



As we welcome the month of May, what do you think of? May holds so many special times and meanings.

Some of the things that I think of are May flowers, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, graduations, Mental Health Awareness month, and May Day (the May pole). I decided to look up the special things of May and was surprised to find a whole list of special days that have been developed over the years. I found so many that I couldn't list them all, so have fun and look it up yourself! There are also several observances for the month of May. Besides National Mental Health Month, it is National Pet Month, National Photo Month, National Military Appreciation Month, National Wild Fire Awareness Month, National Inventors Month, Young Achievers of Tomorrow Month, National Family Month, and National Foster Care Month. The only 2 of these declared by a president were for Mental Health and Foster Care. However, all these special remembrances show that there are many things that people care about.

As I think about this, shouldn't we be doing something to cause people to focus on Christ? God is supposed to be the top priority of our lives and He isn't even mentioned in the lists that I found about the month of May! It is good to see that some of the highlighted things are dealing with our love and care for others, but there is no mention of the Lord anywhere. One thing that we have in May is the Ascension Day of Christ. That day changes depending on the date of Easter, but this year it is May 26<sup>th</sup>, 40 days after the Resurrection. In Mark 16:19 it says, "After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them (His Disciples), He was taken up into heaven and He sat at the right hand of God."

As we look for things that we can regularly celebrate about Jesus, we can continue to keep Easter Season events in our thoughts and share them with others. Make May a continuation of Easter! Jesus is Alive! And He is coming again!

I found a beautiful list of blessings that I want to leave with you: May you be happy! May you be well! May you be safe! May you find comfort! May you have strength! May you have courage! May you find healing! May you find peace! May you find joy! & May you be filled with loving kindness!

Blessings,

Pastor Ruthie Trigg

# ♥ Welcome to Preschool!

The end of the school year is approaching very quickly. We will be celebrating the end of the school year with an ice cream social for the children and their parents on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will also present the children with a certificate of completion of preschool or pre-k (if child is going to kindergarten in the fall).

Before the school year comes to an end, we have a presentation from Wayne County Soil and Conservation on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The children will be learning about trees, the functions of trees, and some animals that need trees to survive.

We are still accepting enrollment for the fall. We will be hanging a new banner to promote enrollment. We are hoping to increase our enrollment to 20 for the fall. We have had several families contact us about our program and think that 20 is a very attainable goal. If anyone knows of a family that has preschool age children who might be interested in our program, please send them our way.



*What a wonderful God we have,  
who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens  
us in our hardships and trials.*

**~II Corinthians 1:3-4**



**Congratulations, Lee Winchell on your  
retirement (45 yrs.) & your  
Induction into the Wayne County Hall of Fame  
for Umpires for 50 years of service!**



## Joys

Margaret Moedt will be moving home soon!

We had a Wonderful Easter season, and  
it was great to have so many join us in the Easter worship service.

Thank you to Joyce Williams for the beautiful Good Friday song!

Butch McMillan - successful heart surgery                      Dick Baker - feeling well again

Josh Holcomb had a successful surgery and is doing well

Jonah Carr - successful surgery following a baseball injury

A successful and fun Easter Egg Hunt

Bruce & Ruthanne able to spend time with Lovell and niece

Safe travels                      Answers to prayers!                      New puppies!

Birthday celebrations & families together!                      Enjoying God's beautiful creation!

## Concerns

Safety for children as they finish the school year and throughout the summer

Election decisions                      Traveling mercies                      Wildfires in the West

Disaster & Violence victims                      Ukraine/Russia War

Our country & area communities

## Health

Continued prayer for Dick B. to remain healthy

Nancy (& Butch) McMillan

Anita (& Don) Vohar - health                      Robin Kirkhart & Pat Meglich

Pam Hartman - kidney health                      Judy King (Becky's mom)

Ruthie Schumacher                      Dick & Dorothy Gillman                      Pauline Rastorfer

Lovell, Bruce Lindenmuth's sister - cancer

Tressa S. - Pastor Ruthie's friend - recovery from brain aneurysm

Debbie Baker (& her husband, Rev. David Baker) - stroke recovery & cancer

Pastor Joyce Williams (& Jack) - cancer

Harry & Nancy Britton                      Rae Smith                      Betty Gift

Annibale & Mohr families, Mary Lynn

## **Our sympathy to any family & friends who have lost loved ones:**

Ray Miller - Sandy Batson's daughter Tammy's father-in-law

Mary Buza - friend of Anne Salyer

Claude Crabtree - husband of Mary Anne (Frase)

Philip Wigal - Town & Country Firefighter (West Salem)

Erica Springer - Executive Director of the Wayne County Fire and Rescue  
Association Regional Training Facility

Ukrainians

Our military

Others

## ***Fireside Chat***



### Fireside Chat with the Finance Chair

Dear friends,

We are paid up to date through March on bills and apportionments. We are now working on April and with bad weather early in the month we could have fallen behind, but because of a good Easter Sunday offering I am hopeful that we will continue to keep up to date. Attendance shows signs of picking up too. If you haven't been able to get out because of weather most of the winter, know that spring has sprung and summer is a comin'. I look forward to seeing you in church on Sundays.

With prayers for blessing on all of you,

**Martha Baillis**, Finance Chair

## **Trustee's Corner**



Items since last month:

- Repaired hallway water fountain.
- Bermex inspected gas meter in boiler room, no leaks.
- Sterling Farm Equipment picked up church mower for annual maintenance.



Having returned to our Community Dinner along with the Food Pantry, we had a great turn out for our April 20<sup>th</sup>, Food Pantry. We had 19 Families (New - 2), 51 People, and 26 sets given out. Our next Food Pantry/Community Dinner will be Wed. May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Food pantry set-up will be Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. We always need help for set up and for the Community Dinner/Food Pantry. Sign-up sheet for food for the Community Dinner will be available May 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again for everyone who helps.





## Bible Studies

Men & Women, come join us in these groups!  
There is always room for more!

The men meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm  
led by Pastor Don Trigg, currently studying the Book of John.

The women meet on Thursdays at 6:30pm, and are led in various  
studies by Betty Winchell and Sara Ullman.

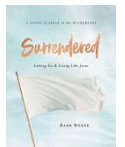
Pastor Ruthie will lead a group at 10:00am on Thursdays.

Our new studies have been selected. Tentative dates are as follows:

5/12<sup>th</sup> – 6/30<sup>th</sup> Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break



7/14<sup>th</sup> – 9/1<sup>st</sup> Surrendered: Letting Go and Living Like Jesus



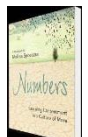
9/8<sup>th</sup> – 10/27<sup>th</sup> The Longing in Me: Studying the Life of David



11/3<sup>rd</sup> – 12/29<sup>th</sup> Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture



1/12<sup>th</sup> – 2/23<sup>rd</sup> Numbers: Learning Contentment in a Culture



3/9<sup>th</sup> – 4/20<sup>th</sup> What Love Is: Letters of 1,2,3 John



## May

1<sup>st</sup> – Todd Lunter  
14<sup>th</sup> – Don Vohar  
19<sup>th</sup> – Andria Booth  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Robin Kirkhart

8<sup>th</sup> – Amy Hutton  
17<sup>th</sup> – Duane Hopton  
20<sup>th</sup> – Spencer Stoll  
27<sup>th</sup> – Melissa Hennie



## May

20<sup>th</sup> – Brett & Heather Richards  
27<sup>th</sup> – Mark & Lynn Turnbow  
30<sup>th</sup> – Andy & Connie Baillis



## Heavenly Father

**On this Memorial day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes & their lives with your strength & peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen**



Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

*~John Wesley, 1703 - 1791*

Oh Lord you are the love of my  
life.

Breath that beats my heart.  
You are the being that sustains me  
You are my hiding place, my shelter  
You are my assurance of  
faithfulness, the rock on which I  
stand.

I give you all of me  
From the depths of my heart, my  
love is set apart solely for thee.



## **Mary's Meanderings**

Since our church has many senior citizens (including myself) I thought I would offer some quotes on grandmothers rather than the traditional mother's day quotes for May. A grandmother's love is unconditional. We are now old enough and wise enough not to "sweat the small stuff". We know how fleeting the years of childhood are in retrospect.

"Grandmothers always have time to talk and make you feel special." ***Catherine Pulsifer.***

"A grandmother is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend." ***unknown.***

"A grandma is warm hugs and sweet memories. She remembers all of your accomplishments and forgets all of your mistakes." ***Barbara Cage.***

"Every parent knows that children look at their grandparents as sources of wisdom and security." ***David Jeremiah.***

"Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting." ***unknown.***

"You don't really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother." ***Albert Einstein.***

"There's no place like home-except Grandma's." ***unknown.***

"A grandmother is both a sword and a shield." ***Fredrik Backman.***

"Perfect love sometimes does not come until the birth of the first grandchild." ***Welsh proverb.***

"If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first." ***Lois Wyse.***

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." ***Alex Haley.***

"Grandmothers are just antique little girls." ***unknown.***

"Grandmothers are voices of the past and role models of the present. Grandmothers open the doors to the future." ***Helen Ketchum.***

"Being a mom was the most wonderful thing. Being a grand-mom I am completely undone." ***Jeanie Rhoades.***

"When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window." ***Ogden Nash.***

"Being a grandmother provides you with an opportunity to help your grandchild gain a sense of who he or she really is." ***Deborah Williams and Linda A. Johnson.***

"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged." ***Proverbs 17:6.***



***& Grandmothers***

## Second Grade children answered these questions:

### ***Why Did God Make Mothers?***

- “She’s the only one who knows where the Scotch tape is.”
- “To help us out of there when we were getting born.”
- “Mostly to clean the house.”

### ***If you could change on thing about your mom, what would it be?***

- “I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.”
- “I’d make my mom smarter, then she would know it was my sister who did it, not me.”
- “She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean, I’d get rid of that.”



## THE BIBLE IN FIFTY WORDS

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Jacob fooled  
Joseph ruled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born

God walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained

