



# OUR SPIRE

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A Mother's Love and Wisdom

### SMILE

Dorothy dear,

A smile costs nothing but creates much. It happens in a flash but, the memory of it will last forever. It creates happiness in a home, it fosters good will in business. It is the counter sign of friends and happiness to the sad.

Therefore, if you should meet anyone who is too sad, too tired to smile. May I ask you to give one of yours. For no one needs a smile more than those who have none to give.

So dear always remember,

SMILE

Your loving mother

Written by Martha Maisch to her daughter ,  
Dorothy Matthews, when she was in 8th grade.

**Reaching Up to God,  
Reaching Out to People**



# Pastor's Page

**What comes around, goes around:**

**a shift from the Mega Church to who we are, the vital vintage church, is in vogue.**

I totally get it. You'd *never* describe First Congregational-UCC as being in vogue. Ever. While we are forerunners to our local peers in the utilization the internet to reach online worshippers (yes, that phrase now exists), we are the OPPOSITE of vogue.

And this, dear congregation, is a good thing.

The Mega Church serves some Christians wonderfully well, and we should all be grateful. The praise band, inhouse coffee shop, and big stage main attraction with its auditorium seating will continue to be a part of the Christian church landscape, and we know why. It's "not our grandma's church."

But you know that pendulum. It swings.

Pastor and author Michael Piazza, who was asked to speak on worship trends and revitalization at the Penn Northeast Conference during our annual conference on April 14, presented three words that *immediately* made me think of us. He said, "Vital Vintage Church."

You may use equally accurate adjectives to describe us, but I'm not sure any of us will find adjectives that are *more* truthful to who we are and to where we have been because, simply said, we are vital and we are vintage.

And millennials want this. No puff, no poof. No glitz. No glamour. They seek the authentic "old" truth, doctrine and its practice completely void of bells, whistles, and marketing hype.

In other words, First Congregational-UCC.

Now, where are the millennials? Well, in Susquehanna County, our twenty-somethings are working two jobs at a pay rate that will depress most of us who are retired (and I didn't mention health insurance), or the one job they do have has them traveling. (This traveling is also true for Gen Xers and the last of the Baby Boomers.)

**This is what we need to hear. Anyone under fifty-something is so swamped from so many things in The Schedule that two hours at home in relative peace is, quite honestly, the best sabbath they reach during their hectic week.**

So, what do we do?

We do what Christ did because we are His followers. Hear this in light of what you've read so far. Jesus never said, "Attend me." He said, "Follow me."

The reason you'd follow Jesus (in Jesus' day) was one, you were intrigued by who He was and what He did, or two, you had come to believe that He was who He said He was. In other words, you were engaged by Jesus. You didn't attend Him, you *followed* Him.

THIS is what people want today—an authentic, active faith. A faith where we, the vital, vintage group, follows Christ and, by example, lead others to also follow. We don't stay still. We serve. We feed. We provide for. We help.

## Pastors's Page—continued

Church is not the social norm any more, the place people gather because that's what Americans do. Church, as seen by people on the peripheral who are watching us, is the peacekeeping effort that attracts. Church is the place, or the hub, where active agents of Christ gather to make a change in world. Yes, the bills need to be paid. Yes, the doors need to be locked and unlocked. Yes, the operating expenses need to be met. True, true, true. But there's more. Christ is radically calling us to fulfill His mission in a world that needs community, commitment, and compassion.

That is what makes this vintage church vital. We succeed by and through His blessings and direction, and amen for this.

And amen to Mike Piazza. In his first of two presentations, Piazza, who has been behind the pulpit for over thirty years, says, "This has never been a more challenging time to be a people of faith in the United States. It's tough out there!"

He's right. Our challenges are big. But we have a far bigger God who continues to define and refine His church and those who serve Him.

Can we be more vital? Of course we can. What should we start? What should we do? Who needs our help?

Answer these questions yourselves. Don't just look to me. I don't have your heart, your location, your call or your skillset. But I am asking you to bring your full self to service. Early Christians didn't attend church; they were the church. Let's talk about where God is calling this church into active ministry.

In his March 2018 online article, "*5 Reasons Why Engagement is the New Church Attendance*" Carey Nieuwhof says, "Look back at the genesis of the Jesus movement. The idea of attendance as a hallmark would have been completely foreign. You only attended because you were engaged. Period."

