



# Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter

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June message from your Pastor,

The world has become a troubling place, especially over the last few weeks. Between the attack on Ukraine by Russia and the attacks on innocent people in our own country by crazed young men it is difficult to figure out what is going on. There are loads of theories and all sorts of folks laying all sorts of blame in all sorts of directions. We are living in complicated times – though I don't really think they are any more complicated than previous times. We just have a lot more information being thrown at us and a lot more opinions getting media attention.

It breaks my heart to hear of innocent people – children or adults – being gunned down for no particular reason. It breaks my heart to hear about peoples' lives being destroyed by bombs and missiles for what seems like a difficult to justify reason.

The Facebook chatter wants to put the blame all in one basket – lack of gun control, or lack of mental health care, or violent video games, or lack of parental guidance, etc. Each writer claiming that if we just addressed that problem then all of this would be cleared up. I don't think it is that easy. I think that each of those "causes" contributes, but I think there are larger problems which lay the foundation for the chaos in our society. And all of us – every single one of us – contribute.

***<sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. Luke 6:41-42***

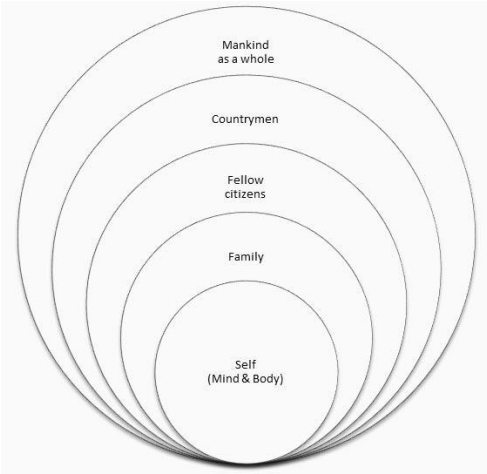


Jesus knew there would be difficult times ahead for his followers: ***'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: <sup>8</sup>all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. Matthew 24:4-7***

Jesus tells his followers to remain faithful. To continue diligently doing the work of love no matter what else is going on in the world.

***<sup>27</sup> 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:27-31***





I have spoken to you about our “spheres of influence.” I may not be able to have an effect on what is happening on the other side of the world, but I can be attentive to a young man in my own community who seems lost, confused, friendless. I may not be able to have an effect on what goes on in the halls of Congress, but I can stand against racism in my own household and community. I may not be able to have an effect on some megacorporation but I can support and encourage small businesses here in my own community. I can live a life that is loving, kind, compassionate, generous in my own sphere of influence and hopefully that will influence others to do the same.

One final thought – Nelson Mandela said that education is the most powerful tool we



have. As the school year winds down, thank you to all those who are teachers and the myriad staff who make that teaching possible. Peace,

Your pastor,  
Rick

### BIRTHDAYS

- June 7 – Sharon Brock
- June 12 – Ruby Swecker
- June 17 – Judy Roberts
- June 24 – Holli McVeigh

### ANNIVERSARIES

- June 4 – Mike and Tomi Herold
- June 16 – Mike and Donna Bedwell
- June 16 – Jim and Linda Sherman
- June 18 – Geoff and Jennifer Cox
- June 21 – Jerry and Melody Moats
- June 23 – Wanda and Mike Evans
- June 26 – Mary and Doug Gutshall
- June 28 – Vernon and Gail Simmons

**SUMMER**  
**IS TIME FOR** WARM NIGHTS  
 WATERMELON  
 BARE FEET AND BARBEQUES  
 SWEET CORN SUNFLOWERS  
 R I P EPICNICS CAMPFIRES  
 TOMATOES LEMONADE  
 LIGHTENING STORMS **LOVE**



**PRAYER LIST** – Keep Linda Frye, Mike Armstrong, Sandie Stinnett, Lola Sestrap, Mike Humphries, Garland and Lillian Dever, Ray Mueller, and Carol Roberts and Mike Gonzales in your prayers.

**NEW ELDER at BEULAH – Mike Armstrong** was ordained and installed as a new elder on May 29. He had been nominated and was elected to serve as elder at the congregational meeting in February. Mike was ill at that time and could not attend the congregational meeting so his ordination and installation was postponed. We can all rejoice in his call to serve and his ordination and installation on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday, June 5** – Beulah and Monterey will be collecting the Pentecost offering

### STATED SESSION MEETING

**Wednesday, June 8** – Beulah Session will hold a Stated Meeting at Beulah PC at 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday, June 15** – Monterey PC Session will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Thursday, June 9, 1:00 pm** – Meeting via WebEx and studying Lesson 7, “Mary”

<https://pianotuning.my.webex.com/meet/rasimms2000>

### COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 27 – July 1** 9:00 – 11:30 at Highland Baptist Church. See Pastor Rick for registration forms.



### COMMUNION SUNDAY AT BEULAH

**Sunday, July 3**– Communion will be celebrated at Beulah PC during the worship service.

Elder in Charge of Communion is Holmes Stephenson.

### DEDICATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 18** – MPC will be dedicating the restored stained glass windows, pavilion, front garden and new roof during the worship service, followed by lunch. More details to come.

**Beulah Sunday School** will meet in-person and via WebEx this Sunday at 10:30 using the link below. They will be studying Lesson #1, “God Foretells Destruction”. All are invited to attend.

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**MPC Adult Sunday School** will resume next week, June 12, 2022, at 10:00 am (In the Pavilion, weather permitting). Norma Reynolds will be facilitating the class, which will be using The Wired Word. An unedited copy of the lesson will be included with the eNewsletter each week.

Summer session of Adult Sunday School class will include all ages of adults. The curriculum is designed with individual weekly lessons, permitting participants to attend when they are able without losing any continuity. They plan to spend the summer “getting back in the swing of things” and in the Fall, they will make decisions about ongoing structure/curriculum.



### PENTECOST OFFERING

Beulah PC will be collecting contributions for the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 5. Monterey PC will collect the Pentecost Offering for the entire month of June.

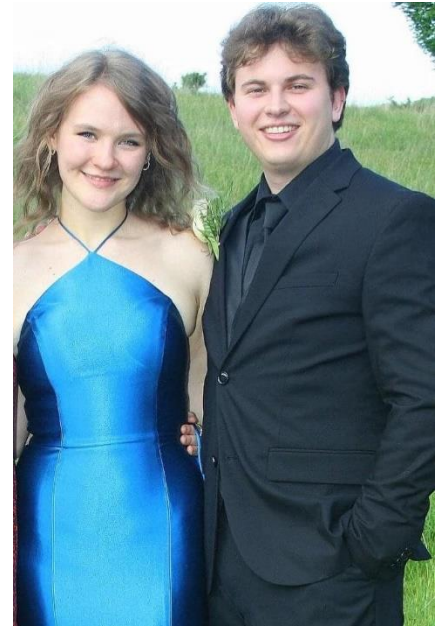
40% of the Pentecost offering collected at the church level is to be kept at the local church level. This is to help churches support their local child and youth ministry (assist families of children at risk, support education for at-risk youth, growing mission work with youth and young adults, ministering to at-risk children and teens, and providing for health and safety).

Congregations then send the remaining 60% of the funds collected to the presbytery. The contributions collected from all the Shenandoah Presbytery

churches are then sent to the denomination. The PCUSA uses your generous offering to support the Young Adult Volunteer (25%), Youth Ministries (25%) and Child Advo June 5, 2022



*Ethan, Autumn, and Emma (with Ryan) all attended the HHS Prom at Laurel Point. What a fine looking group of young adults.*



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The Rams track team  
Made it to Regionals,  
held today and Saturday  
in Harrisonburg.  
Go Rams!



Congratulations Emma Herold, HHS  
2022 Valedictorian. Emma heads to  
UVA in the fall.

# Order of Worship on Pentecost

June 5, 2022

**Main idea:** Through the Holy Spirit we are brought into the vision of God's Beloved Community.

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CANDLE LIGHTING and TIME OF CENTERING

## OPENING SCRIPTURE – Genesis 1:1-3

L: <sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,

C: <sup>2</sup>**the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep.**

L: And a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

C: <sup>3</sup>**Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.**

**OPENING HYMN:** "This Is My Father's World," #21, W&R; #384, WC

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 11:1-9

**SONG:** "Blowin In the Wind" words and music by Bob Dylan – sung by The Chambers Family

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - John 14:15-18

**SONG:** "Wa Wa Wa Emimimo" (Come, Holy Spirit, Come)

Wa wa wa Emimimo,

Wa wa wa Alagbara,

Wao wao wao.

## THIRD SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 2:1-4

**SONG:** "The Big Real" words and music by Richard Hill

## FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 2:5-13

**SONG:** "Somebody Touched Me" (must have been the Spirit of the Lord)"

## FIFTH SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 2:14-39

**SONG:** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" #132, W&R; #290, WC

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING Regular Offering and Pentecost Offering

**SONG OF THANKSGIVING** – "For the Life That You Have Given" #684, W&R; #813, WC

For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.

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## PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #96, W&R; #130, WC

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE