



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The Vine

Mother's Day

May is the month in which we celebrate a day to remember and thank our mother and grandmothers. Most of us have no problem with doing so. So we give thanks for and to the women who played such an important role in our lives. In churches that I have served, though, there have been several persons who have struggled with Mother's Day because for whatever reason, they believed that their mother did not live up to everything that a mother should, so it was a painful day for them.

As I have thought about this, I think there is an appropriate response, no matter what our experience. All of us have, whether she was a mother or grandmother or aunt or teacher, or Sunday School teacher, neighbor, someone who was like a mother to us. There have been persons who have encouraged us, shared faith with us, nurtured us and loved us. Paul reminds Timothy who this was for him in II Timothy 1:5-7. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." For him it was his grandmother and mother who shared their faith with him. So whoever it was for us that shared mother like love and nurture, take some time to give thanks to God for them. If you are able, thank them. Let them know that they influenced you.



Then, what better tribute can there be to that person, than to be that person for someone else? Who can you be mother-like toward? Yes, guys, we can do that too. All of us have a nurturing caring side. Paul reminds Timothy to live out a life of boldness through power, love, and self-discipline. Regardless of the experience we had with our own family, we have an opportunity to be a mentor and encouragement to someone else. In faith, we have the power and self-discipline to love and be a positive influence in the life of someone. So this Mother's Day, to whom can you be a mother like Lois, Eunice, or whoever "mothered" you?

Pastor Doug



The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

ABOVE THE FALL



**Undeniably Rock,
Unashamedly CHRISTIAN**

Playing a combination of familiar worship and original Christian rock songs, Above The Fall will also feature several songs from their newly released 2014 cd - "Who We Are".

Friday, May 16th, 7:30pm
Free Admission, Free Coffee, Tea, Baked Goods!

Mantua United Methodist Church
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Check out www.mantuaumc.org for more info
or email mamakreh@gmail.com

Donations of Baked Goods Gratefully Accepted.
Call Maria if you can help.



Small Group Meetings

Small Group meets at The Miller's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and at The Histan's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Come see what it's all about!



May Acolyte Schedule

May 4 2:00 pm CROP Walk
May 18 5:30 pm Meeting

Just for Fun

Teacher: Joey, give me sentence starting with "I."

Joey: I is...

Teacher: No, you must always say, "I am."

Joey: All right. I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.

Louis applied for a job at an inn. "I've never worked a day in my life," he told the manager. The manager asked, "Then why do you think we'd hire you?" Louis replied, "Because I am extremely inn-experienced."

May 2014 Mantua Methodist Vine

By William M. Crowley, Educational Research Director

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV), "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD..."

This exciting, unending series researches the KJV Bible with other sources.

IN THE BEGINNING

At age six days I was blessedly adopted by kind and loving parents. Mom, the real Mom who raised me, would often joke asking, "When are you going to grow up?" In January 1992 I did: Mother went to be with the LORD. Mom, my best earthly friend, was wonderful.

HOW STRONG IS A MOTHER'S LOVE?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (My editing.)

(A Mother's love) suffereth long, and is kind; envieth not; vaunteth not (herself), is not puffed up, Doth not behave unseemly...is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all (trials), believeth (in us), hopeth (only the best for us), endureth all (sorrows).

CYRUS, ORIGINS?

The Greek historian Herodotus reported Cyrus was the grandson of King Astyages of Media. Astyages's dreams prophesied his coming grandson would seize Media. Astyages ordered the child to be killed at birth. Instead a servant gave Cyrus to a shepherd and his wife who raised him (adoption?). Destiny awaited Cyrus. Isaiah 45:1,5 "Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,...I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me:..."

THE CYRUS CYLINDER SEAL

Cyrus recorded his deeds giving thanks to the god who made it possible...Marduk. OOPS!

CYRUS INVADDES SCYTHIA

Tomyris, Queen of Scythia, ruled a pastoral nomadic Iranian people with her son, Spargapises, who was head of her army. Cyrus resorted to his tactics of bridge-building to start his conquest; it had always worked before. To sweeten the campaign he offered marriage to the Queen. She ignored it. Then one suggested if Cyrus offered a feast, with drugged food to make easy capture, he could seize Spargapises. Fool-proof...or so it seemed.

THE FATAL MEAL

The table was set, the drugged fare prepared. Spargapises and his men feasted like starving wolves. Captured but spiritually free, Spargapises escaped to eternity by his own hand. Tomyris went into a mother's rage. Her only son was dead. Cyrus would pay dearly. Vengeance was due.

THE WAR

Ancient history records a ferocious full-day battle. Cyrus's 200,000 troops were annihilated. The slain Cyrus's head was given to Queen Mother Tomyris. She shoved it into a blood-filled receptacle shouting, "Drink Cyrus your fill of Scythian blood. Drink to quench your thirst!!!"

A HOLLOW VICTORY FOR A MOTHER'S GRIEF

The painful loss felt broke through when she continued, "I have killed you but you killed me with the death of my son!!!" Even Cyrus's death could not heal the wound to her soul.

A loving Mother is GOD's gift to humanity...and nature. Very, very protective. Beware, beware!
Exodus 2. A Mother defied Pharaoh's killing all newborn Jewish males. Remember Moses?

Realville update:

We were lucky to be able to do a few youth events off site in April... here are a few of the things we have done and what we are currently working on...

