“For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all.” —Acts 2:39

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.

Acts 2 tells the story of the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples as tongues of fire, and casts them from their place of contemplation and fear, out into the streets, preaching in languages they couldn’t understand for the benefit of all the people gathered there. They told the story of Jesus and taught the people what it meant. This was the beginning of faith formation, meant to inspire and encourage all who gathered into a lifetime of faith. Then as today, the Holy Spirit empowers anyone who will receive to change their lives, to radically share, to gather across lines of difference, to join in communities of compassion and care.

On Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_\_, when we gather, we will receive the Pentecost Offering. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and support our congregation’s efforts of faith formation in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Our congregation will retain 40 percent to be used \_\_\_\_\_. The remaining 60 will be sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support national initiatives of our denomination focused on helping children, youth, and young adults develop their life of faith through supportive communities, caring mentors, and faith-related nurture and service. The Pentecost Offering makes a difference for the life of the whole church and for congregations like ours.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering.

With great anticipation of Christ, and in his love,