What does engagement mean to people who work 50 to 60 hours a week, or feel guilty because they're not super parenting enough? It means what is true, not complicated. We put God first. We live not for self but for service, His service.

What does that service look like?

I'll answer this way. Jesus asks what we can give. He's never asked for more. **No one who has served Christ comes back with, "Wow! THAT was hard!" Instead, we share this uniting truth: "Serving Christ helped me so much. It revitalized me."**

Let's continue to find and share ways others can become involved in the mission of Christ. How? Meet people where they are and be who they need us to be—listeners, helpers, providers, advocates and friends.

Nieuwhof says, "People are longing for an alternative to life as they know it. The church is that alternative."

Let's continue to be that alternative. The need for the vital vintage church is here. Let's tune into the Holy Spirit, pick up our mats and follow where Jesus leads.

# Police Recognition Sunday

State Policeman Sgt. Mike Joyce, troopers Steve Hamilton, James Rebel, Eric Kaub along with Sheriff Lance Benedict, and Chief Andrew Gennekin came to be recognized for their service to the public. They came with their cars, told the SS children about what they do, allowed them to sit in the cars, ask questions, and see how they perform their jobs.

During worship a St. Michael's prayer was read while active Deacons laid hands on those who attended worship. Following worship a reception hosted by the Stewardship committee was given so the congregation could thank them and talk with them.







# Easter Worship



Easter Egg Hunt for all the kids

Eggs provide by Judy Mitchell  
and crew!!



Game On kids shopped for, filled and delivered surprise  
Easter baskets for some special children in the area.



## Council Minutes

4-26-18

**Financial Secretary:** Reported by Dottie Hagenbuch. Giving has improved through March and into April.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Julie Gardner. There is \$154.43 in the Summer Lunch Program Fund that will be sent to the Summer Lunch Program.

Funds in the Sunday School Improvement fund will be transferred to the Youth and Outreach fund.

To meet the current operating needs of the church:

\$11362.50 needed/month

\$34087.50 needed every three months

\$68175 needed every six months

All bills are paid to date.

**Christian Education:** Reported by Kay Gow. The Spaghetti Dinner was a success. Approximately \$525 was taken in. This will be put into the Youth and Outreach Fund. A total of 21 dinners were given away to assorted families.

Police Recognition Sunday was very well received by the Sunday School. Sgt. Mike Joyce and the other officers spent time with the children explaining the scope of their jobs. The officers took prayer bears made by the children with them to use in their interactions with traumatized children.

The last day of Sunday School will be May 27<sup>th</sup> and breakfast will be served to the children. Sunday School will begin in the fall on September 9, 2018.

**Choir:** Reported by Ellen Holdredge. The last Sunday before Summer break will be May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Cupboard:** Reported by Maureen Warren. We are serving 3 families and 5 individuals.

**Clerk:** No Report

**Cradle Roll:** Reported by Holli Chichester. One child received the book and letter for turning two. No new children were added.

**Deacons:** Reported by Kay Gow. The Endless Mountain Theater presents "Love Mom" on Saturday, May 12, 2018 in the Lecture Hall. Refreshments will be provided by the Deacons.

The Deacons will be present before worship to meet and greet the congregation. They will wear name tags so that they can be identified as Deacons.

The Memorial Day service will honor our Armed Forces. A medley of Service songs will be sung and David Schulte Sr. will preach.

A Good Friday service will be held in 2019 instead of the Maundy Thursday service. We will rotate services every other year.



**Game-On:** Reported by Craig Stout. Game On wrapped up another season on Friday, April 20th by enjoying our usual Game time, making a welcome sign for honoring local law enforcement and making more prayer bears to donate to them as well. We also ended the evening setting up tables and preparing for the Spaghetti supper which many of the kids helped with on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Game On will hold several special Summer get togethers so please stay tuned to Facebook and email for more details. Our regular Friday gatherings will resume in September! Stay tuned for details on that as well!!

**Historian:** The average attendance has been around 72 people/service.

**Missionary:** Reported by Holli Chichester. The Church Cupboard was presented by Maureen Warren. The Church Cupboard began in 2004 by Pat White and was distributed from the parsonage. Dorothy Matthews assisted. In 2005 the Church Cupboard was moved to the church and was administered by Marsha Housel, Maureen Warren, Dorothy Matthews, Sherry Decker and the Petrows. All of the food is non-perishable and is obtained by food donations and purchased with monetary donations. The women vigilantly use coupons and shop sales to stock the cupboard. See page 20 for a Church Cupboard Shopping List.

