

# Messenger

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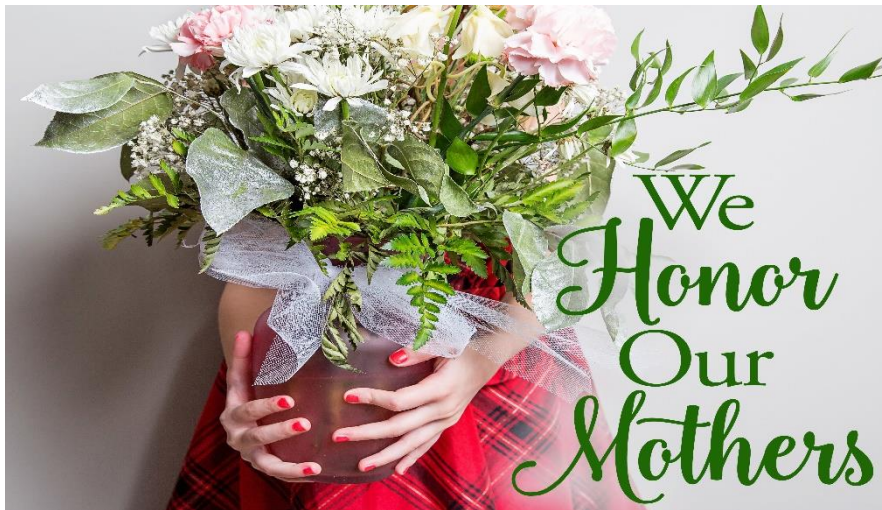
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“There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.” — Jill Churchill

“The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children.” —Elaine Heffner

“The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom.” —Henry Ward Beecher

“Mother love is the fuel that enables a

normal human being to do the impossible.” —Marion C. Garretty

“Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn’t know you had.” —Linda Wooten

## THE SUNDAY FUND

Each year on Mother’s Day First United Methodist Church, along with other United Methodists across the state, receive contributions to **The Sunday Fund**. The Sunday Fund is the MOST critical part of the Senior Services’ ministry. It is a benevolence fund designed to assist elders living on any of Senior Services’ twelve campuses. Elders of all denominations, who have outlived their financial resources and can no longer afford the cost of housing and/or care, are eligible to receive Sunday Fund assistance. The Sunday Fund receives support from a variety of sources including individuals, churches, local businesses, as well as elders living on the campuses who have the means to support The Sunday Fund. However, over half of support comes directly from church families.

An insert for the 2023 Sunday Fund will be in this Sunday’s bulletin. Please make your check to **First United Methodist Church** and write **Sunday Fund in the memo line** and place it in the offering plate in the specific envelope included in the insert. There are additional inserts available. Let us continue to generously support this worthy ministry.



**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 14. Danielynn Denson
- 16. Sterling Allen
- 17. Jason Dees
- 18. Terri Goodman
- 19. Tyler Bardwell
- 20. Hannah Matrick



- 15. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Richards  
Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Burnham

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

- Greeters Diane Vaughan/  
Amanda & Maddie Canard
- Scripture 2 Timothy 1:1-7
- Sermon **“A Mother’s Faith:  
Eunice & Lois”**
- Flowers Molly & Bill McNair

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**MAY**

- 14. **6th Sunday of Easter** John 14:15-21
- 15. Like a refiner’s fire Isaiah 6:1-13
- 16. Would all were prophets! Numbers 11:24-30
- 17. Rivers of living water John 7:37-39
- 18. Filled with the Spirit Acts 2:1-21
- 19. Manifold are your works Psalm 104:24-34,  
35b
- 20. Baptized into one body 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

**Honor Your Mother**

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom’s favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.”



## Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week we are beginning a new series in Sunday school called **How Believers Live**. This Sunday's lesson, "Sharing and Doing Good," is the story of Dorcas. She helped the sick, the poor widows and orphans. She was always willing to help those in need.

### W.O.W. Wednesday

**Summer Activities are in the works, so be watching so you can mark them on your calendar.**

### Vacation Bible School

I am working on a tentative date for Bible School in late June. However, VBS cannot happen without volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Tera Smith or the church office. We will reach out to those who would like to help. Bible School is such a fun and important part of being a child. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS.

### Youth Sunday School

As we move into the month of May, we will begin a new series called **How Believers Live**. This Sunday our lesson, "Problem Solving Made Easy," compares our physical body with our gifts. Paul reminds us that problems are solved when we work together.



### Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group has come to an end. We will still be meeting for bi-monthly activities outside of the church. Several outings and gatherings will be happening throughout the Summer. I know we all stay busy during the summer, but let's continue to spend time together as a youth group.