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- * 8:30- In-Person Service
Traditional Hymns
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Virtual Service
Contemporary Music



Mother's Day: It's complicated

By [Angela T. !Khabele](#)

Every year on the second Sunday of May, people across the U.S. honor the sacrificial love of mothers. It's a time for family and festivities. Many celebrate by buying flowers, greeting cards and brunch. Although a secular holiday, Mother's Day is observed in certain ELCA congregations. Some churches give carnations or ask mothers to stand for a round of applause. But these well-meaning moments of recognition can be painful; for many, Mother's Day is complicated. (Even Anna Reeves Jarvis, the "mother" of Mother's Day, grew to resent the commercialization of the holiday and fought against it until the day she died.)

My love/hate relationship with Mother's Day began years ago after my husband and I had a stillbirth. Our first daughter, Baby Joy, entered the world in silence, and our lives were shattered. Consequently, Mother's Day for me is equal parts

joy and sorrow. Even though we have three living children whom we adore, my husband and I walk through life with a lingering incompleteness. When we look at our three wonderful children, we recognize that somebody is missing. This incompleteness is especially palpable during holidays, and for me, Mother's Day is the worst.

"Whether Mother's Day for you is awesome or awkward, joyful or tearful, a time for celebration or a time for hibernation, it does speak to the sacrificial love of motherhood, which can point us to the boundless love of our mothering God."

In years past, I've given myself permission to simply opt out—stay at home, pull my kids in close to my heart, and just ... be. Perhaps you are without your mother. Or you're like me and your son or daughter is gone. Or maybe you've always wanted children but, for whatever reason, that is not your reality. For some of us, simply

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Scot Sorensen, Interim Pastor



He is Risen!

I am reflecting today on the work of your Call Committee over the past eight months, and it has been a remarkable journey. They are nearing completion of the first part of their assignment, the preparation of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This standardized document used by every ELCA congregation that embarks on a call process is a summary of the history of our congregation, an honest assessment of our current reality, and a hopeful gaze into God's preferred and promised future for Shepherd of the Hills.

To drastically over-simplify matters, there are two general approaches to listening, learning, and discerning while drafting the MSP. The most basic way to view the mission of the church is in its past, present, and future dreams. This is even reflective of the categories that the Call Committee was asked to write about in the document. There is a second approach (which I find more faithful, and more difficult to write) and that is to think of the life of the congregation, past, present, and future, in terms of the mission of God. Some of you are asking, "Isn't the mission of the church and the mission of God the same thing?" In my experience, I do not think you can make that assumption.

What's the difference? Let me just talk about the mission of God. This is the vantage point from which your Call Committee tried to focus. The operating assumption is that God is already active and present in our community and neighborhood. Our task is not to "bring God to the people" or even expect people to come to us to discover God. Jesus is alive. The Holy Spirit is already present and active in the world. Our task is to discern where we see God at work, name it, rejoice in it, and join in that work.

Is this a hopeful future? Yes! Is it an easy future? No. Is it clear what the path should be to join in this preferred and promised future of

God, for which God has provided and will continue to provide Shepherd of the Hills with all of the resources necessary to join in God's mission? No. Most congregations who take the mission of God approach rather than the mission of the church approach seriously discover a greater capacity for innovation, evaluation, and the acceptance of a few failures along the way.

"OK, Pastor, this is a lot of nice theological wordsmithing here, but in practical terms, what might this look like for us?" Fair question. Let me take two treasured activities in the life of Shepherd of the Hills, of which I have ZERO experience (so I might be completely wrong): VBS and Pumpkins on the Hill. I understand that these are viewed as important events that focus primarily on people who are not members of Shepherd of the Hills. Wonderful. Before those two events happen this year, what would happen if, for VBS, we (and when I say we, I don't mean the four or five people planning, I mean everyone in the congregation) ask friends and neighbors with target age children, 'What would be important for you and your child if they came to VBS?' Instead of assuming what the imaginary neighborhood child or parent wants, why don't we ask a few? When you see your neighbor out for a walk with their children, be bold and ask them. Might God be present in that very conversation?! The same can be done for Pumpkins on the Hill.

