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**The Fire of Pentecost:  
Community, Focus, Energy**

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:1-3*

We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know that it is there. The story from the Book of Acts about the Day of Pentecost describes the presence of the Holy Spirit as fire. Why fire?

**Fire gathers.** We gather around the warmth and brightness of the flame. Fire brings us together as a community.

**Fire focuses.** It burns away the unneeded, unwanted, the impure. In the fire of the Holy Spirit, all that hinders, all that holds us back is burned away. We become purified, so that we can be focused on who and what God created us to be.

**Fire is energy.** It is energy that is strong, fierce, and moves us forward.

We are a people on fire—gathered, focused and energized. Thanks be to God!

Your sister in Christ,

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