

On the move!

We often look for some big, dramatic movement of the Spirit when Pentecost rolls around each year. You know, something like the community in Jerusalem experienced on that first Pentecost day. So we are usually disappointed in what happens here. We wonder: How does the Holy Spirit work, anyway? Does it work on its own, or by filling and moving us to do its work?

Maybe we can learn from the geese, like those on our cover. Geese are individuals, but they are seldom found alone. They operate as a group, especially when on the move! Notice, these geese are not headed straight up to heaven, filled with the Holy Spirit. They are moving on to the next task at hand, the next feeding or resting or recreating ground. They are tuned in to their world, filled with life and purpose and energetic intention. Are we? Do we know where we are headed, what is our goal? What God has called us to be, to do?

Prayer of confession/petition

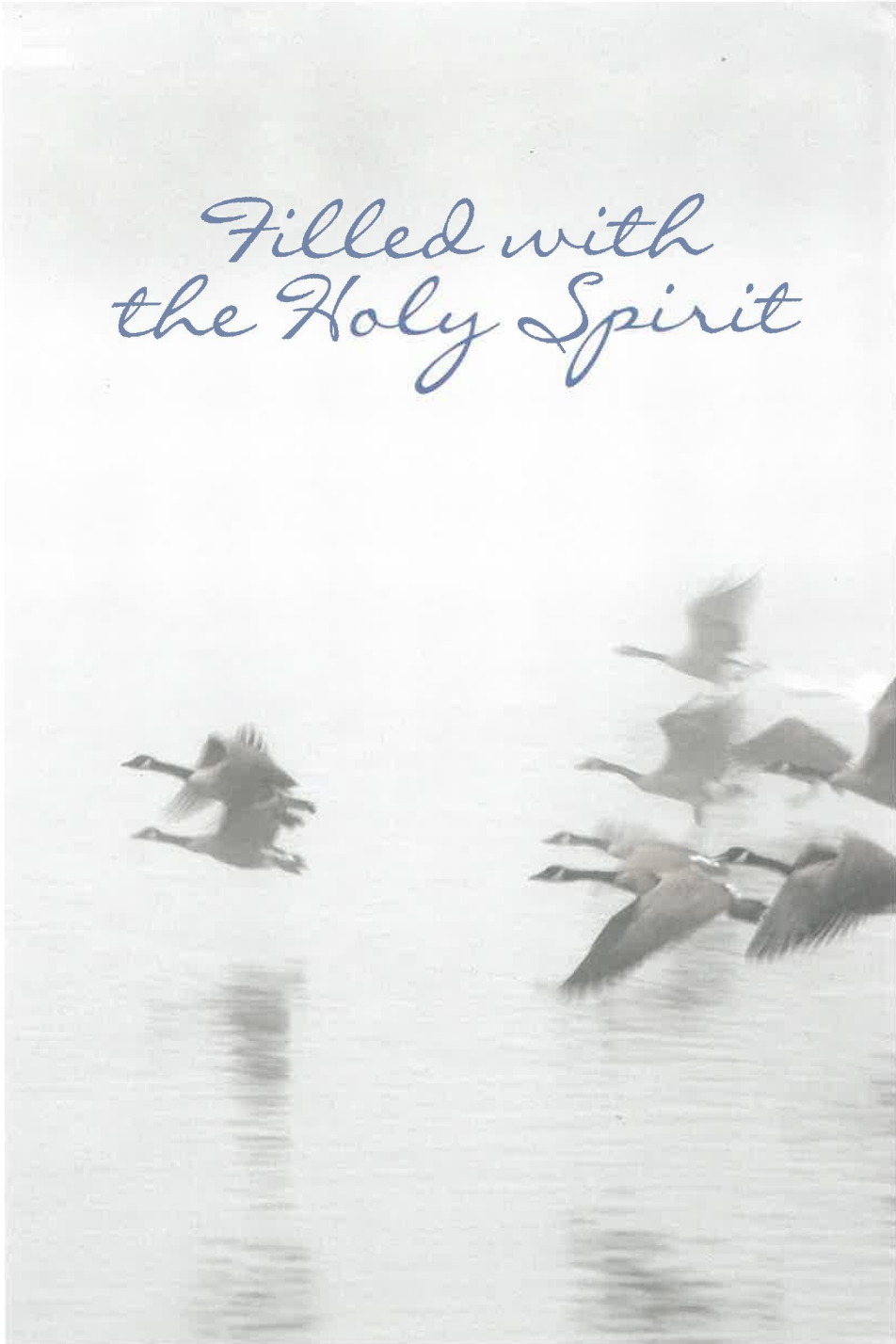
Holy Spirit of Life, on this Pentecost we are reminded that you have been with us and in us always. Yet, we often ignore your presence as we carry on with our daily tasks of living. We are waiting for you to do something—to inspire the world, or at least the church; to make our communities better, more loving, more just, more peaceful. Today we remember that the kingdom comes only when **we** are filled with your life-giving Spirit; when we bless our communities with your love and witness! We pray that you fill us again with your Holy Spirit and move us to fly forward with you! Amen!

Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Come with Power" (*Hymnal: A Worship Book*, No. 26)

—Ken Kline Smeltzer
Boalsburg, Pennsylvania

"All of them were *filled with the Holy Spirit* and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:4, *NRSVue*). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Acts 2:1-21; Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27).

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Filled with
the Holy Spirit

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lisa Bussard, Worship Leader

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "On the Day of Pentecost" (Paxton)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, sing a new song of worship.

All: Come, sing a new song of praise.

One: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

All: With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

One: Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

All: Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

One: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

All: and the glory was given to the people.

One: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises!

All: We sing praises, indeed!

HYMN #26 "Holy Spirit, Come with Power"
[Verse 1]

*Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation, give us vigor, life anew.*

[Verse 2]

*Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.*

[Verse 3]

*Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew,
deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness, lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.*

RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

One: Spirit of life

All: Fill our emptiness with your fullness

One: Spirit of power

All: Stir our hearts afresh

One: Spirit of love

All: Touch us, and through us, our neighbor

One: Spirit of Creativity

All: Enable and empower the gifts you have given

One: Spirit of Eternity

All: Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SKIT "Waiting and Wondering" by Virginia Kessen

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

God has made us heirs of great abundance in order that we might use the resources entrusted to us to benefit humankind. We are children of God, called to share with the world the manifold works of our Creator. Our offerings are one expression of our commitment.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshipping with us on Facebook Live. We invite you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it off at the church during the week, or by going to the Hagerstowncob webpage.

Offertory "Descend, Celestial Dove" (Shea)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray: God of Wind and Fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your love and peace, both in person and through outreach of our offerings. Amen.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

A Poem For The Graduates

By Nancy Gingrich

No more writing papers – that’s all in the past
We’re here to help you celebrate – take time to relax

As you start on a new journey, just follow your heart
Place your faith and trust in God, it’s the best way to start

Let your light shine bright, and be a servant to others
Treat everyone the same – like sisters and brothers

So, as one door closes and a new chapter begins,
You’ll always have support from --- your H.C.O.B. friends!

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #356

“Breathe On Me Breath of God”

[Verse 1]

*Breathe on me, breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.*

[Verse 2]

*Breathe on me, breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.*

[Verse 3]

*Breathe on me, breath of God, Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me, Glows with thy fire divine*

[Verse 4]

*Breathe on me, breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life, Of Thine eternity.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

NT 119

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of

fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

MORNING ANTHEM

“Spirit of God”

(Besig)

Temple Choir

MESSAGE

“Welcome the Holy Spirit”

Pastor Twyla Rowe

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Call to Confession

Unison confession: O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears

than freed by your grace. We demand proof of your existence but ignore the work of your hands. We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary. Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Bread

Prayer of Blessing

All: Affirmation of our faith for the bread: "The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ."

The Cup

Prayer of Blessing for the cup

All: Affirmation of our faith for the cup: "The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN #418**

"Move In Our Midst"

[Verse 1]

Move in our midst, thou Spirit of God.

Go with us down from thy holy hill.

Walk with us through the storm and the calm.

Spirit of God, go thou with us still.

[Verse 2]

Touch thou our hands to lead us aright.

Guide us forever, show us thy way.

Transform our darkness into thy light.

Spirit of God, lead thou us today.

[Verse 3]

Strike from our feet the fetters that bind.

Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.

Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.

Spirit of God, thy love makes us strong.

[Verse 4]

Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame.

Raise us thy banners high in this hour.

Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.

Spirit of God, O send us thy pow'r!

***BENEDICTION**

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

POSTLUDE

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

(Barr)

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**Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship*

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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Graduate Sunday

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Office: Tuesday—Friday
Flexible hours
(appointments welcome/
call ahead)

Morning Praise Worship
at 8:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship and Facebook Live at
10:45 AM

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Twyla Rowe
Pastor

Allyson McPeak
Administrative Assistant

Burton Young
Director of
Music Ministries

Don Rowe
Interior Esthetics
Technician

*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER **June 8, 2025**

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

This week please join us in praying for members of our congregation. Please pray for Shirley Finniff; Jack & Joy Finniff; John & Jenny Ferguson; Ron & Lisa Embly; Chris Ellis.

"Take A Moment" Let this be our daily "Take a Moment" beginning Sunday, June 8 - Holy Spirit, pour out your power on me. Fill me with uncontainable excitement and energy for sharing Christ through my words and deeds. Empower the gifts I've been given, and unveil to me those yet undiscovered gifts within me. Remove any trepidation that may hold me back from sharing your presence. Keep me focused on the things that are of God. Pour over me your cleansing waters and redirect my attention when evil social distractions succeed in weaving their ways into my being. I am not sure exactly what situations I will face today; but of one thing I am sure, God, with your Holy Spirit in me, I am never alone and I have nothing to fear. Come with power, Holy Spirit...fill me and use me. Amen.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in June, we have an opening on June 29th, please contact Wanda Winner at 301-733-8222

Our thanks to Lisa Bussard for being our worship leader today and to our Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

Bread & Cup Communion. Today we will have a Bread & Cup Communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Today is Graduate Recognition Sunday. Congratulations to all our Graduates!

Junior Church will be held today for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. **We will gather in the Rainbow Room (Room #205) or The Children's Sunday School Room (Room #203).** (Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going.) Parents/grandparents should pick up their children afterward at the stair/elevator area outside the sanctuary in the west entrance. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Shane. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

The Spiritual Nurture Team would like to thank everyone who came to the Church Picnic on Sunday. We had a great time and a wonderful variety of food that was just delicious. Larry & Heather Kees made steamers and cooked hot dogs. Ginny Nalley created a game for us to play with trivia questions from the Bible. Hopefully we all learnt something. Susan Hughes made the door prizes and the kids also had a great time. Thank you, HCOB for making this event special for our great big family of love.

—*The Spiritual Nurture Team*

HCOB has a YouTube Channel! Moving forward, all service will be uploaded to YouTube. This change is necessary due to Facebook's updated policy, which now only retains uploaded videos for 30 days. We have also met our goal of 50 subscribers! More information will be available in the coming weeks when we are ready to start streaming the services through YouTube. For the time being, we still encourage you to subscribe to the channel if you haven't done so already and share it with others and you can do so by going to www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

Vacation Bible School will be held June 23rd through the 27th from 6-8PM each evening. Experience Jesus through music, stories, science activities, games, and snacks. Please see the VBS insert in the bulletin and feel free to pass it along and invite a friend!

Congratulations to the Graduates, Class of 2025!

Emma Maphis
Washington Co. Technical
High School

Owen Rowe
Warwick High School

Riley Parker
Shepherd University
Bachelor of Fine Arts—
Graphic Design



Fellowship Time — We're in need of volunteers to provide goodies for Fellowship Time, held the first Sunday of each month from 10:20 am—10:40 am. Goodies may be your favorite recipe or a delicious store bought treat. Suggestions include cookies, muffins, or doughnuts (3-4 dozen of whatever you choose) and may be dropped off in the Mullendore Room (the room behind the wing of the sanctuary) that morning. Beverages and paper products are provided. Please sign up on the sheet located in the west entrance, or contact Kristal Bricker or Amy Hardy. Thank you for helping to make Fellowship Time possible!

Deadline for bulletins and newsletters. Announcements for the weekly bulletin need to be given to the administrative assistant before noon on Wednesday. Announcements for the monthly newsletters need to be given to the administrative assistant before the 15th of each month. Let's help her out by meeting deadlines, and also by not asking for special exceptions. Announcements should continue to be emailed to secretaryhcob@gmail.com. Thank you!

Cash for Causes/Martin's Gift Card Program. Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution. To purchase a card, please contact Larry Kees, Jr. (301-331-0107). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

Warm, sunny weather is here! We want to take this opportunity to remind you that in the warm weather many of the neighborhood children ride bikes, trikes, skateboards, and scooters, on our parking lot. They're often low to the ground and moving fast so please be on the lookout for them when you visit the church. When on foot, please also be on the lookout for cars speeding through the parking lot to "beat the light" at the corner.

If you have changed your email address, and would like to continue to receive the bulletins, eTidings, and other church related news as it happens please send the change to secretaryhcob@gmail.com.

The Church Directory. Summer is almost here and that's a great time to update your information in the church directory. If you have recently changed phone numbers or emails, please send any changes/updates/additions to the administrative assistant at secretaryhcob@gmail.com or leave a note in her mailbox.

Church mailboxes. Everyone is welcome to use the mailboxes. If you would like to be added or taken off the list, please contact Mary Means. If you have a mailbox, we ask that you be willing to monitor it. Any mail that is left in the mailboxes after a three-month period will be disposed of. The mailboxes are located in the hallway of the church office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 8

Children's Sunday/Graduate Sunday/Junior Church/

Bread & Cup Communion/Pentecost

8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, June 9

Church office closed

Wednesday, June 11

Administrative Assistant/Work from Home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Mullendore Room

Friday, June 13

8:00 am Bulletin prep./Church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, June 14

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, June 15

Father's Day/Trinity Sunday

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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Pointing the way to fun!

Vacation Bible School

Hagerstown COB

June 23 - 27

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Rising Kindergarten - Grade 6

