

May, 2017



**Loving God. Loving Others.
Making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

From the pastor:

11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

-Romans 12:11-12 (NRSV)

Another page of the calendar has been peeled back as we move on to the month of May. While the month of May holds a special fondness for me (if you wonder why check the 'Birthdays' section of this newsletter, particularly around the 16th) I also recognize that the month sort of sits in a weird in-between period. We have had our Easter celebration and what a celebration it was, Spring has made an appearance but Summer is not yet here, the School year is winding down but not yet finished, it is a time that we can find ourselves asking "Now What?"

Within the Church we may find ourselves sitting back and relaxing a little. Looking at the calendar there are not many "big" events in the months ahead. Perhaps we are off the hook until the Advent season rolls around and we start the Christmas preparation all over again. But then God has a way of reminding us that the work is not done...it is never done.

The verse above from Romans was in a devotion I read just the other morning. To me it was a reminder that we should live out our faith at all times. There is still work to be done, souls to be saved. While the man-made calendar we follow does not specify any special occasions God has other plans. God wants us to joyfully serve each and every day, to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

That is my hope for us here at Emmanuel. To take the joy and hope that we remembered on Easter morning and to apply it to our lives every day, to serve wherever and whenever we are needed.

We serve the Risen Lord, let us all rise to the occasion and live in a way that brings honor and glory to Jesus this day and always.

Blessings,
Pastor Devin



Happy Birthday!

Randy Keller 5/1

Jim Tipton 5/4

Ruth Rodesiler 5/5

Mary Roback 5/7

Julie Keller 5/9

Kathy Whitman 5/9

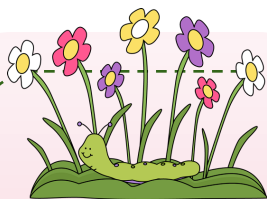
Devin Smith 5/16

Millie Tipton 5/26

Walt Butler 5/29

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Mary Roback
5/31



Baby Blankets for Tiny Purpose

Local girl scouts Katie Hight and Alex Roberts are collecting 18in. X 18 in. gender-neutral baby blankets for Tiny Purpose, an organization that supports parents through the grieving process of the loss of a child through miscarriage, still birth, or birth defects. The blankets go in a keep-sake box with the baby's handprints, and other items. If you would like to make blankets to be donated, they can be left in the church office up until the end of August. More information about this project is available on the flyer in the church entrance area.

New Members Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church? If so join Pastor Devin on May 21 following the worship service. We will meet in the lounge and discuss the United Methodist Church and its beliefs and what it means to be a member. There is no pressure and no 'sales pitch' just an opportunity to learn more about our church and if you wish a chance to join our church family. Any questions ask Pastor Devin, hope to see YOU there.

Haiti Mission:

During the March 19th service Maria Crane shared with us her Mission Trip experience traveling to Haiti. She presented several ways in which we can help support the ongoing efforts and we will have more information about some of those service projects in the future. If you would like to support them with financial gifts feel free to put it in the offering plate and designate it as 'Haiti' and we will make sure that the money gets to the appropriate place



May Memory Verse

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-Romans 12:11-12

Mother's Day and the United Methodist Church

Mother's day is May 14, 2017

Harriet Olson, Chief Executive, United Methodist Women: "When Ann Jarvis was working to establish Mother's Day as a national event, and when her daughter picked up the mantle from her, they were not thinking about greeting cards and flowers."

Instead the Methodist women who invented the idea in America wanted to honor mothers in a deeper way.

Harriet Olson, Chief Executive, United Methodist Women: "They were thinking about the work of women and the significant testimony that women could give about the need for peace."

Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women's clubs in the 1860s to serve suffering mothers and children.

