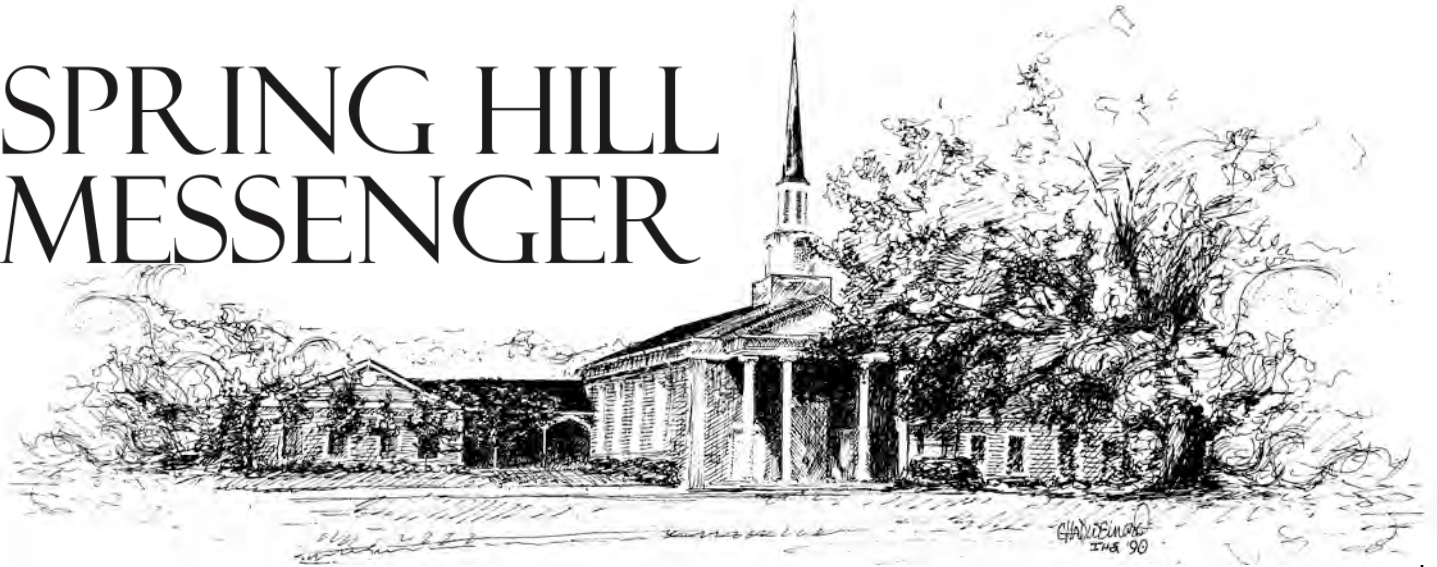


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“WIELDING THE POWER OF PENTECOST” FESTIVAL OF FAITH BEGINS ON JUNE 12

Pentecost comes this year on June 12th. Mark it on your calendars not only because it's one of the three great festivals of the church, but because it's the first day of our Festival of Faith. Red, you remember, is the color of the day, and not surprisingly our guest speaker will address the work of the Holy Spirit through mission, transformation, and evangelism. Our speaker will be Dr. Stephen Hayner, president of Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Hayner is a graduate of Whitman College where he majored in English literature; from Harvard University he received an M.T.S. degree in Semitic languages and literature; from Gordon-Conwell a Th.M. degree; and from the University of St. Andrew's in Scotland a Ph.D. Dr. Hayner worked for many years in ministry to university students. In 1988 he accepted the invitation to be president of InterVarsity Christian

Fellowship which he led for 13 years. From 2001 – 2003 he served as associate pastor in two ethnically diverse congregations in Madison,



Wisconsin. In 2003 he went to Columbia Theological Seminary as the Peachtree Professor of Evangelism and Church growth; and on July 1, 2009, he became the ninth president of Columbia. He and his wife, Sharol, a 2006 graduate of Columbia's M.Div. program, have a daughter and two sons.

Supper will be served on Sunday night and Monday night at 6 o'clock with the

services beginning at 7 o'clock; a luncheon will be held on Monday at 12 noon.

Let us be in prayer for Dr. Hayner as he and Spring Hill prepare for a time of spiritual renewal. Let's remember with joy that the Holy Spirit has come to do what Jesus promised He would do: "to prove the world wrong; to guide us into all truth; to declare the things that are to come; to remind us of the things Jesus taught; to be our Advocate and Comforter; and to empower us to be witnesses to the world for the Savior." Let's pray that this Pentecost and Festival of Faith will bring to all of us a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit's presence, and that we shall gain a clearer understanding of His will for us.

Yours in His Love,
NORMAN

"WIELDING THE POWER OF PENTECOST"

Sunday Worship 10:00 am June 12th: "The Power of Mission"

Sunday Evening 7:00 pm June 12th: "The Power of Transformation"

Monday Evening 7:00 pm June 13th: "The Power of Evangelism"

2011 Festival of Faith - "Wielding the Power of Pentecost" - will be held on Sunday and Monday June 12th/13th. Our guest keynote speaker is Dr. Stephen Hayner, current President of Columbia Theological Seminary and former Peachtree Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth. He will be preaching on Sunday morning at the 10:00 service and speaking on both Sunday and Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Make your reservations now for delicious dinners both nights then stick around for spiritual nourishment afterwards.

There will also be a lunch on Monday at noon. Invite your friends to join us for the Festival this year!!



Andrea's Favorite Word: *"Intergenerational"*

It's been said that the last words of the church are, "Well, we've never done it that way before."

Fortunately, I don't hear those words too often here at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. We are blessed with people and groups who are not afraid to try something new. Of course, we should not try new things just for the sake of being cutting-edge or trendy. However, after some research and examination, we should be open to discovering new ideas that may enhance the ministries of our church. I'm excited to say that, after prayer and discernment, the Christian Education committee has a few new ideas in the works for the coming months.

One of those new ideas is in the way that we will be doing Sunday School for children during the summer months. It's no secret that our church routine is different in the summer. Attendance is often down due to travel, we go from two worship services to one, and Sunday School is earlier and shorter. Many churches face these challenges, and a number of them simply do not have Sunday School during June, July, and August. We, however, have

decided that it is important to continue offering opportunities for faith formation throughout the summer, despite our different routine.

This summer, we are excited to be offering an intergenerational Sunday School class—a class for everyone in the family, from preschoolers to adults! If you haven't figured it out by now, intergenerational learning is one of my passions. We held our first intergenerational event on Epiphany this year, and it was quite successful. Our Vacation Bible School also has an intergenerational component to it this year, with parents and other family members participating alongside their children during the two evening sessions. One of our other upcoming endeavors is our new Milestones program, which will also have intergenerational components.

Still, a handful of people have asked me, "Andrea, why are we having an intergenerational class this summer? We've never done it that way before!" Well, part of the reason for doing this is practical; inviting more people to the party ensures that attendance will be at a

more desirable level, and it requires fewer teachers than having a number of smaller, age-segregated classes. But, practical considerations always come second to theological considerations. So, here are just a few great reasons why we should participate in intergenerational learning in the church.

1) Research. Statistics show that 70 percent of young people leave the church by age 22. WOW! This mind-blowing statistic begs us to ask, "Why did those other 30 percent stick around?" The latest research shows that there is a strong link between kids staying in church after they graduate and their involvement in intergenerational relationships. In other words, a teenager is much more likely to stick around after she graduates if she has formed a special bond with that sweet 68-year-old who sits in the front pew and that precocious 5-year-old who loves to be tickled.

2) Two-way conversations. As I have mentioned in another newsletter article, research also shows that parents matter most

when it comes to the faith formation of their children. And many of our parents do a great job of asking their kids, "How was Sunday School? What did you learn today? How did that make you feel?" However, children also need to know what their parents did in Sunday School, what they learned, and how it made them feel. An intergenerational Sunday School class will allow these conversations to occur.

3) Reason and experience.

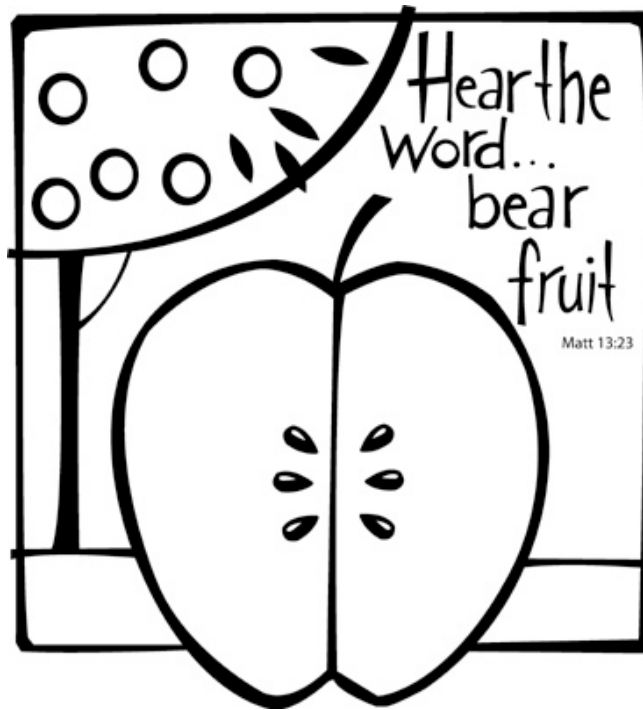
Intergenerational learning is also important because when we learn together, we learn from one another and get one another's perspective.

We are better able to pass on the faith from one generation to the next. Intergenerational learning happens in many other areas of life (who taught you how to ride a bike? bake a cake? swim in the deep end?) and has been happening throughout history.

Intergenerational learning also challenges us, and it is fun!

4) **Theology.** God has called us to be in community with another, and he has called people of every age to be his children. We believe that all ages can interpret the Scriptures, take age-appropriate steps on their journeys of faith, and be vital contributors to the worshiping body. When we baptize infants, we tell them that this is their home and their family. They belong here. We also promise to nurture them in their faith and support them in their journey.

5) **Scripture.** Our Lord tells us in Matthew 18 that adults have much to learn from children, and he commands us to welcome them in his name: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like



children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

It is for these reasons and many more that we are going to give it a whirl this summer. Can intergenerational learning work? Yes. Does it work? Absolutely. Is it guaranteed to be a huge success here at Spring Hill this summer? Of course not. There are no guarantees, and the success of a new ministry depends on a number of different factors. Intergenerational classes are different than traditional classes, and it takes some adjusting to these new concepts and ideas. We can't just do intergenerational, we have to become intergenerational. The whole church must come to realize and understand that intergenerational ministry is important, biblically-grounded, and beneficial for the whole church.

So, after all of that information (and I have much more; I'm sure

that you've not heard the last from me on this topic!), what do you need to know about our newest Sunday School class? The first part of the summer, we will focus on a series called Celebrate! We will spend some time having simple celebrations of various special occasions. Then, starting on July 10, we will begin a series called Footprints of Faith, where we will learn the stories of various figures in church history. Each class will stand on its own, so if you are out of town for a few weeks, you will not miss a beat. Don't have small children? That's okay! We'd love to have you join us. Actually, we need you

to be another caring individual in the lives of these children.

In fact, Christian educators recommend a ratio of 5:1 in order for children to develop consequential faith that lasts. That is to say, there should be five adults invested in the lives of each child in a congregation. We have 206 kids on our rolls, between the ages of 0 and 18. Which one have you invested in?

Blessings,

Andrea Hall

Director of Christian Education

P.S. Please note that there will continue to be a number of adult Sunday School classes offered in the summer. See the summer course catalogue for these options. And, we plan to continue to stick with our current Sunday School programs in the fall. We will never eradicate our age-specific ministries, which are also very important to the spiritual growth of individuals of every age.



Vacation Bible School
 SHPC Vacation Bible School
 Hometown Nazareth
 June 5-8, 2011
 For children age 3-grade 5
 Registration is now open!
 To register, go to www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/shpc

Some of the items that we will need in order to turn Spring Hill Presbyterian Church into Hometown Nazareth for this year's Vacation Bible School are listed. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

If you are willing to donate any of the items on this list, please bring them to the church before **May 29**. please leave the items in **Room 200 of the Bullard Building** (up the stairs or elevator and to the right). Alternatively, please bring the items to the Christian Education office (in the Main Building, next to the Bride's Room).

Items to be returned to you must be marked clearly with your full name!!

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Hall at andrea@springhillpresbyterian.org.

10 EZ-up tents/canopies (really need)

- artificial plants, flowers, food
- old sheets, blankets, tablecloths, or fabric (appropriate for "Nazareth" setting)
- metal tubs
- old washcloths and towels
- herbs/dried flowers
- drying racks
- pots and urns (clay or clay-look-alike)
- small terra cotta pots
- tarps
- throw pillows
- 10 mortar and pestle sets
- baby wipes
- 100 new knee-high nylons
- buckets
- broom sticks
- Capri Sun lemonade juice boxes
- Strawberry Fig Newtons
- Goldfish crackers

Proverbs 11:25 tells us,

*"A generous man will prosper;
 he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."*



On May 29, we begin our summer schedule:

Worship: 10:00 a.m.; Christian Education Classes: 9:00 a.m.
 Summer office hours: Monday-Thursday – 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in worship on Trinity Sunday, June, 19.

Stamp Ministry

Did you know that we have a stamp ministry at SHP? With thanks to those (unknown) persons who already participate, here are the particulars: stamps (all kinds—even bulk rate & foreign type) are acceptable. The stamps are sent forward to a Presbyterian lady in Sylacauga, AL, who is disabled and unable to walk. She considers her work with the sorting and preparing the stamps for further utilization as both her gift and her therapy.

For utilization stamps must have a border of minimally ¼ inch & all the corners & scalloped edges of the stamps intact. Unacceptable stamps are those on dark colored envelopes, all metered postage, and pre-printed stamps on envelopes.



Drop your stamps into a labeled hanging box at the Education Outreach bulletin board in the back hall (near Sallie's office).

How are the stamps used? Our Sylacauga lady sends the prepared stamps to the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Ft Myers, FL, where, in turn, they are sold to collectors. The income from the sales goes to support the preparation, publishing, and distribution of Spanish language curricula for Sunday schools in Latin America. Churches of 40 different denominations and missions in Latin America are using the lessons for developing Christian Sunday school programs which is a new concept in those countries to the South.

Hygiene Bags

A great big "thank you" to everyone who answered the "call" for items needed to go into the disaster "hygiene bags" destined for distribution by the Church World Service organization to tsunami and earthquake victims in Japan.

Through the coordinated efforts of SHP Presbyterian Women, church members enthusiastically responded to "the call" by bringing specified items of bar soap, wash cloths and hand towels, tooth brushes, band aids, nail

clippers, and sealable plastic bags to contain the items. One hundred and three bags were filled assembly-line fashion after the PW Spring luncheon May 11, and transported to Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church for the final leg of the journey to CWS headquarters in Indiana. There was an assessed monetary charge per bag by CWS and our PW covered that need with proceeds from the annual Spring luncheon. The total number of bags from the Presbytery was 1,292 - FANTASTIC!



Church Calendar

JUNE 2011

- 5-8 VBS
Committees
- 12 & 13 Festival of Faith
- 14 Diaconate - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Communion
- 21 Session 7:00 p.m.
- 26-30 Jr. High trip to
Lake Forest Ranch in Mississippi



JULY 2011

- 4 Office Closed
- 10 Lay Sunday
- 17-22 Sr. High trip to Student Life in Chattanooga
- 18 Newsletter Deadline- 9:00 a.m.
- 20-22 AL/Ms Women's Conference -
Memorial Presbyterian in Montgomery



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

On Wednesday, May 11, the following officers for the Presbyterian Women of our congregation were installed:

Presbyterian Women Officers
2011-2012

Moderator

Ernestine McElroy

Moderator-elect

Susan Tomlinson

Vice- Moderator of Spiritual Growth & Stewardship

Judy Strada

Historians

Nora Dawood

Donna Massa

Susan Tomlinson

Secretary

Janie Sims

Treasurer

Peg Hayman

Vice-Moderator of Missions

Donna Massa

Advisory Board

Amy Walton

Honorary Life membership Committee

Sally Cobb

Judy Strada

Kaye Mims

Don't forget AL/MS Presbyterian Women's Conference on July 20-22 at Memorial Presbyterian in Montgomery.

Opportunities

Current Issues Class:

June 5 Alla Zakharova - Churches of Moscow
June 12 Sue Martino - Barbara Brown Taylor

Current Scriptures Class:

June 5 Ephesians 1:11-12
June 12 1 Thessalonians 5:23
June 19 Romans 5:12
June 26 1 John 3:4

July 3 Ephesians 2:1-3
July 10 Peter 3:18
July 17 Romans 6:12-13
July 24 Ephesians 2:8-9
July 31 Romans 5:1

Library News

NO SUMMER BREAK FOR LIBRARIANS!

OVERDUES, ORDERING and WEEDING-THE-COLLECTION.
No time off for the weary!

Current OVERDUES were in the mail last week. If you got one, please respond. Unfortunately mistakes do occur and we will attend confession classes if it happens, but if we did not, we will mark you in good graces and go from there.

ORDERING means we will be replacing lost items, completing bibliographies for fall studies (PW and others) and...

WEEDING!!! We (with my youthful side kick) will be marking for withdrawal those resources which have served a useful time and will be retired to greener pastures.

These are not tasks most librarians enjoy, but they are important and we ask your patience while we gather strength to tackle them.

Have a good summer, come back to grow and inquire. We will have little vacation in the next few weeks.

From The Stewardship Committee

Blessings don't just happen. Those, who are blessed by God, are those who have proven themselves to be faithful.

Luke 16:10

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

13 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

After giving a parable about an unjust steward, Jesus sets forth several truths concerning faithfulness:

1. Faithfulness is not a matter of dollar amounts, but of the moral and spiritual condition of the inner person. (v. 10)
2. Unfaithfulness in small things disqualifies us from the opportunity to be faithful in great things. (v. 11)
3. Unfaithfulness as a manager of property makes us unworthy to be an owner of wealth. (v. 12)
4. Faithfulness is not a divided matter. We are faithful or we are unfaithful. We cannot be both. (v.13)

Most of us want God to give us increase. In considering our faithfulness to God, here are some questions we should ask ourselves.

1. Are we faithful in our giving?
2. Do we pay tithes on all our income large or small?
3. Do we recognize our money is actually God's property?
4. When it seems we have a choice to make, to give to God or use money for ourselves, what choice do we make?

How we answer these questions can be a measure of our faithfulness to God. How we answer these questions also determines, if God will withhold His blessing, or if God will entrust us with even more. Lord, we ask that you strengthen us in Christ Jesus to be faithful in all things, large or small.



Memorials have been received for the following:

Eugenia Weatherbee
Bob Falburg
Dot Smith

From the following:

Charles & Linda Langston
Lucy Dunn & Ernie Martin
William H. Neal, Jr.

We Rejoice

We rejoice with Pat and Jeff Stoll in the marriage of their daughter, Lauren, to Marcus Henson, on May 14 at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

We share in Sorrow

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Nancy Walton in the death of her sister, Mary Ann Biggers, on April 20; with Don Fry in the death of his brother, Doug Fry, on May 1 in St. Augustine, FL; and with Nancy Adams in the death of her brother-in-law, Herb Smith, on May 7 in Springfield, TN.

Statement as of April 30, 2011

2011 Pledges	1,155,662
Year to date received	384,316
Other receipts	320
	384,636
Benevolences	42,172
Denomination expense	8,784
Session directed gifts	50,414
Salaries and services	254,685
Programs	8,062
Office expenses	8,841
General & plant services	46,109
Other	10,890
	<u>429,957</u>
Excess receipts over expenses (deficit)	<u>-45,321</u>

For a complete financial report please contact
Nena Smith at the church office.

Welcome to our new member:

Mary Clark

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LECTIONERY FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 2011

- 5 7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
- 12 Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or
Acts 2:2-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
- 19 Trinity Sunday
Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8; Cor. 13:11-13
Matt. 28: 16-20
- 26 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen. 22:1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6:12-23
Matt. 10:40-42

July 2011

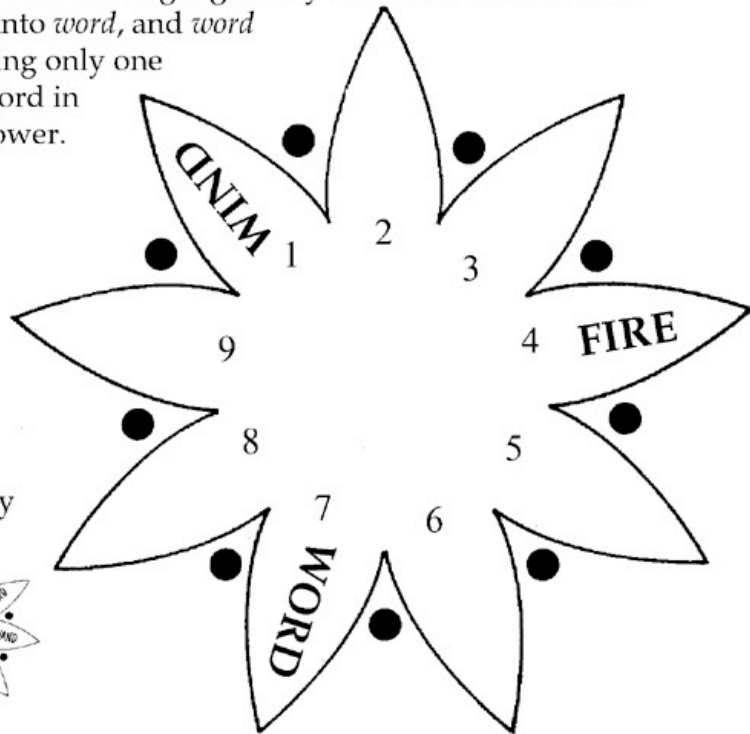
- 3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Ps. 45:10-17 or S. of Sol. 2:8-13
Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30
- 10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen.25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112;
Rom. 8:1-11
Mat. 13:1-9, 18-23
- 17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24
Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52
- 24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128
Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52
- 31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen. 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Rom. 9:1-5
Matt. 14:13-21

Three Little Words

On the Day of Pentecost people were filled with the Holy Spirit and were changed. They heard a sound like the rush of a mighty wind and something like tongues of fire appeared. The people were able to speak and understand languages they had not known before.

Change the word *wind* into *fire*, *fire* into *word*, and *word* into *wind* by moving clockwise (changing only one letter at a time) and writing the new word in the blank spaces on the petals of the flower. Below is a list of clues.

1. **WIND**
2. a grape drink
3. very thin or very nice
4. **FIRE**
5. metal thread
6. She _____ a hat
7. **WORD**
8. a long room in a hospital with many beds
9. a magic stick



Color the Sun

- P – purple
- B – blue
- G – green
- R – red
- O – orange
- Y – yellow





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