

*The United Methodist  
Church of Mantua  
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Mantua, NJ 08051*



## *The Vine*

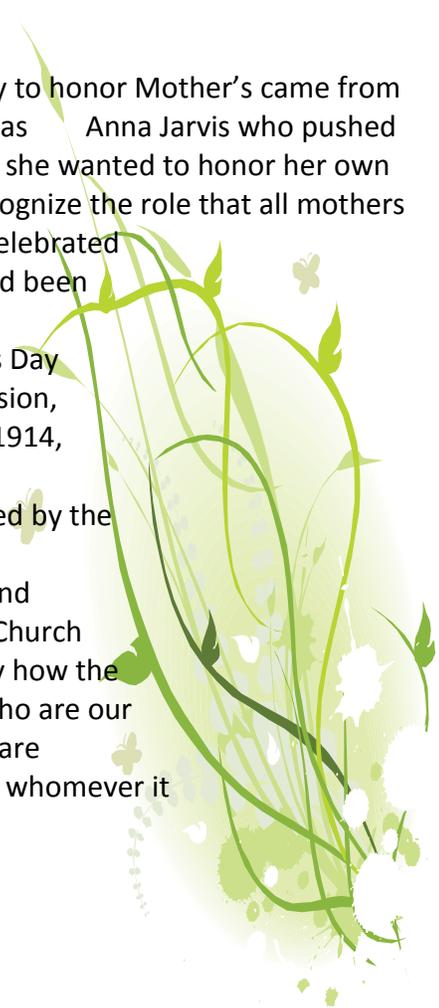
### **Mother's Day**

Did you know that Mother's Day had Methodist roots? The original idea for a day to honor Mother's came from the author of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, Julia Ward Howe in 1870. But it was Anna Jarvis who pushed the idea through. She was never married and never had children of her own, but she wanted to honor her own Mother, Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis. Anna was a social activist, who wanted to recognize the role that all mothers play. She developed the idea and on May 10, 1908, the first Mother's Day was celebrated at Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where Anna's mother had been Superintendent of Sunday School. Over 400 attended that service. It was also celebrated in Philadelphia that same year. In 1909, 46 states celebrated Mothers Day and parts of Mexico and Canada did as well. Finally, after much work and persuasion, in 1912, West Virginia was the first state to officially recognize Mother's Day. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson made it a National Observance on the second Sunday in May. Interestingly, as time went on, she fought to stop it from being too commercialized by the sale of flowers.

We can be proud that our larger church had a role in the recognition of women and mothers at a time when they weren't always recognized. The United Methodist Church has always played a role in being involved in social justice issues, which was really how the whole idea was started. We take a moment to say thank you to all the women who are our mothers and who have cared for us as a mother would. While cards and flowers are appreciated, take some time this Mother's Day to honor or honor the memory of whomever it was that played a maternal role for you. Spend some time also thanking God for sharing their lives with us. That is what Anna Jarvis would have us do.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

Pastor Doug



**May 2012 Vine**  
**By William M. Crowley, Educational Research Director**  
**2 Timothy 2:15. "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD..."**

This exciting, unending series provides a learning journey by researching the familiar and not so familiar Gospel passages. Biblical references are KJV unless noted.

**"Chutzpah" Biblical Mothers**

Chutzpah = Real brassy attitudes. The person has overstepped their bounds to the point of being considered rude, insolent or deserving being condemned socially for their behavior. Some even refer to it as insolent. Very strong stuff that the Biblical Mothers had in their Biblical roles.

(Genesis 16: 1-6).

Hagar, the mother of Ishmael, the Egyptian slave girl who Sarai gave to her husband Abram (Sarah and Abraham after the covenant when GOD promised them a son) to have a child. Sarai was barren. After the birth of Ishmael, Hagar treated Sarai with contempt to which Sarai returned in full measure.

(Genesis 16: 7-15).

Hagar ran with her son into the wilderness where the angel of the LORD found them by a spring. The angel said Ishmael would be a, "...wild ass of a man..." The offspring will be so great in number that they will not be able to be counted. Hagar would not tolerate the abuse of Sarai even if she was a slave girl. She definitely acted far outside her role as a slave but, as a real Mom, went right to the front to defend her son.

(Genesis 18, the famous laugh).

Three men come to visit Abraham (in Genesis 17 the LORD appeared to Abram renaming him Abraham and Sarai Sarah signifying a covenant with the LORD). Abraham hastened for Sarah to prepare meat and milk products for them. Later in Exodus milk and meat were forbidden under the dietary laws. The three men approach and it is then made known that one of them is GOD. Sarah cannot see their faces. She is eavesdropping in the tent and their backs are to her. One can just imagine the look on Abraham's face when he saw one was the LORD. The statement that Sarah would have a son started her laughing. At her age? Then GOD asked who laughed, Sarah, now afraid, denied the laugh. But, the LORD retorted that she did laugh. This is the audacity of Sarah: she laughed and then denied the action when she answered the LORD.

(Matthew 1: 18-25).

Mary, the woman whom the LORD had selected to be conceived with Jesus, faced a very hazardous course. She was betrothed to Joseph but did not inform him of the LORD's will. The LORD appeared to him in a dream, but the townspeople did not know. Death by stoning was the law. She followed Jesus to the Cross and watched her son suffer. Undaunted, she endured. Mom's are just that way. May GOD bless them all.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

# Crop Walk

On May 6th, Help End Hunger!

Sponsor Someone or Sign up to Walk Today!

For more information, please see John Stewart

Our team name is Mantua UMC Walkers, participants should go to <http://www.cropwalkonline.org/woodburyhtsnj> and click on join a team, then register. Once registered participants can begin on-line fund raising.



## The Coffee House at Mantua UMC Welcomes

# The Rockdale Boys



Free Admission  
Free Coffee, Tea,  
Baked Goods!

Donations of  
Baked Goods  
Gratefully Accepted.

Call Maria  
if you can help.

Bluegrass Gospel at the Coffee House  
Friday, May 4th, 7:30pm

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Check out [www.mantuaumc.org](http://www.mantuaumc.org) for more info  
or email [mamakreh@gmail.com](mailto:mamakreh@gmail.com)





### *Going Food Shopping?*

It doesn't matter if you do a big grocery shopping or a small one, buy Shop Rite and ACME Gift Cards from MTV before you go and use them like cash. MTV receives 5% of the gift card

purchase and gift cards can be donated to Family Promise, Corinthian Cupboard or use them for yourself! Gift Cards are available for purchase between services.



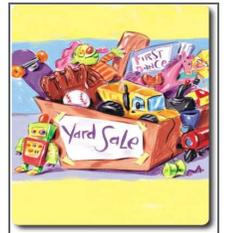
## **ROCK THE BLOCK UPDATE!!!**

We are in need of contributions!!! Please, if you can give any amount it would be so appreciated! You can put your contribution in an envelope labeled Rock The Block and put it in the offering plate on Sundays or you can give your contribution to Pastor Doug, Donna Hanahan, or myself. If your contributions are going to be made by check, please make the check payable to UMC of Mantua and then note in the memo that it is for Rock the Block.



We are selling Phillies signs again this year!! They are big signs and they are \$7 a sign. If you are a TRUE Phillies Phan, buy your sign and show your support. 100% of the proceeds go to Rock the Block. Please spread the word if you know any Phillies Phans!!!! Please see Donna Hanahan or myself if interested in buying a sign.

We are making a change to the yard sale. We are going to have it here, at the church, on May 5th! If you would like to come out and help that day, please do and let me know. If you have items you would like to sell, but can't come that day, please contact Maria Kreh at 292-3072, and I will sell them for you. Please know that I am doing this so that all funds made that day will go towards RTB. If you are willing and able to help with contributions that way it would be a great help. If you cannot come out that day and you give me items to sell, know that any items left over I will be donating to another worthy charity.



Thank you so much for all of your help. The sponsors of RTB are a great help but it is YOU, the CONGREGATION, that make this day a success in reaching out to our community and spreading the love of Jesus!!

Blessings,  
Maria Kreh

**ATTENTION! ALL books for ALL teams are due for review! Please turn in to the office or Tracie Schaekel ASAP!**

## Just for Fun

A woman brought a very limp parrot into a veterinary surgeon. As she lay her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry, Polly has passed away".

The distressed owner wailed, "Are you sure? I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something?"

The vet rolled his eyes, shrugged, turned and left the room returning a few moments later with a beautiful black Labrador.

As the bird's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the dead parrot from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet thanked the dog and took it out but returned a few moments later with a cat! The cat jumped up and also sniffed delicately at the ex-bird. The cat sat back, shook its head, meowed and ran out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry; but like I said, Your parrot is most definitely 100% certifiably...dead."

He then turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill which he handed to the woman. The parrot's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried. "\$150 just to tell me my bird is dead?!"

The vet shrugged, "If you'd taken my word for it the bill would only have been \$20, but...what with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan....."

## Confirmation Class News

*Trip to Baltimore, Saturday May 12. We will meet at 8 am in the church parking lot.*

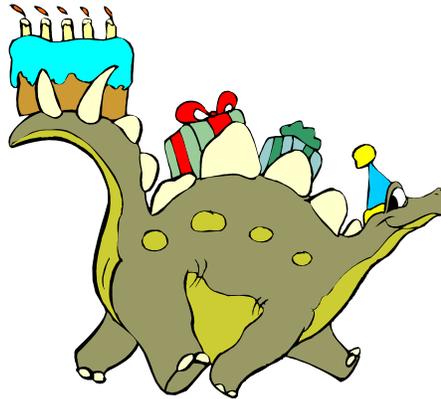
*Confirmation Sunday is June 10, come and welcome our new members.*

## ***The Compassionate Kitchen Team***

The Compassionate Kitchen Team consists of members of our church family who help provide a funeral luncheon for families during the loss of a loved one. Such help consists of providing or serving food (salads, desserts, etc.) or helping set up tables, or being willing to clean up McConnell Hall before or after the luncheon. We are currently in need of a new organizational leader. If you can help, please contact Pastor Doug.

- 1 Christopher Gelormini  
Nicholas Gelormini  
Connor Hall
- 2 Brooke Fearon  
Tyler Sierocinski
- 3 Michelle Beckett
- 4 Joanne Guarrera
- 5 Jeremy Field  
Bryan Skupien
- 6 Brittany Fearon
- 7 Erin Kohl  
Bob Lisle
- 8 Hal Orens  
Wendy Disalvio
- 9 Bill Armstrong
- 10 Barry Dale
- 11 Michael Liloia  
Geoff Shute  
Victor Torino III  
Jacqueline Wardrop
- 13 Janet Fuhrer  
Beth Gooch  
Brett Munch  
Nancy Overton

# Happy Birthday



- 16 Megan Histan  
Grace McDonald
- 17 Dana Fink
- 19 Dan Smith, Sr.  
John Stens
- 21 Jill Gorman  
Betty Kravchuck  
John Lewis, Jr.
- 22 Janet Sfaelos
- 23 Patrick Durand  
Chris Kohl  
Nicholas Liloia  
George Wescott
- 24 Bob Grabert
- 25 Rocco Carabasi
- 26 Jackson Austin
- 27 Matthew DeGirolamo
- 28 Aaron Shute
- 29 Emily Jo McMullen  
Mary Lee Patane
- 31 Cathy Hogan  
Remmi Weiner

# Happy Anniversary

- 11 David & Peggy Stecklair
- 15 Bob & Elda Barger
- 17 David & Ruth Ann Donat  
Phil & Lynn Varner
- 21 Kevin & Dara Mills
- 22 George & Debra Wescott
- 24 Frank & Lynn Heiss



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# ROCK the BLOCK!

**June 2nd, 1pm**  
**Community Party**  
**Norris Street, Mantua**

Hosted by  
**The Mantua United Methodist Church**

**FREE FOOD** throughout the day.  
**FREE PIG ROAST** at 5:00 pm.  
**LIVE MUSIC** outside, all day.

Moon Bounce • Activities for Kids of All Ages  
 Skateboard Park (helmets and pads must be worn),  
 Please bring a canned good to donate to the Corinthian Cupboard.  
*Air Conditioned Sanctuary and McConnell Hall Open.*

**Live Music All Day!**

**Memorial Day Slide Show** We are presenting a photo slideshow honoring our church friends and family who serve or have served in the military. Please either email a photograph or leave one in the office if the service men or women were not in the slide show previously. If you have any questions about the slideshow, please contact Nick Zelinsky at [nickzel@nickspot.com](mailto:nickzel@nickspot.com) or at 589-5808.



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