

Kanapaha **Time**  
Monthly Newsletter of Kanapaha Presbyterian  
Church  
Join Us...  
Sunday Morning Worship 10am in Sanctuary

**Note From Pastor...**

**It's Pentecost again.**

In Acts, chapter 2, verses 1-4, "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." This month (June 8th) we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. While most people attribute the happenings of Pentecost to the birth of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit who brings unity to believers there is often little thought given to anything beyond divine pyrotechnics. For instance, what is the purpose behind the whole event? Why do so many traditions encourage the wearing of red on Pentecost? And why is the speaking of tongues such a big deal that it has divided churches for centuries?

The use of the color red in the church during Pentecost is commonly associated with the flames of the Holy Spirit, which descended upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ as tongues of fire. The significance of red, as the color of fire and blood, is a natural choice to represent this element. And red serves as a powerful visual reminder of the transformative power of faith. Vestments and paraments for the day are red, often with a descending dove symbolizing the Holy Spirit.

Red is easy to understand but what about the sign of the disciples speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance?" This was another indication of the spirit coming upon believers. Referred to as the Gift of Tongues it was speaking languages by divine utterance not previously known to the speaker. When Peter and the disciples go out into the crowd the people

are amazed that each of them could hear the disciples in their native language. Some have argued that the disciples weren't speaking in other languages but the people were hearing them in other languages. To-ma-to / To-mot-o. Most of those arguments miss the real point - it had to be the Spirit to provide that communication no matter how you perceive it. It was a gift not experienced by the general public before. A miracle of God's intervention.

But why tongues in any form? Allow me a moment of privilege to provoke your deeper thinking. Let's go back to the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. God was concerned that the people having a unified language were determined to build a city and a tower to heaven to make a name for themselves as equal to God. God intervenes, confusing their language, causing them to no longer understand each other. The people then scatter throughout the earth stopping the work they had begun. They assemble together with those who speak as they do but the confusion of languages causes disunity in the earth. Why tongues?

Why not tongues? God gives a unified heavenly language of the spirit to bring people back to one purpose, building the kingdom of God. The key words here are that they spoke as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. It was not a man's idea, it was a God idea to again unify the people of the earth as Eph 4:4-6 says, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, One faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

So wear your red in celebration of the unity the Spirit brings and remember to speak as the Spirit gives you utterance. Happy Birthday Church.

## Scouting

The Troop is finishing up another successful school year Thursday May 19th with our Court of Honor. We have several Scouts advancing in Rank and several merit badges earned. The Troop now has two Scouts who are Life Rank and beginning their Eagle Scout process.

6 of our Scouts attended the Orlando City Soccer game to learn about sales/marketing and getting to run their own fundraising with ticket sales. In the end they got to see an exciting game against the New York Red Bulls and earn their Salesmanship Merit Badge.

The Troop has had one Scout attend National Youth Leadership Training in December and two more Scouts attending NYLT this coming August.

The Troop held two Order of the Arrow elections this past school year and had two Scouts nominated for the Order of the Arrow, which is the honor society of Scouting.

In March the Troop hosted the District Pinewood Derby at Memorial Hall. Around 30 Scouts from our District spanning from Gainesville up to Lake City were able to compete against one another thanks to KPC providing the venue and allowing the Troop to host the event.

The Troop attended Camp Montgomery Center the weekend of May 3rd and had a great weekend camping, fishing, paddle boarding, and we did a service project removing invasive plants along the lake trail. We are also working with BSA North Florida Council to get Camp Montgomery approved for Cub Scouts.

The Troop has done some fundraising running concessions at Gator Bowmen this past weekend, and we will be cooking and running concessions for the Sunshine State Games at Gator Bowmen in June. Finally the Troop leaves for Summer Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain in Georgia on 06/22. Scouts will be working on merit badges, awards, and rank advancement. Some of the exciting merit badges Scouts are signed up for are, Small Boat Sailing, Fishing, Stand up Paddle Boarding, Engineering, and many more.

The Pack had their awards ceremony and Arrow of Light Crossover ceremony into the Troop.

On behalf of the Troop and the Pack please include a special thanks to James Claus, the elders, and members of KPC for your continued support of our

Troop and our Pack. We could not offer these amazing opportunities to our Youth without the support of everyone at KPC. We are looking forward to another great year!

