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“The Holy Spirit is the greening power of God. Our task is to blossom.”
— Hildegard of Bingen

After so many dry stretches, the steady rain has felt like a gift. The ground drinks deeply. Trees look fuller. Grass greens up almost overnight. And all of it has made me think of Hildegard of Bingen, the 12th-century mystic who spoke of the Spirit’s viriditas—often translated as “greening power.” Scholars describe viriditas as Hildegard’s image for the living vitality that comes from God: a life-giving energy of growth, healing, fruitfulness, and renewal that runs through creation and, by grace, through us too.

That image feels just right for the Season after Pentecost.

The liturgical color is green for a reason. This long stretch of the church year invites us to pay attention to how the life of Christ grows in us and among us through the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is not just one bright Sunday with red paraments and Acts 2. It is the beginning of a Spirit-shaped life. If Easter proclaims that Christ is alive, then the Season after Pentecost asks: what does that new life look like as it takes root in us? What might it mean to blossom?

I think blossoming in the Spirit does not always look dramatic. Sometimes it looks like making room for what gives life.

This summer, perhaps blossoming looks like unhurried family time around the table. Perhaps it looks like opening scripture with fresh attention. On Wednesday, June 3, we will begin an evening Bible study through the Gospel of Matthew, and summer may be just the right season to let the words of Jesus sink a little deeper into us. Perhaps blossoming looks like prayer becoming less like one more obligation and more like rain on dry ground.

And perhaps blossoming also looks like love made tangible.

One beautiful opportunity before us is Project Transformation, a summer reading camp benefitting students in the McAllen area. St. Mark’s UMC hosts the camp every summer, but it’s truly a work of many churches across our United Methodist connection! Volunteering as a reading buddy is patient work, faithful work, Spirit work. It is the kind of thing that helps a child grow in confidence and joy. It is one small, real way of saying: the Spirit’s life is for our neighbors too.

There are other ways to blossom this summer as well. Resting when you are tired. Reaching out to someone you have not seen in a while. Cooking a meal for someone. Giving yourself back to worship after a distracted season. Sitting outside long enough to remember that God still makes all things grow.

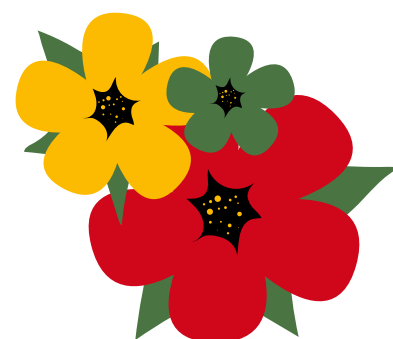
The Spirit is the greening power of God. That means God is not finished with us. Not with this church. Not with this season. Even now, the Spirit is watering what feels dry, renewing what feels tired, and coaxing new life from places we might have overlooked.

So may this summer be a season of blossoming. May the Spirit make us green and growing. And may the life of Christ flower in us for the sake of the world.

Creciendo contigo / Growing with you,
Pastor Sarah

June Dates To Put In Your Calendar

- June 1st - Monday at 1PM- Bag Beans and rice, freeze chicken
- June 13th - Community Kick Off event??
- June 17th - Annual Conference
- June 18th at 1:00PM- Prepare grocery bags
- June 19th - Juneteenth **Office Closed**
- June 20st at 8:30AM - Food Distribution
- June 21st - Father’s Day
- June 28th - Lunch at Luby’s after Sunday service
- June 29th - **Pastor Sarah’s Birthday!**



Our Feathered Neighbors: The Black-bellied Whistling Duck

Most of you have seen ducks at local parks or refuges, wherever there is water. Most of our duck species nest on the ground, usually in the northern USA or even Canada, so they are winter residents here. The Black-bellied Whistling Duck breaks the "rules", being a permanent resident here and usually nesting in trees. They typically use large cavities high up where their young are safe from most predators. They may nest miles from water, wherever there are suitable nest-sites. Then it's up to the parents--presumably mom and dad, although you can't tell by looking at them--to shepherd the newly hatched young to the nearest pond or lake. Once I saw a family group that almost entered a building on the UTRGV campus, but they couldn't activate the door! Watch for them as you drive around. Black-bellied Whistling Ducks are colorful, with white wing patches showing in flight, and orangy pink bills and feet!

Regards and good birding,
Tim Brush




Food Pantry Grant Update

Texas Methodist Foundation has awarded us \$15,000. The news was received with much celebration as this grant will allow us to continue our Food Pantry distribution through the end of the year. Thanks be!



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Class Painting for June 6, 2026



\$85.00 (all materials included)

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SATURDAY, June 6, 2026
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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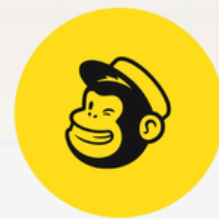
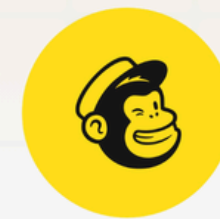
Many thanks to our May Communion servers: Melinda Lopez, Maryanne Denner, Debbie Ontiveros, Marty & Barb Engelbrecht, and Dave & Jan Calley!

Thank you for helping Pastor Sarah serve God's people at Jesus' table.



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BIBLE STUDY

Gospel of Matthew

**STARTING WEDNESDAY
JUNE 3RD**

6:30PM AT THE PARSONAGE!

