

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023
Announcements

LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER

Rev. Barry Chance,
General Presbyter and Stated
Clerk of Eastminster

Presbytery, will deliver the message on Pentecost Sunday. NCCC along with other churches that make up the West Area Collaborative will worship together Sunday, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 West Exchange St. Service will begin at 10:30 a. m. Worshippers are asked to wear **RED**, as a symbol of the fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit, which descended upon those in the upper room.

The offering collection will go to the PCUSA's Pentecost Offering. There will not be a separate "NCCC" offering plate. But, if you make a check out to NCCC, or put NCCC on the offering envelope, the offering will be forwarded to the church.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Rev. Allen Shelton, a veteran educator, community advocate and pastor, was determined to stop watching teens in his community feed the school-to-prison pipeline. So, in 2010 he founded Good Success Academies, a nonprofit organization in Newark, NJ.. "At-risk youth of color attending urban public schools had no chance of success in getting good, high-paying positions."

Initially, Shelton modeled the program after a tutoring program he worked with while in Chicago. Members, who are educators, helped him start the program.

"In addition to a Bible study for confirmed students, we had an academic college writing class where a



teacher worked with the kids and moved them to writing at a college level. We also provided an opportunity for them to explore careers by working with members of our congregation."

Helping youth to achieve their God-given potential is what the Pentecost Offering — one of the PC(USA)'s four Special Offerings — is all about.



Upcoming Services

Next Sunday—June 4—
Rev. Jim Bane will return to NCCC to lead service.

June 11—Rev. Jay Schmidt will return to NCCC to lead service.

June 18—NCCC is invited to worship at Allenside Presbyterian, 410 Rexford St., to join the celebration for Fiona Coughlin, who is graduating high school.



NEW COVENANT
COMMUNITY CHURCH



ICCC's 73RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The [early-bird registration](#) deadline is

fast approaching. Your registration must be in to the International Council of Community Churches office by Thursday, June 1, in order for the discounted rate of \$195. That price is the same deal that was offered back in 2020.

This year's conference will be held in Charlotte, NC, from July 18-21. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Clifford A. Jones. He will lead the worship services, and share a time of discussion with us for enhanced understanding of his message.

You will also be able to choose which area of ministry you want to develop. You can choose from education, worship, mission, or fellowship tracks, or a combination of the four. If you choose to participate in the hands-on mission track programs, you could receive special community service certificates. For a closer look at what to expect, [click here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mitzvah Day June 2-4

This year's "Time of Caring & Service for the Community" starts Friday and goes through Sunday. Cathy King has information about ways you can get involved from home; but part of beauty of Mitzvah Day is finding ways for different religious communities to come together as one to serve (in this case) Greater Akron. There are some strenuous projects, like working with Habitat for Humanity, as well as intellectual ones like the advocacy/informational meeting that will focus on what to do about the reading crisis in Akron.

Cathy King is working to get information so you can take part.

A NOTE FROM A FRIEND

Jackie Roth wanted to pass a note in church... from Tom and Cathy.

Cathy and I are indeed doing well and enjoying our retirement ... and I hope that God's blessing are embracing ... all the good folks at NCCC. Last week I was in Arkansas for a Solar Under the Sun training, and we're making preliminary arrangements for a trip to Honduras.

I'm sure that the anticipation is high for the arrival of a new pastor, and I'm confident that he will feel as fortunate as I did in serving such an awesome church.

tom

Potluck & A Play at Porthouse Theatre

Once again, it's time for an outing to Porthouse Theater. Here are the details:

If you are interested in going, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to see *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, Thursday, June 22. The play begins at 8:00 p.m. The potluck picnic begins at 6:30. New this year, our group will have three tables under the pavilion. So, each ticket is \$27/person (\$25 for the play, plus \$2 for the pavilion) Two of the seats are in the handicapped accessible section. Please write a check to Jackie Horton for the correct amount.

Please sign up to bring one of the following: a side dish of salad, fruit, appetizer, vegetable, dessert (something small--either cookies or brownies). The Fellowship Committee will provide: plates, napkins, plastic ware, chicken, and wine. You can bring or buy water or any other beverages. We might have a small serving table outside the pavilion.

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