



GRACE CALENDAR

- Saturday June 24 – **CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT, PORT GAMBLE**
- Friday July 1 **Tacoma Rainiers Baseball 7 PM**
- Saturday, July 16 **Church Campout Picnic @ Penrose**
- **Summer Adult Bible Class @ Gig Harbor Park** – Annie teaching on worship --Wednesdays, 7 PM, July 13, 20, 27

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FROM THE PASTOR -- LARRY

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8 ESV)

Pentecost is a special day in the life of the Christian Church – often designated as its Birth Day. Fifty days after Easter the Holy Spirit fell upon a once cowardly disciple named Peter and upon an astonished crowd of Jews in Jerusalem. Peter's words turned to fire that day. No more hiding and praying in an upper room. The Gospel took wings then and there....**the wings of a snow white dove** – the Holy Spirit.

We are currently in the season of Pentecost and will remain in its observance until Advent which occurs just after Thanksgiving. Following is a summary of the major church seasons.

- **Advent** is a period in which we anticipate as did Old Testament believers the coming of Christ. The Old Testament is an incomplete sentence waiting to be finished. Our lives, as well, are a series of cliff hanging imponderables until Christ arrives and builds our bridge to "somewhere".
- The next major season is **Lent** in which we contemplate His sufferings on our behalf .
- **Lent is swallowed up in Easter** when we rejoice – the period has finally been dotted at the end of the sentence with a victorious and irrefutable "it is finished."
- **Pentecost** is the exclamation mark crossing the ages as the Gospel goes forth under the power of the Spirit to the ends of the earth.

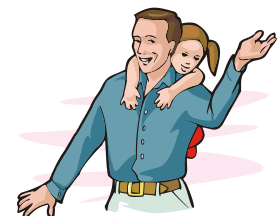
We individually, and **Grace Church**, have several months to be self-reflective on the implications of being "born of the Spirit" (*Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* (John 3:5-6 ESV)

What should it look like to be born again, born of the Spirit? Without further ado – here are some verses for my and your consideration. **A blessed Pentecost season.** *Continued p. 2 Pentecost Ponderings*

It's Back to School Time

- For the grown-ups
- To contemplate how and why we worship
- Taught by our Annie Carlson
- At Gig Harbor Park
- Wednesdays 7 PM, July 13, 20 and 27

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24 RSV) . It is **Annie Carlson** who navigates the channels of art and science in designing our worship services week to week. Madness? I don't think so. Method? Durn Tootin'. We at Grace are blessed to enjoy worship designed to glorify only God. Join her at **Gig Harbor Park** for three teachings on the subject and a quiet time to re-evaluate the role of worship in the entirety of each of our lives.

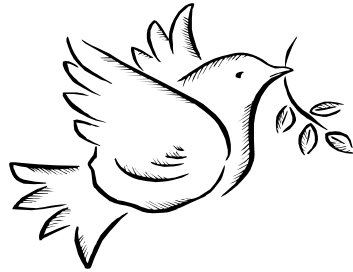


HAPPY DAD'S DAY

PENTECOST PONDERINGS (continued from p. 1)

- Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Mat 5:3 ESV*
- But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-24*
- And those who belong to Christ Jesus have **crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires. *Galatians 5:25*

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. *Galatians 5:25*



We're not big history buffs - we just like saying "sesquicentennial"!!

Bill and Larry

(plagiarized from

"Frank & Ernest")



150th Anniversary of Civil War. Join us in **PORT GAMBLE**.

CHECK WITH BILL OR LARRY

RE departure time from Purdy Park and Ride.

GRACE LADIES' RETREAT JUNE 2011



STROKES – EVEN LITTLE ONES

Resident recovering nurse **Carol McKinney** appears under the impression that some of us are getting older. In that spirit she urges us to be aware of signs of a stroke....and as well, a few little tests to recognize same.

Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding

Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes

Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

1. Have the person **SMILE**. If they are unable to smile or the smile is uneven, that is, drooping on one side, bad sign.

2. Have the person **raise both hands over their head**. If one arm will not go up, bad sign.

3. Have the person **complete a sentence**. You can ask them a question, such as, Tell me about... your children, your day so far, anything that is not a yes or no answer so they have to use thought processes. No sentence – bad sign.