

# May 2019 The Church Bell



"Follow the Bells

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#### "Mother" by: Rev. C. R. Chapman Cortland Christian Church

"Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing there, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (John 19:25-27, HCSB). Jesus cared for His mother. One of His last acts before His death at Calvary was to provide for His mother. He turned toward the Apostle John, whom many would say was Jesus' best friend, and told him to take care of His mother, Mary.

Too often are mothers neglected whether willfully or not. No one could possibly know what a mother goes through. From child birth to sleepless nights, from worry to extreme patience, from countless hours on their knees in prayer to countless tears shed, from extreme sacrifice of her very food to hearing the dreaded words "I hate you". Mothers go through more than anyone can know, unless they are a mother. Jesus taught how we honor our mothers. Imagine His mother, Mary watching her son's ministry blossom. Imagine this woman watching her son be plotted against. Imagine this woman seeing her dearest flesh and blood beaten and slain. Mary's son willingly died for people that she did not know. Jesus died for you, but in the midst of His death He provided for His mother whom He loved. He made arrangements for her to be loved and cared for. Ought you not care for your mother?

Too many children do not recognize their parents. They take them for granted and turn against them. A mother is a great and precious gift. For those whom have lost their mother, they would give all their possessions for just one more day. One more long look into those loving eyes. One more embrace of warmth. One more sound of a soft voice across the ear. For those whose mother is still with them, cherish them. Love them. Learn from them.

Mothers are a gift from God. They are the flowers in our lives. They are the sweet delight to the heart. They are not perfect, but their hearts are pure. Treasure them like precious silver. Hold their teaching close to your heart; they will guard you.

Mothers, teach your children the ways of the Lord and may your children find joy and gladness and protection and salvation in them. Pray for them, even if they have gone astray. Wear out the carpet beside your bed, knelt in pray to Jesus our Lord. You are the prayer warriors of this age. You are spiritual soldiers for the Army of God. To the mother who needs to hear these words, hear them from the Lord in a soft spoken whisper against the ear... "I love you."



## May 2019

**Worship Leaders** 

May 5 Sharon Hopkins and Linda Swauger
May 12 Amy Popichak and Carol Robinson
May 19 Amy Seger and Ron Miller
May 26 Jeff Byler and Curtis Bell

Deacons: Captain: Judene Ainsley 330-637-9938

Brenda Byler, Chuck Corbett, Bob Bradford, Joyce Hall,

Betty Evans, Ron Miller

**Deaconess: Linda Rogers** 

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo

**Musical Director: Darlene Ball** 

## **Pastor Casey**

is ON VACATION Until May 6.

If you need anything call the office 330-637-4611

Office is open

**Monday-Thursday** 

8 am-1Pm

Call or stop in!



### May Coffee Fellowship

May 5 Amy Seger, Mary Jo Johnson, Carol Robinson

May 12 Carol Glancy and Effie welch

May 19 Jeff and Brenda Byler

May 26 Bob and Betty Evans



## **April 2019 Financial Report**

<u>Month</u> — April 30, 2019

Offering Received \$ 9,606.00

Expenses \$10,480.00

Balance \$ -875.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$2047.67

Year to date—Jan 1,2019 to April 30, 2019

Offering Received \$44,217.00

Expenses \$45,405.00

Balance \$1,188.00

Mortgage \$54,568.71

## Happy Birthday

May 7 John Klamut

May 11 Pastor Casey Chapman

May 11 Justin Klamut

May 30 Phyllis Beer



#### **Happy Anniversary**

May 1 Mark and Amy Popichak

May 4 Charlie and Phyllis Beer

May 8 Chuck and Linda Chagnot

May 12 Greg and Judene Ainsley

May 17 Darlene and Matthew Ball

May 21 Cherri and Spencer Chapman

## **Church Meetings**

Tuesday, May 7

**Financial Meeting** 

6:15pm

**Board Meeting** 

## **Elders Meeting**

Whenever they decide <u>8am</u>

A Sunday in the month of April





## Happy Anniversary



Wonen's Fellowship

"Brunch

With

Friends"

Saturday, May 11 — 10 am Four Star Restaurant

Lets go and talk it over



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET



**Memorial Day** (or **Decoration Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, was most recently held on May 28, 2018.

Memorial Day was previously observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

Memorial Day is considered the unofficial start of the summer vacation season in the United States, while Labor Day marks its end on the first Monday of September. In Canada, Victoria Day is a public holiday observed on a Monday one week before Memorial Day and similarly indicates the start of summer.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day, particularly to honor those who died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Two other days celebrate those who serve or have served in the U.S. military: <u>Veterans Day</u>, which celebrates the service of *all* U.S. military veterans; and <u>Armed Forces Day</u>, a minor U.S. remembrance celebrated earlier in May, specifically honoring those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.



## L.O.A.F. Meeting



Thursday, May 2 , 2019 10 AM

Cortland United Methodist
Church

Still looking for a volunteer or two, to represent our church





Our library books have found their home again.

Pastor Casey took good care of them making sure they are in their well labeled place on the bookshelves.



The cabinets have arrived and have been put in place by our carpenters
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Galbincea and Ken
Thomas installed them.

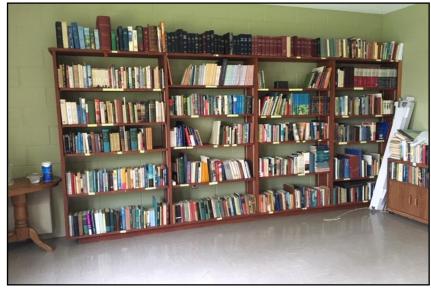
"Thanks" to Ron Miller a contributor.





The lights were added and make a warm ambiance with this new addition. A counter top was set in place making a nice desk for our Financial











	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5. Sunday Service10 am	Girl Scouts  Aerobics	7. Meetings Finance 6:15pm Board 7 pm	8.  Joyful Noise	9. Aerobics	10. S.C.O.P.E. Mothers Day Luncheon	11. Aerobics Wow Breakfast 10am Four Star
12. Sunday Service 10 am Mothers	13. Aerobics	14.	15.  Joyful Noise	16. Aerobics	17.	18. Aerobics Armed Forces Day
19. Sunday Service 10am	Girl Scouts Aerobics	21.	22.  Joyful Noise	23.	24.	25. Aerobics
26. Sunday Service 10 am	27. MemorialDay THANK YOU!	28.	Joyful Noise	Humb welco the w that he been plante in you	ed.	

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends" who would enjoy a Christmas card Send them a note of encouragement and let them know how much we care.

#### **Phyllis Beer**

Lake Vista 41 Heron Circle Cortland, Ohio 44410 330-637-1456

Grace Wagner
Gillette Rehab
Room 613
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.
Warren, Ohio 44483

Katie and John Molnar 2444 Williams Drive Cortland, Ohio 44410

<u>John Klamut</u> Lake Vista Rehab 303 N. Mecca Street Cortland, Ohio 44410



Edwin Niemi
Lake Vista
Apt. 207
Mecca Street,
Cortland, Ohio

#### **Lauralee Lawrence**

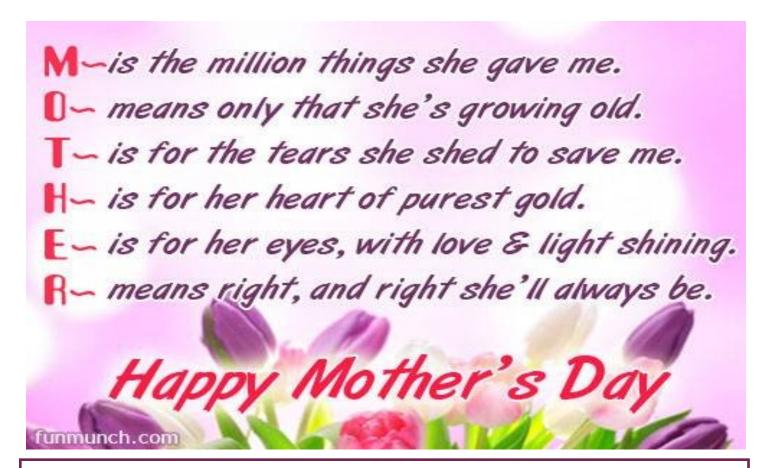
124 Willow Street Cortland, Ohio 44410

#### **Kathy Miller**

416 North High St Cortland, Ohio 44410

#### **Kathie Bates**

Room 105 369 N. High Street Cortland, Ohio 44410



A mother took her little boy to church.

While in church the little boy said, "Mommy, I have to pee."

The mother said to the little boy, "It's not appropriate to say the word 'pee' in church. So, from now on whenever you have to 'pee' just tell me that you have to 'whisper'."

The following Sunday, the little boy went to church with his father and during the service said to his father, "Daddy, I have to whisper."

The father looked at him and said, "Okay, just whisper in my ear."







## Memorial Day Dessert

#### Ice Box Cookie Cheesecake

- 1-1/4 cups chocolate wafer crumbs
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, divided
- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 package (14.3 ounces) Oreo cookies, quartered
- 4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

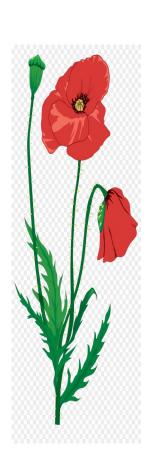
Optional: Whipped cream and chopped Oreo cookies



Combine crumbs and butter; press into bottom of a 9- or 10-in. springform pan. Freeze. Whip 1-1/2 cups whipping cream until stiff peaks form; refrigerate. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Gradually add sugar; blend thoroughly. Fold cut cookies into filling along with chilled whipped cream. spread filling evenly into crust, smoothing top and spreading to edges. Cover and refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Freeze 1 hour before serving.

Meanwhile, melt chocolate in a saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Whisk in vanilla and remaining whipping cream. Loosen cheesecake from pan by running knife around edge; remove from pan. Spread chocolate glaze over cheesecake. If desired, top with whipped cream and additional Oreo cookies to serve.

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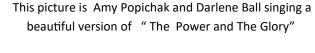


## Baptism on Easter Sunday

Betty and Bob
Evans were baptized
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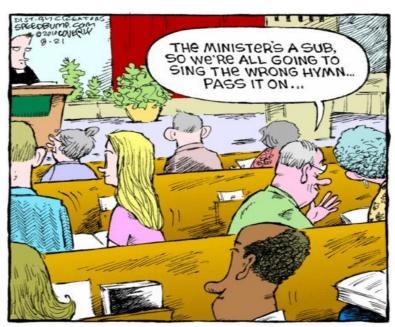






The Easter Flowers were sponsored in Honor of or In Memory of loved one. The Sanctuary was beautiful for Easter. Flowers decorated all the areas of the Sanctuary and there were a few Hyacinths

in the Narthex.





## Cheeseburger Omelet Sliders

## "Brunch for Mothers Day"

1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)1 teaspoon salt, divided 1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided

8 large eggs

1/2 cup water

1 cup shredded Havarti cheese, (tasty mild soft cheese).

12 dinner rolls, split

12 tomato slices

Optional ingredients: ketchup, sliced onion and pickle slices



Combine beef, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; mix lightly but thoroughly. Shape into twelve 2-in. patties. In a large skillet, cook burgers over medium heat until cooked through, 2-3 minutes per side. Remove from heat; keep warm.

Whisk together eggs, water and the remaining salt and pepper. Place a small nonstick skillet, lightly oiled, over medium-high heat; pour in 1/2 cup egg mixture. Mixture should set immediately at edges. As eggs set, push cooked edges toward the center, letting uncooked eggs flow underneath. When eggs are thickened and no liquid egg remains, sprinkle 1/3 cup cheese on one side. Top with three burgers, spacing evenly; fold omelet in half. Slide onto a cutting board; tent with foil to keep warm. Repeat to make three more omelets.

To serve, cut each omelet into three wedges; place each wedge on a roll. Add tomatoes and, if desired, remaining ingredients.

## When you carry a bible.... The devil gets a headache

When you open ...it he collapses..

When he sees you reading it... he faints.

When he sees you living it... he flees.

When he see you trying to share this,

he tries to discourage you

I just defeated him



Pass this on if you're in God's Army

## Some funny stuff...

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

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I say no to alcohol, it just doesn't listen.

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If you can't convince them, confuse them.

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Whenever I find the key to success, someone changes the lock.

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If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

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I just let my mind wander, and it didn't come back.

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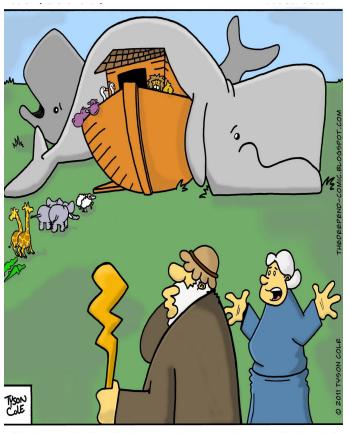
"Little Lambs Clothing Sale"

> Friday — May 3, 10am -7pm

Saturday — May 5, 10am -2pm

Stop over and shop for some very reasonably priced clothing, toys and playpens, etc. for babies, toddlers and children up to size 14.

