



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

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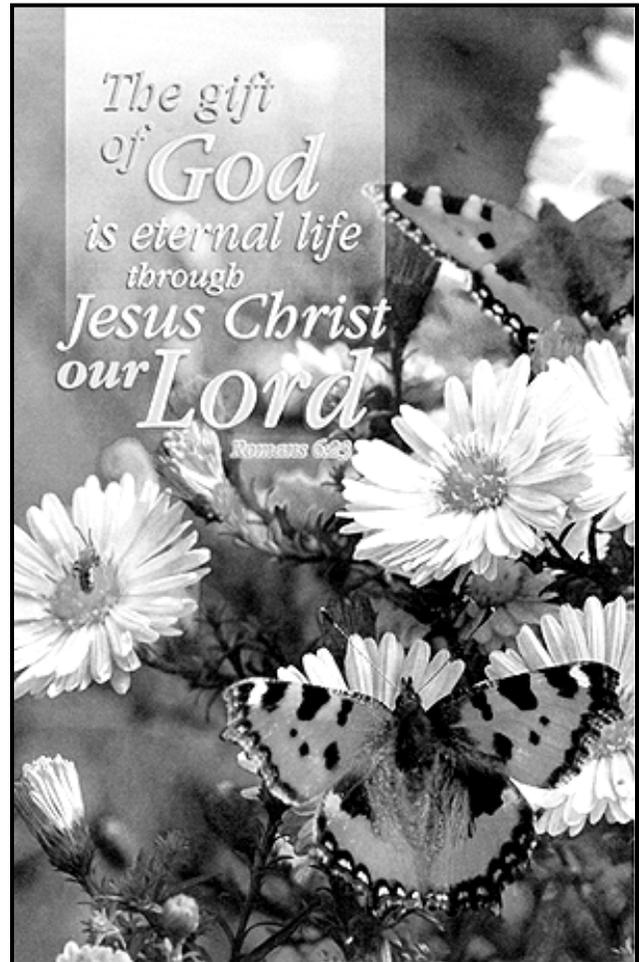
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May Message:

An appropriate thought for anytime of the year is **“There are only two days of the year when nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other tomorrow. Today is the Day to love, believe, do and live!”** (From the 14 Dali Lama Tenzin Gyatso).

Someone else said **“Today is the tomorrow you dreamed about yesterday”** (anonymous). No matter what the concept, **time is present in both sayings.**

And here we are in the 5th month of our calendar, **May**, is named for the Roman goddess **“Maia”**. She oversaw the growth of flowers. Just look around and see how they are growing and some are in bloom. Another origin of “May” is related to “celebrating” elders. Again, just look about and see. “Nuff said?”



Now watch out – for here comes **Friggatriskaidekaphobia!** (Definition: An irrational fear of Friday the 13th). Any month that begins with a Sunday will have Friday the 13th, check your calendars to make sure!

The foregoing is trivia, here’s what’s important as **children of God, we should be thankful for each and every day He has given us.** We should take His gift and go forth in His name declaring that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. **Our belief in Him grants us eternal life.** So, remember that in God’s time there is no end to eternity. **God is Eternal.**

With love and prayers,
Betty CLP

Remember **Mother’s Day, May 8th – Memorial Day, May 30th!** Most towns hold services in memory of those who have served our country, plan to attend!



The Clerk's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Last month I wrote about our church and the way that we look out for each other. I pondered whether we could do more. After I wrote that column, Rob had his terrible stroke, and that question was answered. **Our small but mighty group sprang into action!** Pastor Kevin visited Rob the same day that we found out he was in the hospital, and he has visited several times since. A small group of us have visited both Rob and Joan. Prayers have been offered at Rob's bedside.

Research has been done in an attempt to locate family or find a legal way to obtain assistance. Although we did not know Joan before this, we have visited her, and brought small gifts in an effort to comfort and cheer her. The entire church family signed an Easter card for her. Our love and our prayers continue to reach toward Hackensack University Medical Center and heavenward. **I have never been more proud to be a part of this church family!** I hope that we will continue to show our love, not just to our church family but to our community. We are a small group, but we have a lot of love to share. We may be small in number, but with **God's love, we are mighty!**

With hugs and prayers,
Sheryl



MEMBER UPDATES

We ask for **continued prayers** for **Rob Taylor** and his sister **Joan**. We know Rob's spirit is feeling all the love, caring and action that we have shown toward him and his sister in their time of need. We truly are a Church Family.

Knit or Not meets on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 in the conference room. Come out and join in the fun!

George Steger says "hello" and has asked to be **remembered to the congregation!** He can be reached at the New Jersey State Firemen's Home, 565 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005 Room #139
George will be turning 99 years old on August 5th ! He is doing quite well and really is enjoying his new digs!

May Birthdays:

Benjamin Carberry - May 2nd

Lenin Barberena - May 17th

Joyce Ullrich - May 21st

Bobbe Kutcha - May 31st



*Happy Belated Birthday to Sheryl Heffernan-Winkler, Clerk of Session, who celebrated on April 4th. Apologies for the oversight!



Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms! God has blessed you with this wonderful gift in your lives.

May all of us be filled with loving memories of our mothers on this special day. For a mother's hug lasts long after she lets go and her love is sweeter than all of the Spring flowers.

"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children." —*William Makepeace Thackeray*

We had a wonderful **gourmet Easter Morning Breakfast** together, filled with good eats and great fun! Special thanks to Adrienne Williams for suggesting we reinstate this Easter morning tradition! The children had a super **Easter Egg Hunt** that landed them lots of great goodies!



Flower Symbols in the Bible:

For as the earth
bringeth forth
her bud,
and as the garden
causeth the things
that are sown in
it to spring
forth;

so the Lord GOD
will cause
Righteousness and
praise to
spring forth
before all the
nations.

Isaiah 61:11



Iris:

Frequently used instead of the Lily in pictures of the Mother of our Lord.



Lily of the Valley:

This sweet blossom signifies humility and purity, and is used most frequently with Mary the Mother of Jesus, or with Jesus Himself.



Lotus:

This blossom of exquisite beauty and purity, with its roots in the mud, suggests that the life of the Christian may rise through and above the unlovely and evil influences.



Columbine:

The seven-petaled columbine blossom, or the seven blossom stalk stand for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as given in Revelation 5:12: "power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing."



Throughout **May** we will continue our **food collection - Food for Kids!** Donations might include **drink boxes**, individual packs of **Peanut Butter and Jelly**, **dried fruit snacks**, **Jello Puddings**...and more... **We have learned that CFA is in need of reusable plastic grocery bags as well!** Thank you 😊

☺ Just for laughs ☺



This leaf was in the Bible...maybe it's the one that Adam wore!



Question: Why do wood carvings take so long?

Answer: Because they have to be done whittle by whittle!

Thought for the month:

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

... Roy T. Bennett