Robert

## Buildings and Grounds



“On April 5th, members of KPC participated in a church workday to help keep the church property looking its best. One of the highlights of the day was Climber Steve, who was hired to replace some siding on the church’s steeple that was damaged during the 2024 hurricane season. We also purchased some additional siding that Buildings and Grounds will use to repair and replace along the southern side of the Sanctuary soon. Thanks to all who participated!”

Buildings and Grounds Elder Kaley Behl

## What is Presbyterian Mission Committee's Role?

A Presbyterian Mission Committee is a key body within a local church, tasked with leading, coordinating, and supporting the church's mission efforts at the local, national, and international levels. Its work is rooted in the church's commitment to serve God by serving others, both through direct action and financial support.

## Core Responsibilities

### Mission Planning and Strategy

The committee develops and implements mission strategies that align with the church's vision and priorities. This involves identifying community needs and determining effective ways for the church to respond.

### Support for Local and Global Missions

The committee supports local outreach and global mission initiatives, often partnering with other organizations, funding mission trips, and providing resources for missionaries.

### Fundraising and Resource Allocation

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### Volunteer Coordination

Recruiting, training, and organizing volunteers for mission projects is a central task. The committee ensures that church members are engaged and prepared for service opportunities. It coordinates hands-on mission activities both locally and abroad.

## Education and Awareness

The committee educates the congregation about mission work, raising awareness of local and global issues through events, workshops, and presentations.

## Collaboration with Other Committees

Mission committees often work alongside other church bodies, such as social justice or outreach committees, to ensure a holistic approach to ministry and service.

## Evaluation and Reporting

Regular evaluation of mission projects helps assess their effectiveness and impact. The committee reports back to church leadership and the congregation, making adjustments as needed for future initiatives.

## Structure and Membership

Typically, the committee includes a chairperson (often a ruling elder) and several church members. The teaching elder or pastor may serve in an advisory role.

## Guiding Principles

Mission work is viewed as participation in God's mission, not merely the church's own agenda. Partnership is emphasized, inviting collaboration with community and global partners for greater impact.

In conclusion, the Presbyterian Mission Committee plays a vital role in fostering a spirit of service and outreach within the church. By planning strategically, supporting diverse mission efforts, mobilizing volunteers, and educating the congregation, the committee helps the church live out its faith through meaningful engagement with the world.

## Other Mission News:

One Great Hour of Sharing is coming up on May 25th and on June 1st.

May 25, the topic is, "I will pour out my spirit on every kind of people."

June 1, the topic is Transforming spirit bless our children, youth and young adults with faith that grows their whole lives long.

Happy June Birthday 2025



<u>Mary Searle</u>	<u>June 02</u>
<u>Kirk Ziegler</u>	<u>June 04</u>
<u>Judy Doppieri</u>	<u>June 12</u>
<u>Warren Dixon</u>	<u>June 15</u>
<u>Suzanne Damron</u>	<u>June 18</u>
<u>Mary Moffett</u>	<u>June 30</u>
<u>Carolyn Smith</u>	<u>June 26</u>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2025

<b>June 3</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:pm</b>	<b>Session MTG Was Cancel</b>
<b>June 8</b>	Sunday		Pentecost Sunday ( <b>Wear Red</b> ) Potluck after Service
<b>June 9-23</b>	Monday	2 Weeks	Pastor's Vacation
<b>June 15</b>	Sunday	Services 10: am	Father's Day (Elder Tommy Lane-speaker)
<b>June 22</b>	Sunday	10:am	Elder Sandy Carr
<b>June 22</b>	Sunday	10:am	Magic Penny
<b>June 25</b>	Wednesday		Newsletter Deadline





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**Mission Statement**

*Glorifying God by learning, living & sharing the  
Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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**Elders**

<b>Rev. Michael Wood</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	
<b>Bill Balke</b>	<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>	Class of 2028
<b>Kaley Behl</b>	Buildings & Grounds	Class of 2026
	Cemetery Management	
<b>Karen Kirkman</b>	Special Projects & Promotions	Class of 2025
	Church History & Cemetery Management	
<b>Janet Phipps</b>	Worship & Nurture	Class of 2025
	Children's Education	
<b>Janet Phipps</b>	<b>Clerk of Session</b>	<b>Nilda Secretary</b>