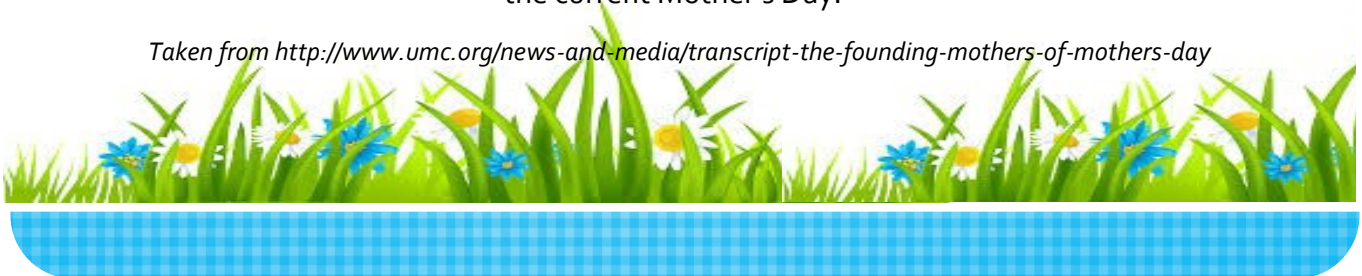
Harriet Olson: "Women came together with their sisters in their locations to respond to the needs that they could see. For Ann, she was in a coal mining part of what is now West Virginia. And she could see the needs of women and children. And she could see the effect of the economy of her day on the people that she cared for most directly."

Donna Miller, Archivist, Historic St. George's United Methodist Church: "She started mothers clubs. And she talked to them about hydration for fevered babies, about sanitation and nutrition. And then the Civil War came along and they put a field hospital right outside Grafton."

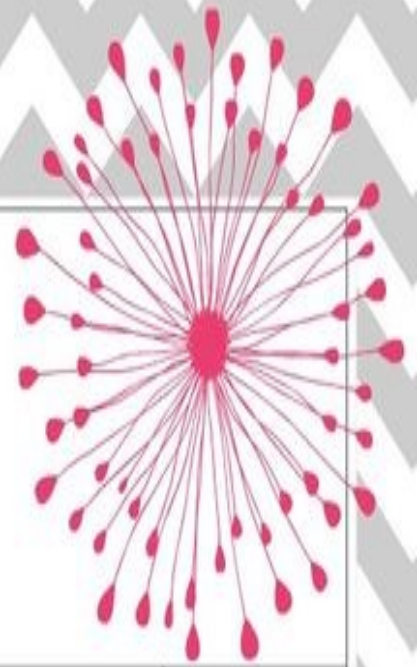
Ann recruited nurses for military hospitals, and after the war formed friendship clubs to promote reconciliation.

Harriet Olson: "Ann Jarvis was convinced that mothers, women, but especially 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."

Taken from <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/transcript-the-founding-mothers-of-mothers-day>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Dinner 5:45 pm Classes for all ages: 6:30-7:30 pm	4	5 Craft Day 4pm—?	6 Craft Day 10am—?
7 Sunday School for All Ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28 Sunday School for All Ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	29	30	31	1	2	3
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Food Pantry Donations

For the month of May, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles and canned ravioli.

Donations may be left in the church entrance area. We will see to it that they get delivered to the food pantry.

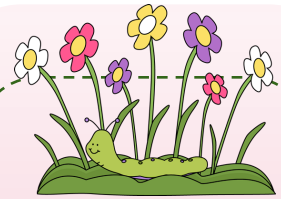
Talent Show

Our annual EUMC Talent Show will be on Wednesday, June 14. We'll enjoy a meal together at 5:45pm and the show will begin at 6:30. Start planning your acts now! We've had singers and dancers, poets, actors, puppeteers, hula hoopers, comedians, scooter riders, and sandwich makers. What talents has God blessed you with?

Vacation Bible School:

VBS planning is in the works! If you are interested in being a part of this year's team, please speak with Cathy Kendrick or Elizabeth Comiskey.

Dates and times, TBA



Ladies' Craft Day

Every month, on the first Friday and Saturday, a group of local Christian women from several churches gather together at Emmanuel to have fun crafting.

Bring your current project and a snack to share, or just come and visit and enjoy the company.

The next craft days will May 5-6.

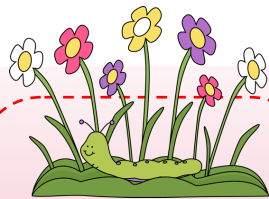
Please speak with Elizabeth Comiskey if you have any questions.



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” -1 Timothy 2:1

Those needing continued healing and strength:

- MaryAnn Leader
- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries,
Mary Gladstone-Highland
and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local
community and those in
leadership positions



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