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Riz's Reflections...

The merged faith community of New Life Presbyterian church has deep roots when it comes to providing for the multifaceted needs of its members and the community at large.

The rate of mortality (especially last year) and shifts in attendance since the pandemic has created a much smaller group of congregants who attend worship and who financially support the church creating financial and volunteering challenges.

The group that currently engages with the life of the church is committed to the congregation's existence and vitality through missional work, financial contributions and caring for other members which sometimes leads to them over functioning.

At a recent church luncheon members were asked about what was important to them, as we seek to remain faithful to the essence of who we are as a faith community as we explore new ways forward.

There was a split in congregational responses when it came to staying a member of the church if it deviated significantly from some of its core and historic ministries such as food and housing security, justice issues and creation care. A slight majority indicated that they would leave the church, while just under

half of the respondents said they would stay, with about half of those stating that they would regretfully stay. This indicates a strong preference to continue with core ministries and it also demonstrates a strong bond of the faith community regardless of significant changes.

In addition, the vast majority of respondents indicated that they would not agree with the church letting go of ministries that connect with and impact the community such as Park & Ride, Pumpkin Patch, Project Home and the Community Garden which serves needs in the neighborhood.

One critical way the congregation connects in worship is music.

The majority of congregants said that music is very important to them, and most would not attend church anymore if there were no live music, organ or choir.

A small number were undecided about staying and some stated that they would also like to have some contemporary music as well and sing more familiar hymns.

The congregation was clear in its response that church is the people and not the building. Only one person stated that they would no longer attend church and two were undecided if the building was gone but we had

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Riz's Reflections... (cont'd)

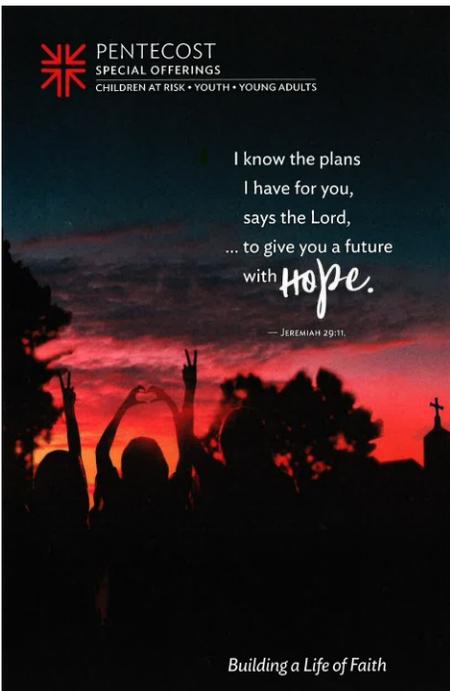
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another space in the area to worship in. There is a significant desire for more opportunities for the congregation to connect with one another that include game night, dinners and educational forums. Not a single respondent said no to more fellowship opportunities. Some did indicate that they wish to have a variety of gatherings that include doing something good for the community and inviting new people to multigenerational events to get to know one another.

Some respondents are glad to have the digital sign to extend welcome to various activities/ministries. Some respondents stated that we should do what we do better, adapt and never give up. There is a strong desire to remain together as a church family as we navigate membership/financial challenges and still participate in life giving ministries to members and the community. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the life of the church. In Christ, Rev Riz

Pentecost Special Offering – Sunday, June 5th, 2022



At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children,

youth and young adults by building a life of faith. With our gifts, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

40% STAYS WITH OUR CONGREGATION to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

50% SUPPORTS YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% SUPPORTS MINISTRIES WITH YOUTH, especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

10% IS DEVOTED TO CHILDREN AT-RISK and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

WAYS TO GIVE — Through your congregation, Text PENTECOST to 91999 to support these vital ministries, Give online at pcusa.org/donatепentecost

Please give generously...for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

(For checks payable to NLPC, write Pentecost in memo area.)

News



Blue Barrel—Two months ago we donated **95** pounds of food to the Keystone Food Shelf. Our next

Blue Barrel Sunday will be **June 12**. You can bring non-perishable foods and place them in the blue barrel any time during the month. (Glass items should be placed next to the barrel.) We'll bless them on the second Sunday and then deliver them to the food shelf. We're so thankful for your participation in this mission. So far through April we have donated a total of **339** pounds of food to the Food Shelf! Thank you!

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We're asking everyone to **WEAR RED** on Pentecost **Sunday, June 5th**, in celebration of this special day. Whether you're at home or attending worship in person, let's wear red!

Red is used at Pentecost, symbolizing joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Priests or ministers, and choirs wear red vestments, and in modern times, the custom has extended to the lay people of the congregation wearing red clothing in celebration as well.