Back to the Call Committee and their work - sometime this month, they will complete the MSP, and it will be submitted to the synod office. At that point, parts of it will be a public document, and you can read it and share it with others.

God is up to wonderful things in the midst of this congregation; may we have eyes to see and the courage to act.

See you in worship,
Pastor Scot

THE PRESIDENT'S POST

John Erickson



Greetings everyone. Welcome to one of the busiest months of the year with graduations, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day all taking place this month.

In Church News, we are nearing the completion of the Big Room Renovation. I would like to give Stan and Don Ward special thanks for taking care of this project for us.

Also, your Call Committee has been hard at work putting together the site profiles and information needed in order to start the process of looking for a settled Pastor.

Starting next month, I will be heading up the Nomination Team as we will be looking for people who would love to serve on the Steering Team in 2023. If you are interested in running for an open position or have questions, please see me or Pastor Scot.

Blessings

John



TIDYING OUR TEMPLE

Stan Stolte



The initial renovation of the Big Room plus the flooring is complete. We will need to get a new fan to replace the current one. The renovation has made the room a more welcoming place for meetings and other gatherings. Thank you to contractor Don Ward and the several volunteers who pitched in with painting and other finishing jobs, which made it possible for us to be able to use the "new" room for Easter brunch.

Some other improvements have included painting the new entrance door to the right of the lectern, as well the new entrance door in Ed II. These doors were replaced many months ago but not painted. Additionally, motion sensor lights were installed around the perimeter of the church. Two lights still need to be installed on the backside of the preschool.

We accomplished quite a lot in a short period on our April 2nd workday to get ready for Easter. We cleaned up debris and weeds, trimmed trees and bushes, weeded and spread wood chips near the visitor's parking area, cleaned up and organized the sacristy, and completed the trimming around the perimeter of the backlot. The grass and weed abatement will still need to be done before early June to comply with the city of Vacaville ordinances.

Thank you to all volunteers that do things that help maintain our buildings and grounds.



TEEN TALK

Rob Williamson, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator



A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.
- Proverbs 11:25

Peace be with you all! I hope this bright, shining Easter season finds you well!

I write this article sitting in my office, surrounded by items for the upcoming silent auction that will accompany the returning Annual SHY Dinner full of gratitude for the generosity of our congregation. As ever, you all have shown your willingness to support the youth of our congregation, both through ticket sales and through donations to help their program thrive. Without you, this ministry would not be possible.

I am confident this coming Saturday will be filled with laughter, good company, and good food, and I want to thank everyone who helped in advance: the members of the grill team, who prepared the steak and chicken; the kitchen team, baking the potatoes, plating salads, and ensuring that the youth were able to deliver the food to you; everyone who baked for our live dessert auction; and my wife Rebecca for her work in the auction room, helping keep the bid sheets in good order.

Finally, I want to thank the youth who worked at the dinner, running back and forth, delivering course after course, and working as a team to make sure we were able to bring about this event in such style. I hope you had a chance to talk to them even briefly. These amazing youth are the members of the Senior High Youth Group, gathering on Sunday nights to discuss matters of theology, philosophy, and how they affect our daily lives, and then spending time playing games and enjoying fellowship in a community. I am constantly impressed with their resilience during turbulent years of their lives, especially given the ongoing effects of the COVID pandemic, and it has been my pleasure to work with them for the past five and a half years. I have watched them grow, learn, and mature, and I know they are all capable of such amazing things.

Again, thank you to everyone. If you were unable to attend, I hope we see you at the events in the future.

That's all for now!

YOUTH SCHEDULE

May 5:
Confirmation 5:00 PM

May 12:
Confirmation 5:00 PM

May 15:
SHY 6-8:30 PM

May 19:
Confirmation 5:00 PM

May 22:
Mid School 12-2 PM
SHY 6-8:30 PM

May 29:
SHY 6:00-8:30 PM

CONFIRMED IN THE FAITH



Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation.

Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.

PRESCHOOL PIPELINE

Kathy Webb, Preschool Director



May is here, which means we are winding down our school year with some fun activities. We will have a water play day and our summer birthday celebration. All of these events will tie into our monthly theme of learning about the ocean and the many different creatures that live under the sea. This unit is a favorite for everyone because there are so many interesting facts to learn and so many hands-on experiences to explore.

Our Pre-k classes will finish up the phonics and handwriting programs, and the 3's are reviewing colors, shapes, and numbers.



We will have a fundraising dinner night out at Murillo's Mexican Restaurant - 633 Merchant Street - on Wednesday, May 18th, from 11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. We will receive 15% of the sales for the day; mention that you are there for the Shepherd of the Hills Preschool fundraiser. We hope to see you there.

We will have graduations this year! Our 3-year-old classes will have a breakfast celebration in the morning on June 6th & 7th, and our Pre-k's will be celebrating in the evening in the sanctuary with some songs and refreshments. We have made it through another year, and I am grateful for all of our families' support throughout the year.



VBS IS COMING!

Laura Barton, Education Team Leader



July 25-29, we welcome back VBS to our church in a MONUMENTAL way!

Our theme is MONUMENTAL! Go off-road for a MONUMENTAL adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring GOD'S awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Registration forms will be available at church and online beginning May 22. This is a popular program, and registration will be limited, so register early.

VBS is open to 4-year-olds thru students completing 5th grade.

We are also looking for volunteers - students 6th grade and up, as well as adults. Guides and Station Leaders will be needed. Please let Jeanne Meyers, Elaine Smith, Tiffani Lanting, or Laura Barton know, and we will be happy to help you find the perfect place for you.



FAITH IN FINANCES

Judy Horan, Treasurer



My New Year's resolution was to make quarterly reports in The Horn. Since quarterly reports aren't complete until two weeks into the following quarter, the first quarter information is not available for April.

Through March 31, 2022, we show a profit of \$2,820. This is misleading. Although the P&L states expenses of \$28,163, payments totaled \$63,345. Some of the payments are offset by income (Pre-school payroll) and some payments were made from restricted accounts. That said, we remain in a favorable financial position.

For those interested in the state of our mortgage, here's where we stand. On May 1, the principal balance will be \$211,695. Per the original amortization schedule, the mortgage would be paid off on November 1, 2030. However, we have been making additional payments for several years on the principal to retire the loan earlier. It will not be much earlier, but it should save us at least a year's worth of interest.

I am happy to report that offering collections are on target through March. Thank you to all our generous and faith-filled members.

Many blessings to all.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Glenn Wylie

In this Easter season, we are reminded that God has come down to us and shared our common lot through Jesus. We should then look inward and appreciate that all that we have comes from God. As stewards of God's resources, we should then look outward to see how we can use our resources to meet the needs of our neighbors, locally and globally, and further the mission of the church in the world.

SPECIAL OFFERING FUNDS AVAILABLE



We have some money available from our various special offerings taken throughout the year for small grants in support of ministries external to our church. If you are interested in applying for some of these funds, contact Glenn Wylie for an application form.

GIVING ONLINE

As a reminder, our church website, discovertheshepherd.org, has a tab for online giving with options to designate your giving to the church.



THE CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee has finished up the Ministry Site Profile! Thank you again for all your input.

The next step is for the Steering Team to approve the document and then it will be sent off to the Synod. This is a huge step in the process of finding the pastor who will lead our church in the coming years.

The Call Committee will be meeting with the Assistant to the Bishop in early May, who will guide us through the next steps.

Portions of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) will be available for the congregation in Mid-May.

Once again thank you for your input and prayers during this process.

Laura Barton
Barbara Blue

Sue Gibbs
JD Hoskins

Deb Moehrke
Brian Swetland



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - MARILYN WEAVER (May)

I was born and raised in Percy, a little town of 800 in Southern Illinois until I was 15. My parents decided to move to Southern California at the end of my freshman year of high school to follow my older sister's family, especially their two grandchildren. It was quite a culture shock for me. Four years later, I married Gary, a native Californian, who was in the military.

We spent over 20 years in the military and lived most of those years in Northern California, Alaska, and South Carolina. Gary joked that we had two overseas tours: one in Alaska (which was really an overseas tour) and one in South Carolina.

During that time, we raised two children - Michael and Laura. All during those years, when we would move to a new base, the first thing we would do would search for was a church. After a few years, I convinced Gary, who was raised Baptist, that I needed to return to a Lutheran church, which we did.

During our second tour at McClellan AFB, I

returned to college and got my BA in History and a teaching credential. The day after my graduation, we left for our assignment in Charleston, South Carolina.

We returned to California ("God's Country", we called it) in 1973, and were stationed at Travis AFB. After two years, we bought a house in Vacaville, and after a few years of substituting, I was hired in the Travis Unified School District where I worked for 25 years at Travis Elementary and Cambridge Elementary.

In 1978, we were persuaded to buy a house in the country, so Laura could have a horse and raise goats. Gary retired from the Air Force, went back to school, got a credential, and taught in Dixon for 12 years.

Laura and Michael both married, became teachers (Michael even married a teacher), and each gave us two grandsons. After Gary and I retired, we had many years to travel and enjoy our (goatless and horseless) property.

We lost Michael thirteen years ago, and Gary died in 2013.

We are charter members of SOTH, which has been one of the greatest of blessings. Over the years, the support and friendships have been my wellspring.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Congregational Life Team

In an effort to get to know each other better, we will be asking members to supply a brief autobiography along with a picture that we can put in the Horn. We'll feature one or two members each month.

Please don't wait to be asked. Submit some information about yourself, and we'll be amazed at where you've been and what you've done in your life!

GriefShare Summer Connection
Sundays
May 22nd
June 26th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Olive Room
Facilitated by: Diane Geisler and Joan Jackson
 New Hope Christian Fellowship • 4910 Allison Parkway Vacaville, CA 707-446-4051
 newhopevv.com



ECUMENICAL AND INTER-RELIGIOUS RELATIONS FULL COMMUNION PARTNERS

(<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/Full-Communion>)

Full communion is when two denominations develop a relationship based on a common confessing of the Christian faith and a mutual recognition of Baptism and sharing of the Lord's Supper. This does not mean the two denominations merge; rather, in reaching agreements, denominations also respect differences. These denominations worship together, may exchange clergy and also share a commitment to evangelism, witness and service in the world. Each entity agrees that even with differences, there is nothing that is church-dividing.

A central document to Lutherans is the Augsburg Confession. Article VII of the Augsburg Confession states that "the true unity of the church" is present where the gospel is rightly preached and sacraments rightly administered. The ELCA is committed to this model of full communion as an authentic expression of Christian unity.

Characteristics of full communion

For the ELCA, the characteristics of full communion are theological and missiological implications of the gospel that allow variety and flexibility. These characteristics stress that the church act ecumenically for the sake of the world, not for itself alone. They will include at least the following, some of which exist at earlier stages:

- common confessing of the Christian faith
- mutual recognition of Baptism and a sharing of the Lord's Supper, allowing for joint worship and an exchangeability of members
- mutual recognition and availability of ordained ministers to the service of all, subject to the disciplinary regulations of other denominations
- common commitment to evangelism, witness and service
- means of common decision-making on critical common issues of faith and life
- mutual lifting of any condemnations that exist between denominations.

MAY READINGS



- 1 - 3 Easter
Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30 (11)
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
- 8 - 4 Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23 (1)
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
- 15 - 5 Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148 (13)
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
- 22 - 6 Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67 (4)
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29
John 5:1-9 {alternate}
- 29 - 7 Easter
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97 (12)
Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17,
20-21
John 17:20-26

*During our worship service we will be reading the readings marked with **bold print**, but you are encouraged to read the others as well.*

WHITE WATER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Jacquie Smith, Karen Della



The White Water Bible Study group will be taking a long break from its regular Tuesday afternoon meetings. We have several members who are traveling for the full month of May and others who are having medical procedures and will not be able to join us for some months. With this in mind, we have decided to break until the fall in order to allow all of us to gather for regular studies again. Our hope is to meet sometime this summer for our traditional summer social, but that date and time have not been fixed. As we get closer to September, we will have a better idea of when we will begin meeting again and what study we will do. If you have any questions please contact Jacquie Smith.

HIS PEOPLE -

Marilyn Weaver, Lou Barela



This coed Bible study group meets at Marilyn Weaver's every two weeks from September through May. This past year, we studied Adam Hamilton's *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* and Philip Yancey's *What's So Amazing About Grace*. After sharing a meal at 5:30, we move into the Bible study at 6:00 and end at 7:30 with dessert. Usually, we have at least one social gathering over the summer months. We are always open to new members and will start again after Labor Day. If you are interested in joining us contact Marilyn Weaver or Lou Barela, or email the church at soh580@sbcglobal.net with attention to Marilyn Weaver or Lou Barela for more information.

JOY BOOK CLUB - Jeanne Meyers, Lou Barela



The book club meets all year on the first Tuesday of the month. Each meeting we discuss a different book chosen by a group member. The books are mostly fiction, but we always try to cover at least one non-fiction and one religious book. In May, we are discussing Philip Yancey's memoir *Where the Light Fell*. In June, we'll discuss *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. Take a look at the Small Group Bulletin Board in the narthex to see the list of the 148 books the club has read over the past thirteen years. We are always open to new members. Please join us either in person at Lou Barela's house, or through Zoom if that is your preference. Contact Jeanne, Lou, or email the church at soh580@sbcglobal.net with attention to Jeanne Meyers or Lou Barela for more information.

SMALL GROUPS

Care Callers:

Marge Austin, Kay Clark, Dave Cushing, Joan Jackson, Wilma Rasmussen, Elaine Smith, Marilyn Weaver
Sun, Jun 5 9:30 AM

Case For Hope:

Barbara Blue, Kay Clark
Tues, May 10

His People

Marilyn Weaver & Lou Barela
Mon, May 2, 16 5:30 PM

Joy Book Club

Jeanne Meyers & Lou Barela
Tues, May 3 6:30 PM

Men's Breakfast

Bruce Barling
Not meeting this month

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wilma Rasmussen
Thurs, May 19 1:30 PM

Quilting for LWR

Nancy Adams
Sun, May 15 12:00 PM

SOTH Justice Group

Rayna Velasquez
Chris Curtis
Thurs, May 5 6:30 PM

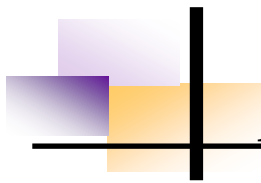
White Water

Jacquie Smith & Karen Della
Not meeting this month

Love Does Bible Study

Laura Barton & Martha Pierce
Weds, May 4, 11, 18, 25
6:00 PM

Women's Morning Bible Study
Tues, May 10 9:30 AM



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pastor Scot Out of The Office Sunshine Sunday 8:30 AM - (T) In-person Svc 9:30 AM - Ed Team Meeting 10:30 AM - (C) In-person Svc & Facebook Livestream	2 Pastor Scot Out of The Office 5:30 PM - His People	3 Pastor Scot Out of The Office 6:30 PM - Joy Book Club	4 Pastor Scot Out of The Office 6:00 PM - Love Does Bible Study	5 Pastor Scot Out of The Office 5:00 PM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - WT - Band 6:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - SOTH Justice 7:30 PM - WT - Vocals	6 Office Closed	7 Office Closed
8 8:30 AM - (T) In-person Svc 9:00 AM - Outreach Team 10:30 AM - (C) In-person Svc & Facebook Livestream 	9	10 9:30 AM - Women's Bible study 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - Finance Team 6:00 PM - Mutual Ministries	11 6:00 PM - Love Does Bible Study	12 5:00 PM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - WT - Band 6:30 PM - Choir Practice 7:30 PM - WT - Vocals	13 Office Closed 2:00 PM - Community Meal @ Epiphany	14 Office Closed
15 8:30 AM - (T) In-person Svc 9:30 AM - Mission Team 10:30 AM - (C) In-person Svc & Facebook Livestream 12:00 PM - LWR Quilting 6:00 PM - SHY	16 Pastor Scot Out of The Office 5:30 PM - His People	17 Pastor Scot Out of The Office 6:30 PM - Steering Team	18 Pastor Scot Out of The Office 6:00 PM - Love Does Bible Study	19 1:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 PM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - WT - Band 6:30 PM - Choir Practice 7:30 PM - WT - Vocals	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed
22 8:30 AM - (T) In-person Svc 10:30 AM - (C) In-person Svc & Facebook Livestream 12:00 PM - GAS 6:00 PM - SHY	23	24 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting	25 6:00 PM - Love Does Bible Study	26 5:00 PM - WT - Band 6:30 PM - Choir Practice 7:30 PM - WT - Vocals	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed
29 8:30 AM - (T) In-person Svc 10:30 AM - (C) In-person Svc & Facebook Livestream 6:00 PM - SHY 	30 Office Closed	31 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting				

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5 Kirk Bakken
 5 Antonio Velasquez
 6 Steve Bakken
 7 Lisa Elliott
 7 Hayden Holmes
 10 John Erickson
 15 Glenn Wylie
 16 Paige Erickson
 18 Diane Kientz
 19 Jeanne Barling
 20 Carolyn Gueffroy
 21 Monika Ruggiero
 23 Bill Pierce

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

18 Diane & Roger Kientz
 26 Karen & Terry Kelsh

If we have missed your celebration, we apologize. Please let us know by contacting the church office by email: sob580@sbcglobal.net or by telephone at 707-448-8599.

MAY FLOWERS

1 Stan & RA Stolte
 8 Glenn & Jeanette Wylie
 15 Don & Judy Horan
 22 Lynette Boen
 29

**MAY COUNTERS**

Week of:

1 Bruce Smith / Kris Golomb
 8 Kari Bakken / Martha Pierce
 15 Kari Holmes / Martha Pierce
 22 Bruce Barling / Martha Pierce
 29 John Moyle / Martha Pierce

MAY READERS

1 8:30 AM Wilma Rasmussen
 10:30 AM Marilyn Weaver
 8 8:30 AM Hattie Chevalier
 10:30 AM Judy Horan
 15 8:30 AM Jeanette Wylie
 10:30 AM
 22 8:30 AM Pat Alvestad
 10:30 AM Sue Gibbs
 29 8:30 AM Elaine Smith
 10:30 AM Pat Alvestad

MAY COMMUNION

S — Set up
 R — Replenishment
 C — Clean up

1 S
 R
 C
 8 S
 R
 C
 15 S
 R
 C
 22 S Bruce Barling
 R Bruce Barling
 C Bruce Barling
 29 S
 R
 C

**O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...**

We remember the following persons in our prayers. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office (707-448-8599) and you will be put on our prayer chain. If your need is over and you no longer wish to be on the prayer chain, please let us know that as well. Those asking for our prayers (unless otherwise requested, names will appear here for a month):

- ✎ Jeanne Barling; the family of Elda Dehnbostel; Jeanette Flosi; Ron & Sandy Gibson; Lorraine Hillendahl; Elsie Jacobson; Ari Krass; Rick Meyers; Barb Murphy; and the family of Ron Tuggle
- ✎ Gail, Ray, Tess Lund, Marlene, Deana, Nick, Paula, and Wayne Martin
- ✎ Anyone undergoing medical tests, treatment, or suffering loss.

OUTREACH TEAM

Chris Curtis



Plans are being made to provide an End-of-Year Gift to the Fairmont Staff. More information will be forthcoming, but we will be requesting items from our Shepherd of the Hills church family, to complete this year's Neighborhood School Outreach Program.

The daily meditation booklet, "Portals of Prayer",

will be replaced with "Christ in our Home", this summer.

And a great big thank you to all, for setting an example for our church community with our name tags! They create a connection between members of all ages. Name tags have been purchased in bulk. They continue to encourage personal recognition and conversation. Your support and encouragement are greatly appreciated!

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Pat Alvstad

Church members have expressed a desire to create a list which we will call Members Helping Members.

Ways to help each other may include providing rides to church services, to medical appointments, to grocery stores, etc. It may be to simply visit someone for conversation or to be company for a while. It could be more specific such as replacing a light bulb, putting up a shelf, cleaning the gutters, moving furniture around, mowing the lawn, etc.

There will be a sign-up list for potential help-

ers. If you have a specialty that you could help with, make that known. Members who need help will call Christine in the office and she will call a helper.



Let's give this a try. If you have questions about it, please contact Pat Alvstad or any other member of the Congregational Life Team: Eileen Smith, Kari Holmes, RA Stolte, Marge Austin.

Let us remember the words of Jesus to love/help each other. And Mister Rogers's words to look for the helpers.

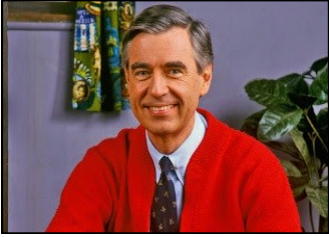
WE REMEMBER

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



MR. ROGERS, TO GRADS — AND TO US ALL



Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel, a facet of that jewel, and in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not. ... Deep down, we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then. ...

[Roman philosopher] Boethius wrote this sentence: “Oh happy race of mortals if your hearts are ruled, as is the universe, by love.” ... [There is a] deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive: love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed. So in all that you do, in all of your life, I wish you the strength and the grace to make those choices which will allow you — and your neighbor — to become the best of whoever you are.

—Fred McFeely Rogers, 2002

MOTHER'S DAY

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attending church on Mother's Day is an act of courage. Whether Mother's Day for you is awesome or awkward, joyful or tearful, a time for celebration or a time for hibernation, it does speak to the sacrificial love of motherhood, which can point us to the boundless love of our mothering God.

Our individual experiences may vary, but we all had someone give birth to us. Some of us, like me, have mothers who are incredibly awesome. Yet for some, the word “mother” is not synonymous with love. Sadly, too many of us know mothers who are far from the loving archetype. Even our God, through the prophet Isaiah, recognized this painful reality. “Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you” (Isaiah 49:15).

For some of us, it might be challenging to imagine God as Mother. When I think of our mothering God, I immediately think of our Savior in Matthew's gospel. Jesus himself steps into the role of mother: “How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Matthew 23:37). There are many other maternal similes in the Bible. In Hosea 13:8, God is imagined as an angry mother bear defending her cubs. In Deuteronomy 32:11-12, we witness God as a majestic mother eagle. This imagery reminds us that God's grace stretches far beyond our human understanding. Not even a mother's love can compare with God's love for us, which is powerful, everlasting and unfathomable. God's love never changes and never fails. This is something we all can celebrate.

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Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.



A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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EXODUS 20:12, NIV



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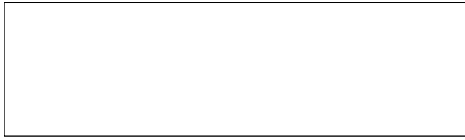
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Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.



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