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FROM THE PASTOR

"I write you, young people, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome..." (beginning of 1 John 2:14)

Nee-kay - the way to say a Greek word in the New Testament translated as "overcoming, victorious, prevailing, conquering".

In his writings John, the beloved apostle, loves sharing that powerful and stirring word for overcoming. Twenty-four of the twenty-eight uses of *nee'-kay* that I could find are in books attributed to John.

There is so much to celebrate in worship this Pentecost Sunday - the birthday of the Church, where we share in the Holy Spirit moving and stirring young and old, every nation and gender, all people sharing the life in Christ with the world. This Sunday, we also celebrate this year's graduates as we pray blessings with each one into this new chapter.

In worship we continue in the second chapter of First John (1 John 2:12-17) where John sees and celebrates what you have overcome in Christ, and lifts the Word strengthening you for your present and future.

There is so much that you and the graduates have already overcome.

Gathering and renewing in Spirit, we are strengthened in community for a courageous, growing, and active life in Christ. You are strong; the Word lives in you, and you have overcome!

So much to celebrate. Let us worship God!

Grace and courage,
Ryan



Please pray for the following individuals:

Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, Dave & Barbara Moran, Betty Sue Foster, Tatum Turpin, Sandra Hess, Linda Coleman, Chris, Lisa Russell, Melissa McGuire, Maria Keller, Ken Holder, Sharon Glover, and Marilyn Ellsperman.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office.



HAPPY
104th
Birthday
to
Betty Richard



May 18, 2024
2 - 3:30 PM
Heritage Woods Dining Room

No gifts Please



Thanks to you, we had a great
Rummage Sale!

Mission Trip July 14 - 19

Still time to sign up for a wonderful mission trip to Camp Burnamwood in Eastern Kentucky! Truly a trip where youth and adults of all abilities can share in the good work God is doing through the communities there. There will be a great need for cleaning, TLC of the camp grounds, cooking help, and home repair in the community. There is good work that you can do with and for God there!

We will be staying in beloved lodges tucked in the forest. Beautiful setting to fellowship, grow in God's word, play, pray, and serve together.

Registration forms are available in the narthex and the office. Please be sure to complete forms and turn in \$100 deposit to confirm your spot by May 20th .

For those not going on the trip, but desiring to support the effort, your prayers are greatly appreciated! We will also have a supply drive for the trip and mission there. More info on that soon.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers!



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