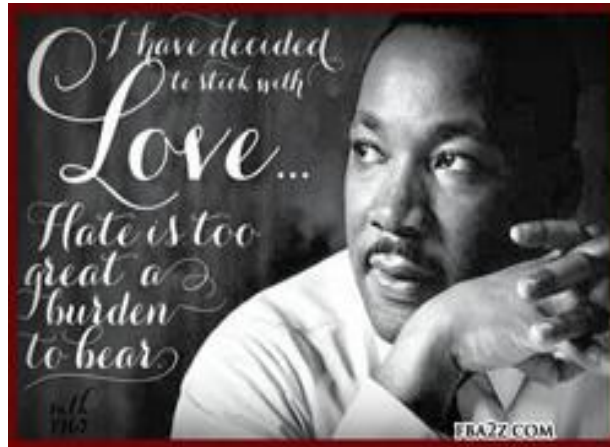


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**We are hoping to team up  
with Santiam Spokes to help  
our BSA Troop & Crew with  
their BSA Cycling Merit  
Badge**

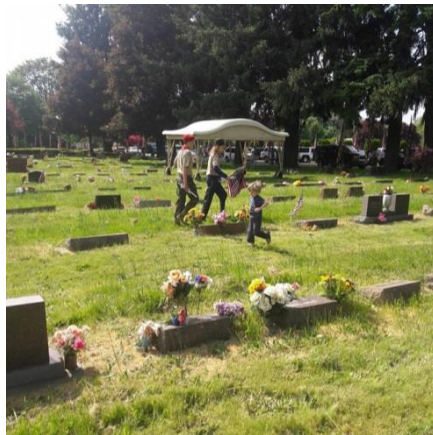


**Saturday, June 24, 8 a.m.** is the next meeting of the “One Buck Seminary” discussion group led by Bishop Thornton,  
This month’s topic is  
**“What can we learn from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?”**



“One Buck Seminary” has summer vacation and will return in the fall.

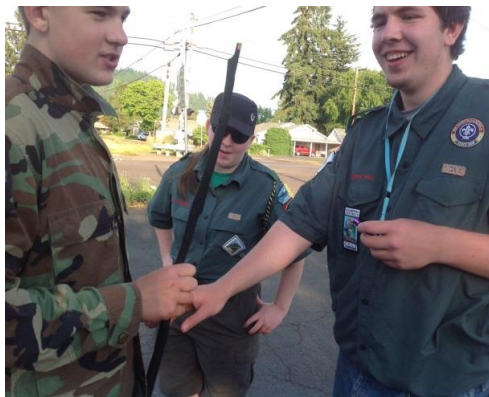
### Recent SCOUT Troop & VENTURING Crew Activities



Scouts Paying Respect and  
Providing Service on  
Memorial Day taking down  
flags at the IOOF Cemetery,  
an annual event

Scouts getting a  
float ready for  
Strawberry  
Parade coming  
up June 3

**Save the Date:**  
**Court of Honor**  
**June 12**



**Ladies Fun Lunch:** Our May 10 Fun Lunch at the Covered Bridge Coffee House in Scio was very pleasant with a nice turnout and enormous salads. Watch for Summer Fun Lunch date and location in the July CLOAK and plan to join us.

ECW will meet on **Friday June 16 at 10 am** to discuss receptions for Jim Tingler's service and Rev. Melodie's Installation, the grant requested for Personal Care Kits, and the date for summer fundraising Trunk Sale.

Heartfelt thanks to Jeanne James for her work as President of ECW the past few years. Our new president is Dena Losier.

## ECW Notes:

ECW includes all women of St. Martin's!



## Celebrating School Accomplishments

♥ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets for the last time this summer on Pentecost. Thanks to our wonderful teachers for leading the children in spiritual growth all year. Teachers will be recognized on Pentecost.

♥ **CONGRATULATIONS - High School graduates** – Sylvia, Spencer, Christina, and Elea – We are so proud of your achievements. Graduates will be presented with personal Books of Common Prayer on Pentecost

♥ **LEARNING PERCH Tutoring Program** for second grade students at Sand Ridge Charter School, Lebanon, finished its 27<sup>th</sup> year with five children and eight tutors, meeting Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. During the year, the students read over 200 books and each earned from 12 to 20 books to take home. Their reading tests showed they all made good progress, up to advancing two grade levels. Photos from their graduation ceremony.



God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Donations are welcome for the Learning Perch Book Buying Fund for next year.

The children earned many books this year, and the stock needs to be replenished.





## Lessons for June Read Along and Think

### June 4 – Day of Pentecost / Whitsunday

- Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
- John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
- Psalm 104:25-35, 37

### June 11

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28:16-20
- Psalm 8

### June 18 Father's Day and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

- Exodus 19:2-8a
- Psalm 100
- Romans 5:1-8
- Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

### June 25 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20
- Romans 6:1b-11
- Matthew 10:24-39

You can always find the readings in the Revised Common Lectionary online at **The Lectionary Page**  
<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

### Summer Office Hours



As our dedicated volunteers take time over the summer for refreshment, the office may be closed on some mornings. Phone messages will be returned on the next day that someone is in the office.

Or, you can reach us through the church email:  
[stmartinslebanon@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinslebanon@gmail.com) which is checked daily.

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## Personal Care Kits

Our next visit to the Lebanon Soup Kitchen to distribute our Personal Care Kits is Friday, **June 30**, and we look forward to help again from our scouts.

Watch for **SUDSY SUNDAYS** in June, when you may help out with socks, wash cloths, blankets, detergent, shampoo, and more. Donations of funds can be made at any time to help purchase needed items.

When you bring items, please fill out an "in kind" donation form so we can show how the parish supports this outreach ministry.

THANK YOU!

**NEW-** St. Martin's is also going to create "**Blessing Bags**" to give to the needy who come to the church door for help. Watch for details in how you can support this ministry.

### SAVE THE DATES ---

Parish Picnic Watch for date TBA  
 Mass in the Grass Sunday August 13

If you get the CLOAK by email, you can find the monthly event calendar on the webpage.

Please pick up your CLOAKS promptly at the start of the month to save the postage of mailing.

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