

TAKE IT HOME

The Weekly Newsletter of Christ Church Cranbrook

WEEKEND OF SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

Pentecost: Celebrating the Spirit's gifts and fruits

By Bill Danaher

Pentecost celebrates the day that the Holy Spirit was given to the Church. This moment is recorded in the second chapter of the Book of Acts (2:1-42). The Spirit descended as a wind, and fire appeared on the apostles' foreheads. They were given the gift of tongues – the ability to speak the word of God in many languages. The episode concludes with Peter giving the first Spirit-filled sermon, proclaiming Jesus as the Crucified and, now, Raised Messiah.



Much has been made of the gifts of the Spirit that were made manifest that day. For generations, Christians have debated what it means for us today to speak the Gospel in many languages.

However, on Pentecost it is just as important for us to celebrate the fruits of the Spirit – the love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, and self-control that come to us as God's grace in our lives (Gal. 5:22-23). These are just as remarkable as any gifts of the Spirit, and they speak the language of the Spirit just as powerfully. For the fruits of the Spirit advance not only the work of the Church, but the Kingdom of God – God's justice, peace, and reconciliation in our world.

These two aspects of the Spirit – the Spirit's gifts and the Spirit's fruits – will be equally celebrated this Pentecost. Concerning the gifts of the Spirit, I invite you all to bring a food that represents your ethnicity for the reception after the 10:00 AM service. Please bring enough to share and in a form that can be easily held and eaten. In this way, we will celebrate the many nations who have come within the reach of the church's loving embrace. To sign up, and for more information, please contact Jill Bednas.

The fruits of the Spirit will be celebrated by the formal announcement of our partnership with Samaritas to co-sponsor a refugee family. Truly, there is no way we can better celebrate the Spirit's power working in us to inspire works of justice and peace than by this new adventure in ministry.

Our preacher this Pentecost is someone who has lived a life marked by both the Spirit's gifts and fruits. Bing Goei is a committed Christian, and, in 2014, he was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder as the first director of the Michigan Office for New Americans (MONA). To know Goei's life story is to understand the mission of MONA, which is to empower new Americans in Michigan, to cultivate the entrepreneurial spirit of our immigrant communities, and to make

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CELEBRATION

See you at the Fair today

You are going to want to stick around after services this morning for our annual Church Fair and Ice Cream Social **from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** on the patio. The event celebrates the end of the Sunday School year and gives us a chance to enjoy the beauty of our surroundings and the joys that God has brought us. We have transformed the front lawn into a real fair-like setting, with lots of games, races and plenty of time to visit with one another under God's canopy. Lunch and, of course, ice cream will be served. We hope to see you there.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

UTO Weekend

United Thank Offerings (UTO) will be received during all services **this weekend**. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God by recognizing and naming our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO offerings are distributed to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Use the blue UTO envelopes in your pew; make checks payable to Christ Church Cranbrook, memo line: UTO. Thank you for your generous donations.

Celebrating Pentecost

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Michigan a more welcoming state.



Bing Goei

As an immigrant himself, Goei is forever grateful for the wonderful opportunity his family was given when they immigrated to the United States as refugees. As an entrepreneur he started a successful business, and became a top job creator in west Michigan. In 2001, Goei purchased Eastern Floral out of bankruptcy and rebuilt the Eastern Floral Company, which has become a Top 50 Teleflora florist with five west Michigan locations in Holland, Grand Rapids, and Grand Haven. His passion for entrepreneurship and diversity led him to create the International Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence, a business incubator offering low-cost space to young, minority, and female entrepreneurs in Grand Rapids.

As a director of MONA, Goei is a uniquely qualified ambassador who is committed to “pay forward” his good fortune by working tirelessly on behalf of New Americans today who also want to call Michigan home – by cultivating partnerships and making known the many resources that will help afford new immigrants opportunities to pursue the American Dream just as he did.

We are delighted to have Goei with us to celebrate all that God is doing at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Preparing for Baptism

Anyone interested in Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, at 10:00 AM, are asked to attend the Baptism Preparation class **today at 11:30 AM** in the church. Please speak to Pastor Imogen if you are interested.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Summertime is the time to serve

Just a couple hours of your summer, and you will feel so fulfilled! Baldwin Center in Pontiac serves lunches throughout the summer to those who experience food insecurity. Please sign up at cccrs-yp.org/baldwin to help serve food and fellowship to the beautiful folks who are enjoying a summer meal (shifts are 10:00 AM-1:00 PM): **Wednesday, June 7; Saturday, June 17; Wednesday, July 5; Saturday, August 19.**



We will also serve more than 600 people at our annual Crossroads of Michigan Soup Kitchen Lunch in Detroit on **Sunday, August 27**. Mark your calendar! If you are interested in helping purchase the food on Friday, August 25, please let Pastor Manisha know.

Item of the Month: New Household Goods

NEW twin and queen-size sheets, towels (hand, bath, washcloths), blankets, comforter and pillows are all welcome. Your donations will be delivered to SAMARITAS for the benefit of the refugees being resettled in our area. Thank you for supporting this worthy ministry.

