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2010 Pentecost Offering For Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

“I will sing praises to my God all my life long.” (Psalm 146:2)

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Dear Friends,

One of the special offerings collected each year by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and our congregation is the Pentecost Offering. This is a relatively new offering which began in 1998 to address the needs of children and youth.

- **40%** of the funds we collect will be dispersed to our own First Presbyterian Preschool, which has had a difficult year financially due to lower-than-usual enrollment. These funds will help the Preschool end this academic year with all bills paid.
- **25%** of the collection will support General Assembly ministries with youth. Several of these ministries involve the development of several websites, including:
 - www.d365.org, a daily devotion written especially for youth;
 - www.pywa.org, a website for adults who work with youth;
 - www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org, a site for information and registration regarding the national youth event which takes place every three years. (Our own Andrew Skiba will be attending this year.)
- Another **25%** of the Pentecost Offering will support Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) in the United States and overseas. You may remember that Katie Mohr, granddaughter of Jim Mohr and of Jim and Marty Hollinger, served as a “YAV” and is now completing her first year as a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
- The final **10%** of the offering supports General Assembly Child Advocacy ministries, including websites for those acting on behalf of children and the work of the Human Trafficking Roundtable.

On the Day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter recalled the words of the prophet Joel – that “your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.” It is our hope that our son and daughters will learn, interpret, and live by the Word of God. Helping them to catch the Spirit is a more complex task than it was even a few decades ago. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering provide funds for the creative ministries that are needed for a new generation.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor