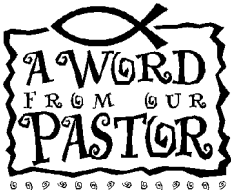


# THE MESSENGER

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## Greetings in the Pandemic,



There is light at the end of the tunnel and yet our cases have almost doubled in the last few days. We are apart at least until the middle of the month

and even then, people may not feel comfortable coming back to worship. We have done what we can to make worship accessible and now we are making communion available. On Sunday, May 3 from 11:00 a.m.-Noon, we will have drive-thru communion in the back church parking lot. Just drive up and receive the elements. We have a pre-packaged juice and wafer combo. Lift the first seal and take the wafer and the second seal, you drink the juice. Pastor Jim and I will be distributing the elements and offering a brief prayer and greeting. We will be gloved and masked for your protection, but we hope that this effort will connect us in a way we haven't been able to in the past.

God Bless you All,

Pastor Don

FROM PARISH NURSE, DIANA SAUM, RN: Never mix vinegar and hydrogen peroxide. It creates peracetic acid, a corrosive acid that can harm skin, eyes, nose, throat and lungs. It's okay to use one after the other, but NEVER mix in same bottle.



The Finance Committee would like to thank our members for their wonderful response to our recent letter. We are currently holding steady with your generous donations. We have applied for the government's Payroll Protection loan, but as of the newsletter deadline the Small Business Administration had stopped accepting applications due to lack of funding. Hopefully more funds will be allocated soon to allow additional loans. We have also begun accepting credit cards and e-checks for donations online. The link can be found on our website, [fumcokee.com](http://fumcokee.com). Click on the News & Events tab at the top of the page, and then click on Giving/Budget (a convenience fee will apply). You can continue to mail or drop off your tithe at the Church Office. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult tie and stay safe!

**ANNUAL AND GENERAL CONFERENCES:** The Cabinet and planning team have decided to make Annual Conference in June a virtual meeting. They will share reports online and gather for a few hours virtually on Saturday morning June 6<sup>th</sup> in order to care for essential items of business (i.e. clergy session, budget, leadership nominations, etc.). Details will be forthcoming. They are also planning an in person gathering on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in Lakeland to recognize our retiring clergy, share in a memorial service and celebrate commissioning and ordinations. The September gathering will not be required, but all are welcome to attend.

The General Conference originally scheduled for May, 2020 has been postponed until 2021.



- 1<sup>st</sup> - Martha Fuller
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Barbara Watford
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Aubrey Burnham
- 5<sup>th</sup> - M/M William L. Hendry
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Maryann Harris
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Wanda Burnham
- 9<sup>th</sup> - M/M Al Young
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Donna Lenfest, Susan Williams, Sue Cox
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Jerry O'Bannon
- 13<sup>th</sup> - M/M Brent Rucks, Anthony Metcalf
- 14<sup>th</sup> - M/M Rick Barnes
- 17<sup>th</sup> - James Tenniswood
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Randy Burnham, M/M Peregrino Ragamat
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Dion Raulerson, Donna Kersey
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Ellen Futrell
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Willard Suits
- 29<sup>th</sup> - M/M Gene Rhodes, Dennis Anderson, Shirley Matson
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Jake Streelman

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please contact the Church Office.

### Pentecost Word Search



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- AMAZED
- LANGUAGES
- APOSTLES
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- HEAVEN
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- HOLY SPIRIT
- TONGUES OF FIRE
- HOUSE
- WIND