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, is the reception for the "Showers of Blessings" collection for the Women's Resource Center and CareNet. Please continue to bring in your items for these two worthy organizations that help struggling families.

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00- 3:00 is the Election Day Bake Sale. All proceeds will go to help support the programs the Missionary Group supports. We need your help!! Please sign up to bake items for this sale. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room.

May 22, Tuesday, at 1:00 in the Lecture Hall, Anne Thompson will present an update of the CHE mission in Nicaragua. All are invited to join us for this interesting presentation.

June 8-9 Yard Sale on Lathrop Street in Montrose. We are collecting all items through the end of May. We can pick up your items if you would like us to. Contact Holli at 301-643-1775 or 570-851-5109 to arrange pick up or with questions. All proceeds go to help support our Nicaraguan missionaries.

**Nominating:** Reported by Jacque Phillips. Gail Batzel has joined the nominating committee.

**Pastor Relations:** Reported by Will Hagenbuch. Met April 2 and will meet May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship:** Reported by Craig Stout. It was shared that an additional \$270 has been sent to Alan Miller for a total of \$590.

We revisited the new Calendar of Giving with Craig giving us an additional event for September 15. This is the Chicken BBQ/Festival sponsored by the Community Group.

We moved on to Strategic Planning and reevaluated the priority list of long-range goals that was created by the congregation in 2017. One item that had high priority was the need to move toward more community involvement with our church helping to lead this endeavor. A brain-storming session led to some ideas to consider as we look at options available in Harford and what agencies can be included.

**Trustees:** Reported by Harry Gardner.

The trustee recommended that sanctuary windows be replaced while the siding is being replaced. The new windows would be maintenance-free, double-hung, argon filled, gridded windows. The council voted to purchase these replacements.

The Fire Company will be contacted to clean the parking lot.

The carpets will be shampooed.

A company is being contacted to clean the church steeple.

The Front doors need repair or replaced.

Church Clean-Up is this Saturday, April 28th, at 9:00am.

The Church siding has been ordered and the work will begin soon.

**Willing Workers:** Reported by Ellen Holdredge. The Willing Workers served two funeral Luncheons.

The freezer has been cleaned and would like any item placed there to be labeled and dated.

The Quarterly meeting will be May 2, at 7:00pm.

**Pastor's Report:** Reported by Will Hagenbuch.

Lancaster Theological Symposium—heard 4 doctoral candidates defend their dissertations

Lancaster courses this semester—*America's Changing Landscape* and *Spirituality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

Pizza Party and Bowling—with GAME ON

Final GAME ON of the season—total fun and fellowship

Ministerium—talked about church-wide disaster relief this month through fundraising

Soup Kitchen in Scranton—helped prepare and serve a meal to those in need

Spaghetti Dinner—served and delivered meals

Introduced "Sermon in Seconds"—a "commercial" where the older Sunday school students talk about upcoming scripture

Visited shut ins and the those with special needs

Pastoral correspondence to those who are now out of the area

So pleased to be a part of the Law Enforcement Blessing in church

**Next Council Meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**



# Worship Assistants

## Readers

May 06, 2018	Peg Smith
May 13, 2018	Anita Millard
May 20, 2018	Bonnie Love-Colwell
May 27, 2018	George Lotter

## Flowers

May 06, 2018	—
May 13, 2018	Kay Gow
May 20, 2018	Bill and Holli Chichester
May 27, 2018	Jean Bonham

## Greeters: not given

## Ushers: not given

## Nursery

May 6	Karen Jones
May 13	Holli Chichester
May 20	Kay Gow
May 27	Dottie Hagenbuch

\*\* It's always nice to see flowers on the altar table. It makes the sanctuary look inviting. Anyone can sign-up to place flowers in the church. The sign-up sheet is on the wall opposite the ladies room. The flowers don't have to be in an expensive arrangement, they can be cut flowers from Wal-Mart, Rob's, or Price Chopper ...etc. They can be brought to the church anytime during the week or on Sunday morning. Thank you for helping to make our church be bright and welcoming to all who come.

## May birthdays and anniversaries

May 4	Teresa Lamberson Brian and Nancy Tyler	May 21	Denise Finagan
May 5	Dena Simons Dew Chelsea Empet	May 22	Dorothy Matthews
May 6	Bob Deemer Susan Major-Conklin	May 23	Despina Mitchell
May 7	Scott Mitchell	May 25	George Lotter/Gus Ferrara
May 9	Mason Mitchell	May 26	Elissa Mitchell
May 10	Kevin and Diane Reuss	May 27	Kailey Bridgeman Holli Chichester Dean Herbert
May 12	Richter Masters		Gary Housel
May 16	Hailey Miller		George Weideman
May 18	Ken Bennett		George and Barbara Weideman
May 19	Michael Beach Helen Foster Kris Hiller	May 28	Breanne and Kris Hiller Gillian Marie Millard
		May 29	Melissa Clarkson
		May 30	Jason Miller
		May 31	Mary Lou Swank

## Correspondence

Dear Congregation and Friends,

We wish to thank you for sharing in Gillian Marie's baptism. It was truly a glorious day and she is tremendously blessed to have your gracious love and support.

With love and gratitude, The Millard Family

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March 30, 2018

To the members of First Congregational Church,  
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your very kind gift for me to use towards the treatment of my cancer and auto immune encephalitis. Although these diseases are seriously affecting my brain and memory, I will always remember the kindness and joy I experienced when I visited your congregation.

In Christ's love,  
Rev. Allan Miller

### Also

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the gracious gift of \$270.00. I will use the money to help pay for my medical expenses. I have cancer in my chest and the antibiotics from the cancer have attacked my brain causing auto-immune encephalitis.

But I have good news. I have 3 excellent doctors from Duke University. They are working very hard on my case, and this past week my MRI looked better than it did 4 months ago.

God is good!  
Peace,  
Allan C. Miller

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To The Congregation,

God is Good!!

The Game On crew ( both young and old) would like to express our sincere thanks to all who have supported and continue to support Game On. So many of you reach out in your own special way to help us continue to make Game On what it is each week. We appreciate each one of you for what you bring to the table. The yummy snacks, the special skills that we at Game On obviously need help with, the monetary donations, the suggestions and ideas.....we appreciate them all!!

Thank you!!!  
Game On



**From Harford Volunteer Fire Company,**

The Officers and Member of the Harford Volunteer Fire Company thank you very much for your donation of the Teddy Bears in helping us to continue to serve our community.

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***From Olivia Zick  
A kidney donator  
April is Donate Life Month***

My story started out as a kid, as my family always openly talked to each other about organ donation and why it should be on our license. "Heaven doesn't want your organs because Heaven knows we need them here." Then when I was 19 years old in 2012 my father James Zick passed away unexpectedly, because he was deceased when he arrived to the hospital he was not able to donate his organs however, he was able to donate eyes, bone and tissue and because of donation he was able to help 56 people. In 2013, when six month old Lainey Cooper Johnson passed away she was able to donate 4 of her organs to people in need and her lungs to research.

Those experiences motivated me to want to help others. In November of 2015, I was watching the news and saw that a single mother of four in Northern KY needed a kidney. I thought to myself, "Why wouldn't I get tested?" so I did. I was not a direct match for her but spent approximately 9 months on the paired kidney exchange with her, by being on this exchange it upped her chances of getting a kidney. That woman ended up receiving a deceased donor's kidney and is doing well. My transplant team put me on the transplant list as an Altruistic Kidney Donor, within 3 hours of being on the list they found an almost perfect match. My match was a 29 year old female living in Los Angeles, CA. They scheduled surgery 30 days out on my birthday, December 21, 2016 and surgery was a success. I recovered well as did my recipient. Because of my donation it started a chain reaction. This chain reaction resulted in a total of 8 transplants that have happened involving 16 people all across the country. I met my recipient in November of 2017, and we are now great friends and family.

I am now a volunteer ambassador with the Cincinnati Donate Life group called LifeCenter where I go to hospitals, businesses, schools, and other various events to spread awareness of organ donation.

Organ donation matters weather it's when you are alive or when you are gone. Please register to be an organ donor on your license. If you are interested in becoming a living donor please visit the following website to learn more and hear stories from other living donors like me! <https://www.teamshareaspire.org/>

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**News from the Endless Mountains Theatre Company:**

As our summer musical, the Company will present Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat this August. We are asking local churches and schools to help us publicizing this event and recruiting cast members.

Auditions will be held on Saturday April 28, at 10:00 and on Friday May 18 at 6:00 at the East Bridgewater Church on Route 167 between Montrose and Brooklyn. This is the small white church about a mile south of the large new Bridgewater church. A song from the show will be taught and those auditioning must be at least 10 years old. There are roles for men, women, and children.

Rehearsals will begin in early June and will be in the Montrose area.

Performances will be August 2, 3, 4, and 5 at Elk Lake High School.

Any questions should be emailed to [emtc@nep.net](mailto:emtc@nep.net). Thanks.

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A "Widow for Christ" group is starting up at 10:30 on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. They will meet at the South New Milford Baptist Church in the church library.

All invited!!!!

## SUMMER LUNCH BOX

April, 2018

P.O. BOX 74

HOP BOTTOM, PA 18824

Greetings from the Summer Lunch Box,

Although difficult to determine by the recent weather, the calendar tells us that it's Spring. Summer will soon be upon us and with it, the Summer Lunch Box program will enter another year of operation.

We continue to be a small, community-minded group that has taken action to provide wholesome, nutritious food for children who are food insecure. That is, the children who would normally receive free/reduced priced meals during the school year. During summer recess, these same children face food insecurities. Attempting to alleviate this food shortage, the Summer Lunch Box Program was created in 2011. Centered in Hop Bottom, our efforts assist children from primarily the Mountain View School District and some from neighboring school areas.

Families whose children receive free/reduced priced meals during the academic year will begin to register for the SLB soon. The Program then contacts each family to ascertain and confirm additional data: family size, number and ages of children, their grade level, etc. This needed information is kept confidential and assists in determining amounts and types of food to best serve the needs of the children. That is, we provide families with teens a goodly amount of food to keep up with their rapid growth rate. At the same time, we pass along the dates of available food pick-ups from our distribution site at Grace Lutheran Church, Hop Bottom, and determine a suitable time. We purchase and distribute wholesome foods including available fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, cheese and over 20 staples.

As the winter of 2017-2018 has been long and snow-filled, surrounding school districts will complete their academic year in mid-June. Therefore, the SLB will have 5 bi-monthly food distribution dates. We begin with one on June 23rd, then July 7th; July 21st, August 4th and the final one on August 18th. Despite our efforts to shop prudently, each distribution costs about \$2,500.00, or slightly less than \$15,000.00 for the entire summer. Present funding will get us started; we are attempting to raise additional monies to cover the anticipated shortfall.

On behalf of the Summer Lunchbox Program, I am asking for your help in meeting our needs. Perhaps you yourself experienced hunger as a child, or have been in contact with area hungry children. Many of us know families who often must choose between paying bills or buying groceries for their families. In these instances, groceries drop to the bottom of the priority list. **We are 100% community and fundraiser supported and 100% volunteer based.**

Note that the Elk Mountain V.F.W. Post at Lenox is assisting our efforts by helping us sponsor a chicken barbecue on Saturday, May 19th, 2018 beginning at noon. Please see details on the reverse side of this letter. Tickets are available at the V.F.W. or any SLB committee member. There will also be a bake sale and basket raffle at this event. If you know of anyone willing to donate a basket or bake for the sale, it would certainly be appreciated. For details on the basket raffle, feel free to contact Holli at 570/851-5109 or cell 301/643-1775. Bake sale questions can be directed to Paula Smith at 570/289-4102.

We would certainly appreciate any support of Summer Lunch Box Program you can provide. Donations can be sent to the above address. If you have questions or concerns, please visit our Facebook page or contact President Paula Smith at the above number. Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Lorraine A. Stanton for Summer Lunch Box

Entity: #23-2041846

## Memorial Plaque Information

Are you interested in having a plaque attached to the memorial stone in the memorial garden?

One may have a plaque ordered by doing the following:

Cost---\$25.00

Send check (made out to First Congregational-UCC) along with name of person and the year of birth and the year they passed away to the office.

The office will then proceed to order the plaque and have it placed on the stone.

Thank you.

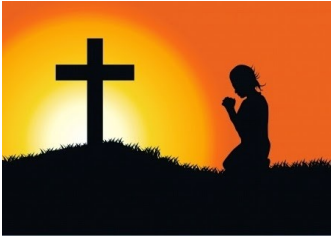


## Ugly Quilts

The last of the Ugly Quilts were delivered to the Wheatley house today. Mr Wheatley was happy to receive them as they had just made a delivery to New York and the van was empty again. Come join us in September and support this worthwhile project.







