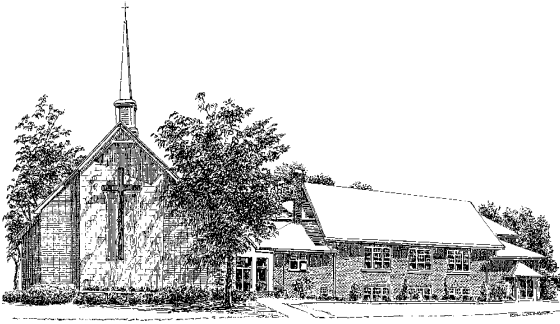


# First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca

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## The CELEBRATE May / June 2011

*“We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following  
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith.”*

### May Highlights

**May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship w/ Communion

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 7pm**

Common Meeting Night

**May 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Session Meeting

### June Highlights

**June 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship w/ Communion

**June 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Common Meeting Night

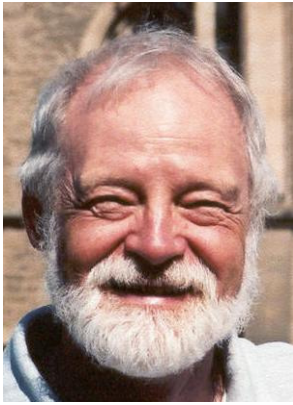
**June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 4-7pm**

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**June 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Session Meeting

## REFELCTIONS FROM PASTOR DAVE PERSONS



Another two months have passed since I began helping as your temporary pastor. I continue to enjoy the work on a less intense scale than in previous years, and leading discussion groups. We have finished Tom Harpur's book series but invite you to join me each Sunday for more discussions after the 10:00 service.

I want to express my deep gratitude for kindnesses expressed to Naomi and me during the bereavement of my father, Howard. Indeed, it was a long winter for him and my family as he was under hospice care since early November.

God bless those hospice people! Your expressions of sympathy and love were appreciated. On Easter Sunday, I again was moved by the presentation to us and my dear mother, Betty, beautiful floral baskets. You truly are a congregation of beautiful, open, and giving people.

In meeting with the session a few days again, I further encouraged them to keep pursuing future possibilities of growth and leadership. Some I detect are discouraged about the future but I seek to help as I can in assisting discernment and options for your future. Session members, led by Sue Piersa and Debbie Wilson, will begin to go over those Church Information Forms to help visualize 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian's present assets and future options.

Meanwhile, I encourage members of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian to "brainstorm" with each other and share ideas for possible growth. What can be done to attract folks who might be hungry for what FPCWS can offer? How can people know more about what is going on among you? I am not one who is pushy or manipulative in getting people to church worship but there are little things that can make the congregation and property more "inviting" and welcoming.

In my messages and teachings I will continue to emphasize the God I speak of as accessible to everyone in anyplace. I feel the church has placed God too "out there" beyond the reach of ordinary people. People come to sit in rows to hear the elevated "experts" describe the conditions for God's blessings. My goal is to shorten the gap between "teacher and student" so each one can claim his or her divinity. My messages are given from a non-literalist view of the Christian faith, seeing the Bible as ancient spiritual stories and metaphors to help people access the "Kingdom within." My messages stress the conviction that God, Divinity, the Christ-Mind indwells each one of us, even those who don't believe or accept it.

Love is Universal. Heaven is here and now; hell is a life and mind living without the concept of choice and responsibility for one's own thoughts. I believe the One Spirit lies dormant in every person, awaiting the time to be accepted, listened to, and followed. In my own often broken way, I simply seek to be a model of one who has accepted this journey, living among family and community, giving and receiving forgiveness and kindness as best I can.

Again, please feel free to call if you desire a personal visit or interview. I try to get to the church at least once during the week. I am always reachable with my cell phone and emails. I will continue to post blogs and Youtube talks on nearly a weekly basis. I communicate almost daily on Facebook, inviting all to "friend me!"

Meanwhile, may God's peace be felt and followed by each one of us, despite the storms and losses of this life. Know that in Spirit we are a part of the Everything, beyond the vicissitudes and daily changing perceptions of this life.

Blessings of love and peace to all,  
 Pastor Dave (<http://davepersonspirit.com>)

**FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY**

May 2011

<i>May 1<sup>st</sup></i>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	<i>May 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
<i>May 8<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	<i>May 29<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
<i>May 15<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10		

June 2011

<i>June 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	<i>June 19<sup>th</sup></i>	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
<i>June 12<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	<i>June 26<sup>th</sup></i>	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**

I hope by now you have heard Rev. David Persons speak from the pulpit. We are excited to have him preach for us. I welcome your feelings about how worship is going. I know we have made changes to the worship order and would like to hear how you like or dislike it. You can put a note in my mail box at the church. If you want to be contacted back please leave your name and phone number.

David will be away on May 29, June 19, and June 26. On May 29 we will welcome Deb Wright back to the pulpit. On June 19 and we will welcome Lance Brown back to the pulpit. On June 26 and we will welcome Lisa Nelson back to the pulpit.



We are in desperate need for ushers so if you can help usher please see Don or me. We are always looking for greeters so if you want to greet please let Don know.

