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Festival of Pentecost

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Welcome and Blessings! Pentecost offers such mixed realities. The Spirit's presence comes in the waters of baptism and yet also appears as a flame and wind. In these contradictions, we gather that our hearts, souls, and minds are set to the Spirit's work among us. We welcome everyone, especially those who may be visitors. We offer you thanks and praise to our gracious God for your presence.

Communion We will be doing communion today. **We ask you have a slice (or partial slice) of bread (or gluten free alternative) ... or cut a portion sufficient for all who are in your household, plus have either grape juice or wine as available.** We will give instructions during the time the meal is instituted. We teach to receive either element (bread or the cup) is sufficient to receive Christ's presence... so you may wish to have only bread if adding grape juice or wine may be difficult due to the current COVID 19 virus restrictions.

Offering We encourage to send your regular offering to the church at the above listed address. You may also wish to consider "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your chosen offering amount to the church; contact the Church Office, 570-223-9422 if you have questions.

St. Paul's Mission Statement

We are a community of faith called to share the good news of Jesus as our model of life.

We seek spiritual maturity through worship, learning and serving.

We invite and welcome all who desire to share this journey of faith active in love.

Introduction to Pentecost

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, yet we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

THE SERVICE

10:00 AM

Prelude

Gathering

*** Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P Alleluia! Baptized into the risen Christ, we come to celebrate the promised Holy Spirit.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

A brief pause is given to remember our baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water given in baptism, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace,

and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

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Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



grac - es now out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
Word of life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
will your work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light in ho - ly faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be, that we in
pare each heart and to our weak-ness strength im - part, that brave-ly



land and ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our
liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our
here we may con - tend, through life and death to you, our



God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
Music: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray... O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Word

Lector: A reading from Acts of the Apostle.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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.

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

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

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

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

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you**

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;**

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;**

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Lector: A Reading from First Corinthians.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

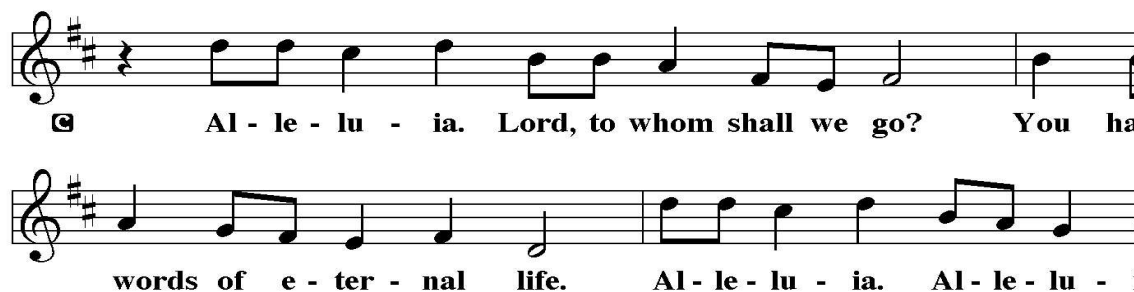
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

***Gospel Acclamation (SUNG)**

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***Gospel**

John 7:37-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Spoken

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers until they overflow.

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and 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.'" ³⁹Now 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Spoken

Sermon

Whispers and ROARS

*** Hymn of the Day**
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"Spirit of Gentleness"

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Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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***Nicene Creed**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that we may reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, rain, and sunshine, giving all that is good and useful. Heal with your breath all of your creation, especially those who struggle to breathe whether due to our failed stewardship or disease and infirmity. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Wherever we are wrong-headed, give each of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, healthcare workers, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those we meet. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

***Peace**

(The congregation is unmuted to share the peace.)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational Sharing of Peace

Meal

Offering

***Offertory**

“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***Offertory Prayer**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us— our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Spoken

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***The Preface**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

(SUNG)

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C *Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The bread and drink (communion) will be consumed after the singing of “Lamb of God” on p. 10.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**
Amen

Communion Canticle:

“Lamb of God”

(SUNG)

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C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Banquet

We now partake of communion by eating and drinking the elements.

(We invite everyone who believes in the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and who is eligible to receive the Sacrament in their own congregation to commune with us today.)

***Table Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P/A Let us pray. God of abundance...

C with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Sending

***Blessing**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father † and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***Announcements and sharing time**

***Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry Update

If you wish to donate needed food, Jackie has requests that all food must be direct from the store and not come from your house to mitigate the number of places that may spread the COVID 19 virus. These are additional precautions due to the current health concern. If you want to drop off food items please leave a phone message and leave outside the church by the side door.

Money donations are always needed and welcome.

Scripture Lessons for Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

The creation of the heavens and the earth

Psalms 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

Matthew 28:16-20

Living in the community of the Trinity

Pastoral Care Concerns: Please call the church office to leave a message for an Evangelism member or call Pastor Deb Taylor direct at 570-350-5115.

Food Pantry Update:

The next pantry date will be Thursday June 4th and 15th between 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM noon. Please drive around the side of the church and remain in your car.

Volunteers Available to help you:

Please call the office if you could use any help getting groceries, pick up at drug store or other tasks. We will pass your request to our volunteers who will try to help when possible.

Gardening Angels

Dick Rehm continues to tend our garden with dedication and expertise. Feel free to drive by and catch a glimpse of God at work! The vegetables are growing beautifully and the church and community will soon be able to reap the benefits of its bounty. Amen!

(Beautifully written by Laura Pride)



Resources while we continue remote worship services:

If you are interested in receiving hard copies of future celebrates, please call the office and Lynne will put copies outside for pick-up. They will continue to send out as a PDF and word weekly.

- If you have missed any YouTube service you can see them on our website or Facebook.
- Our Zoom services have not yet been put on the web site due to software issues, but you will find a copy of those service bulletins.

May 26th Prayer list

Current Prayer Concerns: Robert Gordon (friend of Tom and Judy Smith), Sal Manda, Hilary Lew, Dottie Davis (Sister of Patty Jones), Kristina Perfetti (niece of Faye Jones & Kay Malinowtizer), Julia and Tom (Daughter and friend of John and Barb Edwards), Krystalle (Daughter of David Paskiet), John Einlenberger, Don and Vicki Lishman, Michele Crompton (Friend of Patsy Litts and John Young), Margo Kovacs, Don Killeen, Gloria Killeen, Ben Huffman, Jason Guzman (Family of the Prides and Madeline McCarron), Robert (Mick) Perfetti (Brother-in-law of Kay and Faye), Lester Campbell (Friend of the Clements Family), John Tufano, Charles Farley, Shane Balcik, John O' Connor, Jr., Jeffrey Wert, Jr., Javon Clements, Rosemary Gilchris (Friends of the Clements Family), Richard Rouzer, Kay Malinowtizer, Lori Osmun (Friend of Carrie Strohl).
 Prayer Concerns: Winnie Handel, Charlie and Alice Farley, Ken Brown, Charlie Roth (Brother-In-Law of Tom McGhee), Sonji Patrick, Sulai Malpica, Sarah and Felder Dorn (Friends of Madeline McCarron and Laura Pride), Marilyn Fackelman (Mother-in-law to Barbara Hart), Edith Patrick, Donald Killeen, Sr. (Don's Father), Joe Widmer (Son of Gloria Killeen), Sal Manda, Tatanisha Clements, Mario Vincenzino (Uncle of Stephanie Stephens), Stella Rouzer (granddaughter of Linda & Rich Rouzer), John Jones (brother of Madeline McCarron and uncle of Laura Pride), John Kennedy (father of Jackie McGhee), Shirly Bodine & Lou Costello (friends of Joan Carpenter), Bill Kilmurray (family of Kim Kilmurray), Donna Geilmann (sister of Marylee Rehm), Aaron Smith, Robin Mason (daughter of John and Patsy Litts-Young), Lee Jennings and Ann Falzone (friends of Sal and Noreen Manda), Ron & Mary Smith (cousins of Tom & Judy Smith and Frank & Emma Smith), Angel Berrios, Tiffany Bass (friend of Tracey Lasslett), Lois Morris, Doris Cramer, & Charlotte Jewell (friends of Ruth Ann Rumbold), Ken Werkheiser, and Sue Werkheiser (grandparents and aunt of Meredith Smith).

Our Service men and women: Nicholas & Ian Hopkins, Christina Perez, Raquel Berrios, Luke Biddulph, Corey Walton, Case Hofgen (cousin of Tim Lasslett), and Angela Anglada (niece of Lisa Dassaro).

Those in Personal Care Homes: Mary Hamlen.

Please e-mail or call the office if you have anyone you would like to add to the Prayer List, or need any other information.

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