Roses for a good cause



As you prepare your spring plantings, consider buying beautiful rose plants cultivated by the folks at Rose Hill Center. One of the nation’s leading long-term mental health facilities, Rose Hill offers comprehensive psychiatric treatment and rehabilitation services in a peaceful setting in Holly, MI. Dan and Rosemary Kelly will sell roses **after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services on Sunday, May 28**. All proceeds will benefit Rose Hill.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jazz Mass on Pentecost

The Rodney Whitaker Jazz Ensemble will collaborate with us for a Jazz Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 AM. Whitaker is an internationally renowned Mack Avenue recording artist, jazz bassist, professor of jazz double bass, director of Jazz Studies and artistic director for the Professors of Jazz at Michigan State University. Music for this service will feature works by English composer Will Todd who is well known for his beautiful and exciting music.



Rodney Whitaker

Choir Camp for boys and girls

August 14-18, 2017 / 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (M, T, Th, F)

Wednesday, August 16 is an ALL-DAY field trip to Cedar Point!

This half-day, week-long camp for boys and girls in grades 3-7 focuses on the basics of musicianship: pitch, rhythm, reading music notation, and, of course, the joy of music. Each day ends with a short midday prayer service where parents can come see and hear what the choristers have accomplished. Fee: \$105 (less \$70 if not going to Cedar Point) **Register at: vbspro.events/p/choircamp2017.**

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Art of Billy Mark at the Rector's Forum



We are happy to have Billy Mark as our guest presenter at the Rector's Forum each Sunday this month as we continue in our series, *Theology, Art, and Culture*.

An award-winning, Detroit-based, interdisciplinary artist, Mark works in – and blurs – the categories of poetry, music, theater, prayer, movement, worship, installation and performance art. Examples of his

work can be found at <https://billymark.space/> At the Forum, Mark will discuss his work regarding the blurring of the racial categories of black and white. He will tackle questions that are central to his life and work as a mixed-race, Christian artist, including “What do black and white people have in common? How about Christians and artists? Where is there common ground? Where is distinction necessary?” Please join us each week as we explore the themes, tensions and formal opportunities available at the intersection of these well-defined social identities.

Renew: *Meeting Jesus: Christianity as Encounter*



Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM
Through June 7

The aim of this course is to present Christianity in terms of the encounter(s) we experience when the words we read in the Bible become embodied in our lives. Each meeting begins with an introduction to the biblical passages we will explore, followed by a light meal and small-group discussion. All are welcome. For child care, ages 2 and under, please contact Kate Bell.

Men's Bible Study



Come join a few of the men at Christ Church Cranbrook for Bible study and conversation on **Tuesdays from 7:30 AM-8:25 AM** in the Library. For more information, contact Anthony Estes.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Have you registered for Vacation Bible School?

Limited openings remain for the morning program! This week of awesomeness will inspire kids to be curious, hands-on inventors as they discover the amazing ways God made them. **Morning**

Program: Ideal for kids 4 years old through 4th grade with leadership opportunities for rising 5th graders and older. M-F, 9:00 AM–Noon. **Afternoon Program:** For registered VBS participants only. In partnership with Cranbrook Educational Community. M-F, Noon–5:00 PM. **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/ccc2017>

Contact Kate Bell at 249.659.2992.



VBS @ CCC
June 19-23

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Newcomer Open House & New Member Brunch

If you are visiting the church, considering membership or just want to find out more about CCC, please attend our Newcomer Open House **June 11 at 11:30 AM** (not today as was previously advertised) in the Hospitality Center. This is an opportunity to meet with the clergy and other lay leaders, learn about our programs and find out how you can be involved. Children are welcome.

Movie Night Musical

On **Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 PM** in the Hospitality Center, we

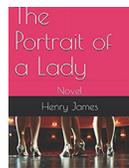


will show the acclaimed 2016 film, *La La Land*.

It portrays an aspiring actress and a jazz musician struggling to pursue their dreams in Los Angeles. Mike Frank will discuss the movie in the context of historical Hollywood musicals. Please join us as we wrap up the 2016/17 movie season.

Fact and Fiction Fun

FFF meets on **Monday, June 5, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** (please note



change in date from last Monday in the month due to Memorial Day holiday) in the Conference Room. The selection for

May is *The Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James. First published in 1881, it is one of James's most popular long novels and is regarded by critics as one of his finest. All are welcome to join in the lively discussion.

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THIS WEEK AT CCC

SUNDAY, MAY 21 – UTO WEEKEND

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- 9:00 AM Middle School Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Rector's Forum
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Docent Tour begins in the Baptistry
- 11:30 AM Church Fair and Ice Cream Social
- 11:30 AM Baptism Preparation
- 1:00 PM Stewardship Retreat
- 6:00 PM Evensong

MONDAY, MAY 22

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 5:00 PM Cranbrook Choristers Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Fellowship
- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 5:00 PM Cranbrook Choristers Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Troop 1005 PLC Meeting
- 7:00 PM Troop 1005 Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Listening for God: Centering Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 AM Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)
- 12:30 PM ECW Trip to DIA with Fr. Bill
- 5:00 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
- 6:00 PM ReNew – *Meeting Jesus* (Light Supper and Conversation at 6:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 25

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 5:00 PM Cranbrook Choristers Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Movie Night
- 7:30 PM Christ Church Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 26

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM Peace of Serenity

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- 11:30 AM Cinco de Mayo Yoga
- 5:00 PM Sanctuary with Holy Eucharist

Recyclers needed

For the past few years, John Wakevainen has faithfully recycled our paper, cardboard, cans and plastic. He is ready to hand the recycling bin over to someone else or a team of people. If you are willing to help take care of this good earth by helping with our recycling, please contact Peggy Dahlberg.

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