



## Are you smarter than the average United Methodist? Mothers edition

- 1. She was the first wife of Abraham and the matriarch of the Hebrew people. What does her name, Sarah, mean?**
  - Chosen
  - Princess
  - Pure
- 2. True or false, the longest interval between the births of two children was 41 years.**
  - True
  - False
- 3. This historic United Methodist congregation in Philadelphia got its name because at least five churches grew from it.**
  - Mother Emmanuel
  - Mother Wesley
  - Mother Zoar
- 4. Her sons started the Methodist movement. What is the matriarch Mrs. Wesley's name?**
  - Susanna
  - Eleanor
  - Jane

**5. Who is known as the Mother of American Methodism?**

- Frances Willard
- Georgia Harkness
- Barbara Heck

**6. This 4-foot-11-inch grandmother was the first woman elected bishop of any mainline Christian church.**

- Joyce M. Bennett
- Marjorie Matthews
- Sandra Roberts

**7. Who said, "When I put on one of these sweaters, it helps me think about my mother."**

- TV host Fred Rogers
- Golfer Jack Nicklaus
- Fashion designer Ralph Lauren

**8. Francis Asbury's mother, \_\_\_\_\_, had hoped he would become the Archbishop of Canterbury.**

- Elizabeth
- Anna
- Mary

**9. This Methodist mom from West Virginia first had the idea for a Mother's Day holiday in the U.S.**

- Harriett Hallmark
- Ann Jarvis
- Susan Gilbert

**10. This mother and grandmother is the first African-American woman elected bishop in The United Methodist Church.**

- Leontine Kelly
- Beverly Shamana
- Linda Lee

**11. Called “a living legend in the church’s history of mission,” Eunice Jones Mathews was:**

- Daughter of an evangelist
- Wife of a bishop
- Author, who co-wrote “The Divine Yes”
- Early supporter of United Methodist Africa University
- All of the above

**12. This United Methodist mother of three is president of Liberia and won a Nobel peace prize.**

- Winnie Mandela
- Jody Williams
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

**Your score?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ranking:**

- 10-12 correct: U Ultimate understanding  
5-9 correct: M Middle-of-the-road grasp of the facts  
0-4 correct: C Could use more study on the subject

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### **ANSWER KEY**

- 1. She was the first wife of Abraham and the matriarch of the Hebrew people. What does her name, Sarah, mean?**

Princess

*In Hebrew the meaning of the name Sarah is "princess." Sarah was the wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac in the Bible. Her name was originally Sarai (quarrelsome), but God commanded that her name be changed to Sarah before the birth of her son. Scripture tells us that she was either 90 or 91 when Isaac was born. (Genesis 17:17)*

- 2. True or false, the longest interval between the births of two children was 41 years.**

True

*Elizabeth Ann Buttle's babies were born 41 years, 185 days apart. She gave birth to Belinda on May 19, 1956, and Joseph on Nov. 20, 1997. The mother was 60 years old when her son was born.*

- 3. This historic United Methodist congregation in Philadelphia got its name because at least five churches grew from it.**

Mother Zoar

*Started in 1794, Zoar was the fourth congregation in the United Methodist tradition to begin in Philadelphia. Zoar served as a stop on the Underground Railroad; the first well-baby clinic for African-Americans; a school; and a source of credit for home loans. At least five other congregations have been organized out of Zoar church, earning it the affectionate nickname "Mother Zoar."*

- 4. Her sons started the Methodist movement. What is the matriarch Mrs. Wesley's name?**

Susanna

*She was born in 1669, the daughter of a minister. Susanna Wesley had a strong influence on her children and thus on the Methodist movement. She was the devoted mother of at least 19 children, 10 of whom lived to adulthood.*

- 5. Who is known as the Mother of American Methodism?**

Barbara Heck

*Heck and her husband converted to Methodism in Ireland and immigrated to New York in 1760 with a small group of other believers. She became distressed when some of the group became more worldly and once disrupted a card game by throwing all the cards into the fire. She then convinced her cousin, Philip Embury, to begin holding services in his home, asking him to "preach to us, or we shall all go to hell together, and God will require our blood at your hands." From her encouragement, the ranks of Methodists in the area grew.*

**6. This 4-foot-11-inch grandmother was the first woman elected bishop of any mainline Christian church.**

Marjorie Matthews

*Born in Onawa, Michigan, Matthews was ordained an elder in 1965 at the age of 49. When she was consecrated as bishop in 1980, the episcopal stole that was hung around her neck, designed for a 6-foot-tall man, hung down her robe and continued along the floor. She was the first woman elected bishop of any mainline Christian church. Bishop Matthews served the Wisconsin Area for four years, retiring in 1984. She died in 1986, survived by her son, William Jesse Matthews, and three grandchildren.*

**7. Who said, "When I put on one of these sweaters, it helps me think about my mother."**

TV host Fred Rogers

*The host of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" began each program changing into a knit sweater created by his beloved mom, Nancy. He told viewers, her knitting was "one way she has of saying she loves somebody."*

**8. Francis Asbury's mother, \_\_\_\_\_, had hoped he would become the Archbishop of Canterbury.**

Elizabeth

*Elizabeth Asbury gave birth to Francis in 1745. Wanting him to become the Archbishop of Canterbury, she read the Bible to him, sang him hymns, and prayed over him. When her son was 26, he volunteered to travel to America as John Wesley's assistant. Francis spent 45 years spreading the faith across the new world and would become known as Methodism's American Saint.*

**9. This Methodist mom from West Virginia first had the idea for a Mother's Day holiday in the U.S.**

Ann Jarvis

*During and after the U.S. Civil War, West Virginian Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women's clubs to serve suffering mothers and children. "Ann Jarvis was convinced that mothers ... had to work for peace because they could see the ravages of war in their husbands and in their sons, in a way that was so focused and so clear that their voices would be powerful. And that's what's at the genesis of the current Mother's Day," notes Harriett Olson of United Methodist Women. Jarvis' daughter, Anna, led a successful campaign in the early 1900s to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday.*

**10. This mother and grandmother is the first African-American woman elected bishop in The United Methodist Church.**

Leontine Kelly

*Kelly grew up in The Methodist Church. Her father was a Methodist minister who also served in the Ohio House of Representatives. Her mother founded the Urban League of Cincinnati. Kelly was ordained an elder in 1977. She went on to become the first African-American woman elected to the Episcopacy in 1984. She died in 2012, survived by two sons and two daughters.*

**11. Called “a living legend in the church’s history of mission,” Eunice Jones Mathews was:**

All of the above

*Eunice Jones Mathews, the daughter of missionaries in India, traveled with her husband, Bishop James K. Mathews, to six continents, spreading the Good News. She died at the age of 101 in March 2016.*

**12. This United Methodist mother of three is president of Liberia and won a Nobel peace prize.**

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

*She won a Nobel peace prize in 2011 along with Leymah Gbowee of Liberia and Tawakkol Karman of Yemen, "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work." Johnson Sirleaf became President of Liberia in 2006.*

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