Good day for the sellers and a great day for the buyers.



"MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER."











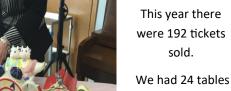




# Tulips and Teapots Spring Tea April 13, 2019







We had 24 tables with as many as 10 sitting around them.







The Devine Family entertained us with a concert "At the Cross"



Here are a few of the beautiful tables .



Shirley Griffin was a joy talking about

Teas

and Teapots











## The "Son of So Many Tears"



This upcoming Sunday is Mother's Day. It's the day when Americans remember and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices their moms have made on their behalf.

In honor of Mother's Day, I'd like to tell you a story about one mother whose devotion shaped not only her son's life but countless others, as well.

Her name was Monica. A Christian, she was married to a prominent man who wasn't a believer. He was unfaithful and even beat her at times. Monica's response was to go to church every day and pray for his conversion. She hoped that by setting a godly example, even in the midst of her mistreatment, she might win him over. And that's exactly what happened.

The suffering and anguish caused by her husband paled before what Monica's oldest son put her through. He lived a dissolute life, devoted to pleasure. He left one mistress and took up with another. His only son was born out-of-wedlock.

His lack of <u>faith</u> and rejection of Christian truth hurt Monica even more. He belittled her beliefs and seemed to go out of his way to embrace Christianity's competitors for the hearts and, especially, minds of his contemporaries. He later recalled how his being "dead [to] that faith and spirit which," as he put it, "[my mother] had from you... O, Lord" made her weep.

Still, Monica never gave up. The greatest preacher of the time, knowing of her prayers and tears for her son, told her that "it is impossible that the son of so many tears should perish."

That preacher, Bishop Ambrose of Milan, was right. At the age of 35, Monica's son, Augustine, became a Christian and was baptized, along with his son, Adeodatus, by Ambrose. A few months later, on the way home to Hippo with Augustine and Adeodatus, Monica fell ill and died. Monica could not have known that her prayers and devotion would affect not only the life of her son but also the course of history. Her concern was that her son believe "the truth which is in Jesus."

This devotion to the spiritual welfare of her son is why Monica is regarded as the model for all Christian mothers. Like Susannah Wesley, her zeal for the salvation of her son had an impact far beyond anything she could have imagined.

But there's another reason why Monica's story should resonate with "BreakPoint" listeners and readers. Her concern was not only that her son give up his debauchery, as important as that was. Monica was determined that he embrace the truth of Christianity. She prayed that he would renounce false worldviews and put his sharp mind to the service of Christian truth.

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And that's exactly what he did. Augustine championed the Christian worldview against the false alternatives of his day. Much of what Christians believe today was first and best articulated by Monica's son. His writings, the Confessions and the City of God, are considered classics, not only of the Christian faith, but also of all of Western <u>culture</u> and civilization. Those books have profoundly shaped me and my ministry.

While there can be only one Monica and Augustine, every Christian mother-and father, for that matter-should be concerned with their kids' worldviews. Praying for them and teaching them to seek after Christian truth is a solemn duty on our part and a contribution they will always remember, whether it is Mother's Day or any other day of the year.

**Written by Chuck Colson** 

## A Prayer for when your friends don't want to know God.

#### **By Madeline Twooney**

I have been a Christian for almost 10 years; however, my friends don't know Jesus. This hasn't affected our friendship negatively, though it is on my heart that my friends know the joy of being in a loving relationship with our Savior.

The Great Commission instructs us to spread the gospel and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20). Thus, in the past, I have given testimonies to my friends of God's goodness or even just straight up talked to them about the Bible. However, this has only deterred them from wanting to know God. So, instead, I started to pray for my friends.

Do you too, have friends who don't want to know God?



## "When I see proof that God exists, then I'll believe in Him."

"For we live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

A former colleague of mine has traveled to many countries. He believes in the beauty of experiencing new cultures and learning new traditions because he has seen the existence and value of these things on his travels.

However, he will only believe in God once he has seen proof that He exists.

## Prayer

Almighty God,

Thank you that You are faithful and that we see Your faithfulness when we step out, believing in You, Your mercy, and wonders.

Lord, I bring my friend before you. Please give him the sight to see Your goodness in the land of the living—not with physical eyes, but with eyes of faith.

In Jesus' name, Amen.