Westchester United Methodist

"A Friendly Family Church" Celebrating over 200 years of Building up the Kingdom of God by Growing Disciples and extending our Ministries

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday May 28th 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton (Resident Bishop)

Rev. Simeon C. Law, (District Superintendent)

Rev. Beverly Hodges-Fairweather (Assistant to the Pastor)

Rev. Sonia Jermin (Ministries with Seniors & Spirituality)

Rev. Ivy Dawson(Evangelism Related Ministries)

Cora Doram - Lay Leader

Deaconess. Linda - Douglas Smith (Lay Minister Small Groups Ministries & Attendance Building)

Min. Earlwyn Benjamin(Lay Minister Prayer & Healing Ministries)

Min. Joshua Olabisi (Lay Minister Care Ministries)

Min. Jaslyn Challenger-Singleton (Family Life Ministries)

Rev. Gordon A.R. Edwards, Ph.D., Psy.D, Pastor

Pat Savage(Minister of Music) - Roland Samuels(Percussionist) – Roy Gomes(SteelPanist)

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Prelude Introit

I will bless thee O Lord I will bless thee O Lord With a heart of thanksgiving I will bless thee O Lord With my hands lifted up And my mouth filled with praise With a heart of thanksgiving I will bless thee O Lord

Call to Worship

L: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

P: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

- L: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.
- P: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!
- L: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

P: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

Opening Hymn *"The Holy Ghost power movin' just like a magnet"*

(1) The Holy Ghost power movin' just like a magnet The Holy Ghost power movin' just like a magnet Movin' here, movin' there, just like the day of Pentecost The Holy Ghost power movin' just like a magnet

 (2) The Holy Ghost power is moving all through the nations The Holy Ghost power is moving all through the nations It wins some here, wins some there Saving them from sin and fear The Holy Ghost power is moving all through the nations. (3) The Holy Ghost power is moving right through the campus The Holy Ghost power is moving right through the campus Directing here, directing there Into the Way, the Truth and Life The Holy Ghost power is moving right through the campus.

 (4) The Holy Ghost Power is moving here in our worship The Holy Ghost Power is moving here in our worship It's prompting here, directing there To bring our lives to Jesus Christ The Holy Ghost Power is moving here in our worship.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed –a be thy name Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed-a be thy name Done on earth as it is in heaven, hallowed-a be thy name Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed-a be thy name And—forgive all our debts, hallowed-a be thy name, As we forgive our debtors, hallowed-a be thy name Lead us not, into temptation, hallowed-a be thy name But deliver us from evil, hallowed-a be thy name Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, hallowed-a be thy name For-ever and ever, hallowed-a be thy name, Amen, amen, amen hallowed-a be thy name (repeat twice)

Children's Moment

Sister Denise Wright-Hamilton

I need you, you need me, we're all a part of God's body Stand with me, agree with me, we're all a part of God's body It is His will that every need be supplied You are important to me, I need you to survive You are important to me, I need you to survive I pray for you, you pray for me, I love you, I need you to survive I won't harm you with words from my mouth, I love you, I need you to survive It is His will that every need be supplied You are important to me, I need you to survive You are important to me, I need you to survive

Steel Pan Ministry of Music

Roy Gomes

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

EVERY SUNDAY- Located in the back and front in the Sanctuary are Buckets for our **Tithes and Offerings to cover Current Expenses and Our Apportionments. EVERY 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays**- Located in the front at the altar is the **Scholarship Fund Bucket. EVERY 4th & 5th Sundays**-Located in the front at the altar is the **Van Ministry Fund basket.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2:2 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.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 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.

2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 '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.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

7:37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

7:38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

7:39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Ministry of Music The Sermon: "Rivers of Living Water"

Rev. Gordon AR Edwards

Opportunities for Ministry

SENDING FORTH

Benediction followed by the Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn

"O let the power fall on me"

 O let the power fall on me, My Lord Let the power fall on me;
 O let the power from heaven fall on me Let the power fall on me.

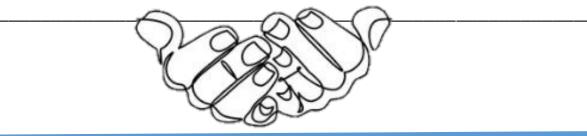
2. For we want power to live as one; yes Lord, We want power to live as one;So as we pray and intercede for some, May the Spirit make us one.

3. Send us the promised Comforter, O Christ, Send us the promised Comforter; And let our hearts be filled with love O Christ, When the Spirit come like Dove.

4. Give us the power here and now, O Christ, Please for the power here and now; Send us the power of grace and peace and love, Send us the power of peace and love.

LET'S PRAY FOR

The Shaw Family , The Jermins, Bro. Paul, Bro. Ralph, Bro. Gomes & family, Bro. Dawson & family Gloria King & family, Hartley Humphreys, Mrs. Wright, LaToya Meghie (Niece of Sister Wright), The Adeniyis ,Mr. Sydney Stevens(Brother of Mrs. Karen James) Derix & Delvin Skelton(Brothers of Donald Skelton) Desmond Williams(brother of Francis Wright), Dwayne Williams, Francine Brown & family, Eldra Petrus.