## Prayer Concerns

Priscilla Allen  
Linda Lindsey's Aunt Jeanie and Uncle Larry  
Denise Hearn  
Alice Watkins  
Paula Adams  
Joshua (Wendy Phillip's great nephew)  
Sandy Zupanovich  
John MacDonald  
Denise and Dan (friends of Gus and George)  
John Zimmerman

Bev Kaminsky  
Brandy and David  
Joe and Patti's daughter Katie  
Marjorie  
Gretchen and Daisy  
Brendan Smith and his band  
Scott Klenk  
Marc Knox  
Charlene  
Cindi (Kathy Brown's cousin)

This sponsorship is in honor of Jean Bonham and the Spire Team (which my mother, Doris Morrison, was on for quite a while).



## Home Bound



The Carey Family  
Dorothy Greene  
Alice Watkins

Catherine Escandel  
Barbara Pease



Kid's Corner

By: Mikaela and Bailey

## Cross Walk

Have you ever participated in a Cross Walk? If you haven't, you should put it on your list of things to do next year. This year the Sunday School and Game On kids, along with a few adults, joined together with The Clifford Baptist and United Methodist Churches. This year's Cross Walk was on March 30<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday. At the Cross Walk volunteers took turns carrying the cross to each station. When we stopped at a station, a volunteer would read a scripture and a little bit about that part of scripture. We asked some of the people that went a few questions about the Cross Walk. The first person we asked was Craig Stout. We asked him what he thought about it and what he got out of it. His answer was "I thought it was a great experience for kids, and it gave all of us a better understanding of what Jesus went through that day." The next person we asked was Pastor Will. We asked him the same question as Craig. He said "I think that it was an important thing to do on a very important day." Pastor Will also told us a little bit about his experience that day. He said "The cross was very heavy, just like the cross that Jesus carried." This is all about the Cross Walk and what some people thought about it.



***Fascinating Facts: Did you know about 50 Bibles are sold every minute! It is the world's best-selling book!***





Game On went on the road for a night out of bowling and pizza. We started the night at Blue Stone Pizza in Hallstead.

The fun continued as we traveled to Sunset Lanes in Kirkwood for some bowling and an early celebration of Pastor Will's birthday with a "fruit" cake!





## Prayer Bears

The Prayer Bears were cut out by many volunteers and sewn together by the Knitting and Sewing Group. The bears were then stuffed and closed by the Game On Crew. These Prayer Bears will be given to local Fire Departments to be given to children in dangerous or frightening situations.





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# BAKE SALE

**May 15 —Election Day—Missionary**

**Bake Sale**

**Please help us by baking something for the bake sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering room.**



## **A Mother**

A mother is a woman who cooks, sews, nurses, and loves  
She wakes up early with the doves.  
To bake the bread  
That keeps the family fed.

A mother keeps her family safe and warm  
She keeps them from all harm.  
A mother makes a house a home  
A haven for her children who roam.

So on this Mother's Day  
To one and all we say.  
We love and honor you  
For each and everything you do.

By Kay Gow



# Just for Kids

## Mother's Day

R I G Y A M C Y N V N H P Z O M K P Q P  
E R I K N R H L G D X G W U M K A F S I  
A F V S K X I X A U I U B Y O R O S W B  
D U I M R J L U P I B A E F E U G Y K L  
I J N I H C D I G U C L A N R U L Y Y W  
A V G D T E R N N Y W E T N H I L O Q V  
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M O T H E R N Q R P S P O S M S D N N E  
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B Z A H F K I T C O Y G F A U W C D Q Z  
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K I N D U W I K H G E T O T I K E O F C  
P G Q K U J K I S R E W O L F T Q L Z V



CARING  
CHILDREN  
DAUGHTER  
FAMILY  
FLOWERS

FRIEND  
FUNNY  
GIVING  
HAPPY  
HUGS

KIND  
LAUGH  
LOVE  
MAY  
MOM

MOTHER  
PARENT  
READ  
SON  
SPECIAL



## It's Time to Spring Clean!!!!

The Missionary Group is sponsoring a yard sale June 8-9 in Montrose. The proceeds will go to help sponsors two Nicaraguan Missionaries living in Nicaragua. These missionaries have dedicated themselves to working to improve the living conditions of their fellow Nicaraguans by helping to develop community leaders and working to improve skills within the community.

We will be collecting anything to be sold in a yard sale:

Clothing, shoes, bedding, electrical appliances, lighting, TVs, furniture, household items, kitchen items, tools, yard stuff, toys, baby items, bikes, etc.

Please bring any items to the lecture hall and label them "Yard Sale" now through the end of May.

If you would like a pick up, please call Holli at 301-643-1775 or 570-851-5109 or

email [hollischichester@gmail.com](mailto:hollischichester@gmail.com).

## Summer Lunch Box Chicken BBQ Saturday, May 19th.

Chicken BBQ May 19th at VFW Lenox Corners. This BBQ is for the Benefit of the Summer Lunch Box Program. Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, and delicious Chicken that only the VFW knows how to do! Donations of baked goods, gift baskets and Volunteers appreciated. Contact Holli Chichester at 301-643-1775 or 570-851-5109 or email at [hollischichester@gmail.com](mailto:hollischichester@gmail.com) if you would like to help or donate a basket or baked goods.



## Church Cupboard

(Items that may be brought to church to stock  
the Church Cupboard)

### Canned Goods

Tuna  
Spam  
Chicken  
Canned Ham  
Fruits  
Soups & Stews  
Corned Beef Hash  
Vegetables

### Mixes

Any Kind

### Drinks

Coffee, Tea  
Cocoa  
Real Juice

### Detergents

Bar Soap  
Dish  
Laundry

### Paper & Personal Products

Toilet Paper  
Tissues  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes  
Shampoo & Conditioner

### Miscellaneous

Cereals-Hot & Cold  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Crackers-Cheese, Graham  
Dinner Mixes---  
(Hamburger Helper,  
Rice-A-Roni, etc)

### Cash

If you would like to donate  
Cash please place in the  
Collection plate with a note  
For Church Cupboard.



## Church Cupboard Ladies

We Thank you for your dedication!!!!



Maureen Warren,

Sherry Decker,

Dorothy Matthews

May Sponsor

In loving memory of  
Wayne Warren

Maureen and family





# May 2018

May 2018							June 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Apr 29 - Sunday		May 1 - Tuesday		May 3 - Thursday		May 5 - Saturday	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Women Resourc show 7:30am Firemen's Brkts 9:30am SS & Adult SS 11:00am Service (Sanct 12:00pm Women's Res 7:00pm Boy Scouts (LH)	8:00am Pastoral Relations (PO) 9:30am Mon. mtg (PO) 4:00pm Pastor-office 7:30pm Fair mtg (LH) <i>6:15pm Ch. Ex. mtg</i>	7:30am Men's Bkfst (Binghams) 7:00pm 7:00 Choir (MR)	1:00pm Walking 7:00pm WW Qtrly mtg (LH)	7:00pm Stewardship	Pastor's day off 1:00pm Walking	2:00pm Mother's Day presentation	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
9:30am SS & Adult SS 11:00am Service (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (LH)	9:30am Mon. mtg (PO) 4:00pm Pastor-office 7:00pm Deacons 7:00pm Trustees	1:00pm Missionary LH 7:00pm 7:00 Choir (MR) <i>Election Day Bake Sale</i>	1:00pm Walking <i>Spare Deadline</i>	6:30pm Council (LH)	Pastor's day off 1:00pm Walking	10:00am Girl scouts tea (LH) 12:00pm BRBQ (VFW) 12:00pm chicken BRBQ (VFW-Lenox)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
9:30am SS & Adult SS 11:00am Service (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (LH)	Pastor Will at school 9:30am Mon. mtg (PO) 12:00pm Ladies lunch (Binghams)	Pastor Will at school 1:00pm Missionary (LH) 7:00pm 7:00 Choir (MR)	Pastor Will at school 1:00pm Walking	Pastor Will at school	Pastor Will at school 1:00pm Walking	Pastor Will at school	
27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	
9:30am SS & Adult SS 11:00am Service (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (LH)	9:00am Memorial service (cemetery) 9:30am Mon. mtg (PO)	7:00pm 7:00 Choir (MR)	1:00pm Walking				



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.....the people in darkness have seen a great light

Isaiah 9:2

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