

2015 MOMENT FOR MISSION MAY 17 THE PENTECOST OFFERING

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24, WILL BE THE DATE THAT WE COLLECT THE PENTECOST OFFERING. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AS YOU ENTERED THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING. THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING IS ONE OF THE FOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED OFFERINGS INITIATED BY PCUSA THAT OUR CHURCH PARTICIPATES IN. THE OTHER THREE ARE THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING, THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING AND THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. THE FOCUS OF THE PENTECOST OFFERING IS TO HELP THE CHURCH TO ENCOURAGE, DEVELOP AND SUPPORT ITS YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALSO TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN-AT-RISK. WHAT IS REALLY SPECIAL ABOUT THIS PRESBYTERIAN OFFERING IS THAT 40% OF IT IS DESIGNATED FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH (THAT'S US!) TO HELP CHILDREN IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES. AT THE PRESENT TIME, OUR PORTION OF THE OFFERING IS USED TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES THAT ARE DISTRIBUTED TO CHILDREN IN NEED THROUGH THE NEW CAP AGENCY. OUR BELIEF IS THAT EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO LIFTING CHILDREN OUT OF LIFE-LONG POVERTY AND THAT ENCOURAGING SUCCESS IN SCHOOL IS THE STARTING POINT.

PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR GIFT TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING PRAYERFULLY AND BRING YOUR ENVELOPES WITH YOU NEXT WEEK WHEN THE GIFTS WILL BE RECEIVED DURING WORSHIP TIME.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR CHILDREN AND FOR THE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THEM!