Thanks,  
Tim Miller

**YOUNG AT HEART**

Well we are coming to the end of our Young at Heart lunches until next fall. We have 2 lunches in May and our final lunch in June. In May we will meet on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. In June we will have our picnic on the 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be our last luncheon till September.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Hot ham & cheese sandwich plus bean soup  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Chili, corn muffins and mac and cheese

June 15<sup>th</sup> Hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans and macaroni salad and the West Seneca town band.

So put these dates on your calendar and join us for food and fellowship.

Your Happy Cooks: DICK & EDIE

MAY 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> 10AM Worship w/ Communion 11:15am Fellowship Sermon Discussion in the Pastor's Study	<b>2</b> Common Meeting Night 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Sermon Discussion in the Pastor's Study <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Sermon Discussion in the Pastor's Study	<b>16</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Sermon Discussion in the Pastor's Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Worship - Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship	<b>30</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church office</i> <i>closed</i>	<b>31</b>				

JUNE 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Sermon Discussion in the Pastor's Study	<b>6</b> Common Meeting Night 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
<b>12</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Sermon Discussion in the Pastor's Study <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Young at Heart Picnic 12pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Sermon Discussion in the Pastor's Study <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>20</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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# Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale



**Saturday – June 11, 2011**  
**4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

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Presale price  
**\$ 8.00 - Adults**  
**\$ 5.00 - Children 3-10**  
**Free - Children 2 and under**  
tickets will be 50¢ more at the door

**Dinner Includes: All you can eat spaghetti, 2 meatballs, romano cheese, chef salad, dinner roll w/butter, dessert and beverage.**  
Take out is available at no extra charge.

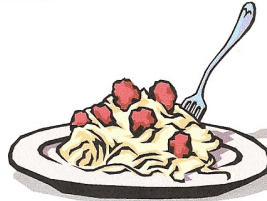
Pre-sale tickets are available at the church on Sunday before and after our 10:00 am service. You can also mail the bottom of this form to the Church Office with your payment and your tickets will be mailed to you.  
Pre-sale tickets will be available until June 4, 2011.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone number (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult tickets (\$8.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
Children 3-10 (\$5.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form with your payment to:

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## In The Life of The Church

### MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

May	1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Partacz
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kassidy Aiken
		Judy Gray
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Corless
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Shaun Wilson
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Fiegl
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Gregg Stoklosa
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Kooper Aiken

June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rebecca Goggins
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Sroczyk
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Partacz
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Hay
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Doll
		Dawn Dulski
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Rowe
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Corless
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathy Doll
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Goggins
		Don Schmid
		Muriel Whieldon
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Lindak
		Mark Shriver

### NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for your love and support  
Myrt Halligan & Family

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Members of our congregation

John Christmann ♦ Paul Rasp  
Myrt Halligan and her family as they mourn the death of her husband, Bill  
Sue Piersa and her family as they mourn the death of her mom, Erna Burdick  
Rev. Dave Persons and his family as they mourn the death of his dad, Howard

#### Family & Friends of our congregation

Elaine Bergman (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Donna Burns (Sue Piersa) ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Rosanne Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Joy Gordon (Debbie Ball) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Julian McCann (Donna Cieslinski) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Donald Mohr (Sandy Perillo) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Jodi Rutski (the Fischer's) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer)

### OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Russell Molnar ♦ Pat McCullough ♦ Zachery Goggins ♦ Alison Lankes ♦ Erik Brown ♦ James Schmidt ♦ Matthew Jones ♦ Kyle Ernst ♦ Mike Barnum

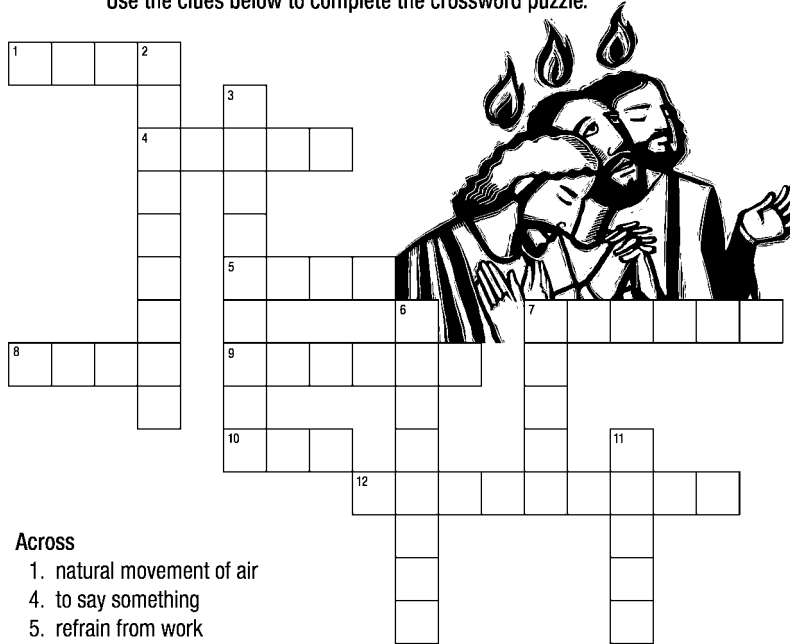


# PUZZLE

## The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY  
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



### Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

### Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

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<b>Elders</b>		
<b>Class of 2012</b>	<b>Class of 2013</b>	<b>Class of 2014</b>
Sue Piersa	Debbie Wilson	Kathy Saeli
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