I would like to thank Jan Silliman for her help with the luncheon. PLUS a BIG thank you to the Church Family for all your help in making this happen! So many stepped up to help.

THANK YOU!!!! ~Sandy



May 17 was one of our most successful blood drives ever. The goal was 22 pints of blood and 27 pints were actually collected. Everything went very smoothly with minimal wait times for the donors and a very pleasant atmosphere. and very congenial and helpful Red Cross workers. As usual, the donors represent the best of our neighborhood - people who really care. I hesitate to mention that the entire Red Cross crew were female and they really worked together very well. The new Red Cross Account Manager, Alex Zidarevich, stopped by to check if everything was OK, which it was.

My personal experience was that the last two times that I tried to donate, it was stopped by a collapsed vein. We agreed

to try the other arm and the actual donation was not only successful but completed in what the donation aide called an almost record time of only 4 minutes!

We will be doing this again in about 3 months. I encourage everybody who is able to try it. You will feel good about doing something that will actually give three recipients a better chance at life. That's just being a "Good Samaritan".

~ Ed Galle



The Keystone Community Services Foodmobile will be in our parking lot on Wednesday, June 15th, from 1:00p until 3:00p, bringing food shelf services directly to people who have transportation barriers or who live in neighborhoods that lack access to full grocery stores. All those in need are welcome to participate.



Every Meal— Sign up to help discreetly distribute weekend meals to children at Como Park Elementary who will go hungry otherwise. If you're willing, or for more information, let Lindy Maurey or Pastor Riz know, or sign up [here](#).

June 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9a Quilters 10:45a Meals on Wheels	2 E-Notes Day 4p Worship Prep 6p GFANC Prayer Meeting 6:30p Big Book AA	3 Nat'l Gun Violence Awareness Day 12:30p Every Meal 1p North Suburban Chorus	4 9:30a Earth Care & Mission 11a Esther Circle Picnic 2p GFANC Board Meeting
5 PENTECOST 10a Worship 10:30a KCOC 11a Fellowship 11:30a GFANC 1:00p FOLFC 5p Firing Line AA	6	7 9:15a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting	8 9a Quilters 7p Personnel	9 4p Worship Prep 5p Celebration & Worship 5:30p Building & Grounds 6p GFANC Prayer Meeting 6:30p Big Book AA	10 1p North Suburban Chorus	11 9a AJ MacKinnon Celebration of Life 3p Private Event (Great Room)
12 10a Worship 10:30a KCOC 11a Fellowship 11:30a GFANC 1:00p FOLFC 5p Firing Line AA	13	14 9:15a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting 1p Former Dementia Caregivers (Z) 6:30p Faith Formation	15 NEW LIFE NEWS ARTICLES DUE 9a Quilters 1p Foodmobile	16 E-Notes Day 4p Worship Prep 6p GFANC Prayer Meeting 6:30p Big Book AA	17 12:30p North Suburban Chorus	18 2p GFANC Board Meeting
19 JUNETEENTH & FATHER'S DAY 10a Worship 10:30a KCOC 11a Fellowship 11:30a GFANC 1:00p FOLFC 5p Firing Line AA	20 7p Finance	21 9:15a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting	22 9a Quilters 10:45a Meals on Wheels	23 4p Worship Prep 6p GFANC Prayer Meeting 6:30p Big Book AA	24 1p North Suburban Chorus	25
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BUILDING PARTNERS: FOLFC = Foundation of Life Faith Community, GFANC = Gospel for All Nations Church, KCOC = Kenyan Christian Outreach Church

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Operating Fund—April update

So far this year income has exceeded expenses by almost \$16,000. That is better than what was expected but it is about \$9,000 less than March’s year-to-date results. We have many expenses to pay in the final three months so it is very important to keep contributions coming.

June Birthdays

2nd— Cathy Bagaglio, Pat Griffin
 3rd— Erica Inks
 5th— Valentina Wanna
 9th— John Bagaglio, Kay Konkel
 10th— Michael Wilson
 11th— Erik Hendricksen
 12th— Leif Brandsness, Sam Ihlenfeldt

14th— Audrey Drake, Connor Smith
 17th— Izabella Hillstead
 18th— Whitney Kerns, Darroll Skilling



21st— Jill Holterhaus
 23rd— Kathy Lawhead
 24th— Ariel Abongmbu, Ani Heikkila
 27th— Aviel Abongmbu, Michael Bahnemann, Rob Griffin, Kendall Ann Maghakian
 28th— Molly Cacek

If your June birthday is missing from this list, our apologies. Please let Deb in the church office know so we can include you next time. (deb@newlfechurchroseville.org or 651-488-5581 ext. 210)