Birthdays & Anniversaries Tues May 30th Samantha Oyathelemi Wed May 31st Babatunde Lewis



Rev Jermin will like to Thank everyone for attending and participating in the Seniors Day Apart Event held here at Westchester. Rev Jermin would also like to inform the congregation that all Seniors Activities have been cancelled until FALL. The sight & Sound Trip to see Moses has also been cancelled.



BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!

COVID isn't over, but we are relaxing our mask mandate effective March 1st, 2023. One will have the option to wear or not to wear a mask when he/she comes to church. Remember! When you wear a mask, you not only ensure your own safety, but you protect others around you as well. If before

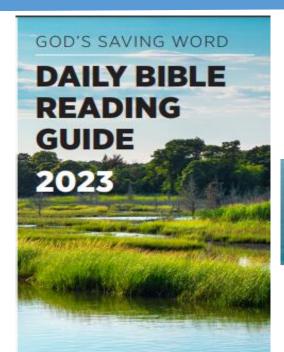


leaving home your intention was to wear a mask but forgot to take it with you, an usher will provide you one as you enter the sanctuary space. Our aim is to provide a safe environment for all and respect for each other's decisions. We do encourage High Risk Individuals to continue to Practice Precautions. Knitting and Crocheting - Westchester UMC Time- 11am- 2pm Come out and learn or just have fun!! Saturdays: May 20th, June 17th, June 24th All are welcome Come and bring your patterns, needles and yarn. If you Don't have needles and/or yarn, they will be provided. For information call Deaconess Smith 917-992-5306



Rehearsals	Ministry in Music
June 3rd	June 4th
July 1 st	July 2nd
July 15th	July 16 th





Hear what God says: "When the time came for me to show you favor, I heard you; when the day arrived for me to save you, I helped you." Listen! This is the hour to receive God's favor; today is the day to be saved!

2 Corinthians 6:2 (Good News Translation)



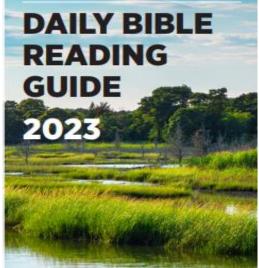
JUNE God's Saving Word: Spiritual Renewal

- □ 1 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- □ 2 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
- □ 3 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- 4 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
- 5 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

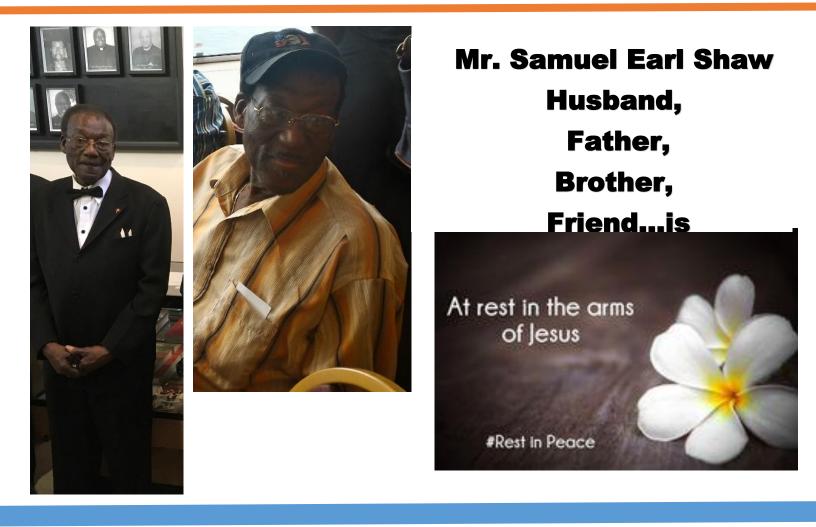
Pentecost

- □ 28 Acts 2:1-21
 □ 29 Acts 2:22-47
 □ 30 Acts 8:4-25
- 31 Acts 8:26-40
- □ 6 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
- 7 2 Corinthians 1:12-24
- 8 2 Corinthians 2:1-17
- 9 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
- 10 2 Corinthians 4:1-15
- □ 11 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
- □ 12 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- 13 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

GOD'S SAVING WORD



- □ 14 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- 15 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
- 16 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
- □ 17 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
- □ 18 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
- 19 2 Corinthians 10:1-18
- 20 2 Corinthians 11:1-15
- 21 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
- □ 22 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
- 23 2 Corinthians 12:11-21



Information concerning his funeral Service will be made available to the congregation

as it it becomes available . Please reach out to the family with love.

LOCATION: ST. MARY'S PARK, 146TH STREET, ST. ANNS AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10455

BRONX, NY 10455 START TIME: 1:00 PM

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 917-807-6425 Or Email: Chorritosdomino@gmail.com FREE REGISTRATION 1ST PLACE \$100 2ND PLACE \$75 3RD PLACE \$50 4TH PLACE \$25 PLAY TO WIN!



Worship Sermon Notes

	Preacher:	
HEARING GOD'S WORD IN T	HE SERMON	
	of what we hear; it has been suggested that note- ntage of our take-home knowledge. I encourage you	
Scripture Passages: OT:	Gospel:	
Transitional Statement:		
MAIN POINTS		
3		
4		
CONCLUSION:		
What is the main idea?		
What is God asking me to do	o right now?	
What am I going to do about	t it?	