

From the Pastor

We have a lot to celebrate this month! We could start with the beautiful greening of our world and the fact that we do not have 8 inches of snow as our friends to the north and west of do on May Day.

We are in the midst of the season of Easter, which invites us all to ponder the various signs of renewal and resurrection that we see around us. Members and friends are practicing resurrection and new life through various acts on behalf of the earth as part of the United Church of Christ's Mission: 4/1 Earth.

In a few weeks, we will celebrate Pentecost, the day that we celebrate God's presence with us through God's Spirit. Sometimes, we call this Spirit the "Holy Spirit." Some of us, of certain ages or of certain faith backgrounds, call this Spirit the "Holy Ghost." Often people think of the Day of Pentecost as the birthday of the church, because we observe it as the day that the disciples of Jesus, without the physical presence of Jesus, became transformed with God's ongoing presence with them through the presence of God's Spirit. With the Spirit of God enabling and encouraging them, the disciples transformed the world. And disciples of Jesus Christ, continue to transform the world.

So as we contemplate where the Spirit of God might be leading us as a faith community, and as we reflect upon how the Spirit might be enlivening our lives as disciples, let's join in celebration as three of our youth either make or affirm their baptismal vows to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. On Pentecost, Dylan Henderson, Mackenzie Prewitt and Lucas Bohlmann will be taking this next step on their life-long journey with God.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will animate their lives and our.

Pastor's Note

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Peace,

Pastor Lynn