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Johnny Melton, a friend of mine, pointed out to me that “Apocalyptic language was used to signal a regime change. Peter’s citation of the Joel text including the apocalyptic language signals that God is doing a new thing--Jesus is now both Lord and Christ. Mt. Zion takes precedence over Mt. Sinai.”

We celebrate a deliverance from the Old Law and a freedom found in Christ this day. Regulations, washings, observance of new moons, Sabbaths, what we eat or drink... all of these external regulations are no longer bound around our necks (Colossians 2). We don’t pay attention to regulations that attempt to bind external commands about what we eat or drink. Freedom is real and complete in Christ.

Regulations are ineffective against the war on the internally motivated sins of self indulgence. Pentecost is a reminder that God is changing the way things are done. Be grateful.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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Today is Pentecost, or as the Jews call it, Shavu'ot, the Festival of Weeks. For them it is significant because it is a celebration of the giving of the Torah on Sinai. It is also a celebration of the first fruits of the harvest, 49 days after the second day of Passover.

Passover is significant because it is a reminder of their freedom from slavery in Egypt. Pentecost is a reminder of their freedom from idolatry and immorality through the giving of the Torah. It is traditional that a Jew will stay up all night the first night of Pentecost studying the Torah. An additional custom is the reading of Ruth during this time, but there is not a rationale given for this tradition.

[www.jewfaq.org](http://www.jewfaq.org)

For the Christian we see a bit different meaning. Pentecost was the day of the first sermon announcing the Gospel in Acts 2. The Holy Spirit was sent as the Apostles preached the message of redemption to the city of Jerusalem, announcing Jesus was the promised Messiah through whom the world must be saved.

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**SUNDAY:** Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am  
 Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am  
 Worship Service—10:45 am  
 Afternoon Service—1:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm

**ELDERS:** Richard Brenging, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,  
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

**TREASURER:** Richard Brenging

### Worship Order for June 8, 2014

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 141—Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You (verse 1)

WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:3-8 (Garland Mansel)  
 SONGS: No. 141—Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You (v 2,3)  
 No. 226—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
 No. 2—We Praise Thee, O God  
 No. 827—Sweet Hour of Prayer

PRAYER: Richard Brenging  
 SONG: No. 18—Faithful Love  
 COMMUNION: Fred Johnson  
 Jon Mansel  
 Orrin Feril  
 Ned Marks

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 881—Mansion Over the Hilltop  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus? (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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### Welcome Visitors

We are pleased you have joined us in worship—please come again!

### Silver Maple Camp

#### Family Camp:

June 20-22, 2014 (Friday morning through Sunday afternoon)  
 Director—Joe Meador

#### Youth Camps:

Session #1—June 6-12 (Ages 8 to 13)  
 Session #2—June 13-19 (Ages 13 to 18)  
 Session #3—June 20-26 (Kids of all Ages)

Early registration is always best! Go to the camp website for details of all camp sessions: [www.silvermaplecamp.org](http://www.silvermaplecamp.org). Talk to Richard Brenging about payment for the week you select.

### Eastwood Church Wednesday Series

See schedule posted for opportunities to hear area ministers. This week John Hamm, from Isabel, will speak at 7:00 pm.

### No Potluck Dinner Today

Your patience is appreciated while new tile is being installed in the kitchen area. There will be **NO potluck meal today**, due to the project still in progress!

**Church Website** - [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

### Happy Birthday!

Jerry Kinnamon 6/8

### Happy Anniversary!

Clint & Tara Kinnamon 6/9

### Prayer Requests

**Sarah (Messick) Ballard**—now in Arizona; scheduled for her brain surgery June 17th  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) - is now living at Home-Plus, operated by Leisure Homestead; her address is 503 S Buffalo, Apt. 5, Stafford, KS 67578  
**Don Hornbaker**—at Kenwood Plaza  
**Dona Umble** (wife of a coworker of Shelly Brenging) - breast biopsy last Tuesday came back benign  
**Brenda Mansel Reno**—recent back surgery  
**Nick & Kara Neidig**—Landon remains at Children's Mercy in Kansas City  
**Maggie Harris** (Lisa's mother) - recent knee replacement  
**Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne**—Leukemia  
**Dennis Lyons** (Chet's brother) - ear infection; hearing loss  
**Charlene Lyons** (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife) - health concerns; improving  
**Diane Manilla** (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer  
**Danny Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - improving  
**Eldon Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - improving  
**Theo Birkett**—Tara's mother  
**Barbara Schuette**—Marla's half-sister  
**Jim Sorensen**—Tara's brother-in-law; brain tumor  
**Jim Soukup**—Gingrich's son-in-law (Shari's husband)  
**Vic Staub**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Phyllis Staub**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Wilbur Kinnamon**—Leisure Homestead—Stafford  
**Margaret Marks** (Ned's mother) - declining health

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Rebecca Hunley**, who passed away last week. Her funeral is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00 am at the Antrim United Methodist Church, with burial at Rose Valley Cemetery.