1. Cards and Letters – the youth created and wrote notes of encouragement to our military! It was a fun night of coloring and sardines at BUMC.
2. We took a field trip to Cairn University to see the Dramatic presentation from one of the drama teams – “Walk of Faith”, a presentation of human videos and skits. It reminds us that our walk may be rough, but God is always with us!
3. GOD’S NOT DEAD – movie night for the youth and families. FABULOUS movie! Must see... if you have not. I received a few text messages during the movie!!! Very moving and with a message!!
4. “Bow the Knee” – Easter presentation at the Bethel Christian Center on Black Friday! Some of our youth and families enjoyed the presentation! I enjoyed the music!!!
5. Egg Hunt – the youth were on hand to help and hide!!!! Beautiful day for the families that attended.
6. April 27 – Worship and volleyball in the park!! We will be attending the worship service – Sunday Night Life at Chestnut Branch Park at 6!!!

May is going to be just as busy!!! Keep your eyes on the youth..... we are everywhere!!!



United Methodist Church of Mantua **Ministering Through Video** **Painless Fundraiser**

- ◆ Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards.
 - ◆ The Church receives 5%
- ◆ You receive gift cards dollar for dollar.
 - ◆ It costs you nothing!

Currently: We sell approximately \$1,000 of gift cards per month. Annually we earn about \$600.

Where does the money go? It pays for some of the equipment needs of MTV. In addition, contributions have been made to The Roof Fund, Chime Choir Repair, UMC Mission Trips and The Carpet Fund.

Goal: We have a goal of **\$1,000 per week**. This is easily achievable! If we only had 50 families that shop at Shop Rite and each family bought one card per week, that would be \$1,000. The church would earn **\$2,600 per year**.

When we meet this goal, MTV would not only be mostly self-supporting, we would also be able to make larger contributions for other church needs.

Action: LET’S DO IT!

Exchange your cash or check for Shop Rite gift cards and go food shopping for your family or donate cards to The Corinthian Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

Results for the Year 2013: Average \$425 per week in gift card purchases! Great Job!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer

The Crop Walk will be held this year on Sunday May 4th, kicking off at 2:00 pm. The CWS Crop Walk supports CWS efforts to fight hunger globally through programs supporting community based sustainable agriculture and the drilling of wells for clean potable water. 25% of funds raised remain local to support The Greater Woodbury Food Bank. To register to participate in the Crop Walk see John Stewart in McConnell Hall after the service or visit the church web site to register on line.

It's Audit Time Again! Please turn your groups' information to the office to be audited as soon as possible. Thank you!

Taco Dinner

May 17th

**3 TACOS
DESSERT
DRINKS**



TICKETS \$7

Please see Joel Shutman, Todd Hickman,
Cheryl Finley, Greg Miller or
Tyler Baitinger for tickets!

All proceeds will go to the Evangelism effort of
the United Methodist Church of Mantua.

October 3-5, 2014
Wildwoods Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ
Youth 6-12th & Young Adults 18-30
Registration Begins May 15, 2014
www.gnjumc.org/ignite





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Family Promise 4th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, May 30, 2013

Town & Country Golf Links

Woodstown, NJ

12:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

_____ Gold Sponsor (\$1,000)

Includes a foursome + your company logo displayed at sign-in and in the tent during dinner, two hole sponsor signs

_____ Silver Sponsor (\$500)

Includes a twosome & your sign or logo displayed at sign-in

_____ Bronze Sponsor (\$100) Sponsor signs at 2 holes

_____ Hole Sponsor (\$50) Sponsor sign at 1 hole.

All proceeds benefit Family Promise's efforts to provide homeless children and their parents a "hand up" instead of a "handout," by providing food, shelter, and supportive services.

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Dinner only

\$120.00 per golfer
\$ 30.00 per person

GOLFER REGISTRATION

Mail this form and check payable to "Family Promise" to the address above.
(Sorry, no credit cards accepted at this time.)

NAME _____	Phone _____	Paid _____
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Or, Register by e-mail to familypromisegolft@gmail.com
Deadline for registration is May 23, 2013

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Happy May Birthday!

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



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

Happy May Anniversary

- 11 David & Peggy Steckclair
- 15 Bob & Elda Barger
- 17 David & Ruth Ann Donat
Phil & Lynn Varner
- 18 George & Christine Freshcoln
- 22 George & Debra Wescott
- 24 Scott & Ryan Drucker
Frank & Lynn Heiss



This is My Story...

By Elda Barger

At a recent Lenten Bible study, we focused on Psalm 121, reminding us that God, the creator of the universe, is the help of all those who seek Him. Verses 1-4: *I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*"

As a caregiver, I am aware of what can happen when you sleep when you are watching over someone. Some nights I awaken to find Bob is no longer in bed and I hope he has only gone to the bathroom. Usually, that is the case, but on those occasions when he doesn't return right away, I go look for him, usually finding that he is sleeping in another room. Sometimes, I am awakened by a sound, either he is calling my name or he is calling out for assistance or confused about where he is or what is happening. I then seek to help him and reassure him that I am with him. Recently, I was once again awakened by his voice calling out—he had fallen and couldn't get up (fortunately he was not hurt). If I had not been sleeping, this could have been avoided.

The Psalmist reminds us that God, the creator of all things—including the sea, earth, sun, moon, stars and me—watches over me at all times. **He never slumbers or sleeps**—He always knows where I am and when I call out to Him, He hears my prayer, He is watching over me and Bob.

This is a wonderful Psalm to memorize as we journey through life, trusting God who created us to be our very present help in time of trouble. Never slumbering or sleeping.

6th Annual **ROCK the BLOCK!** Community Music Festival! June 7th, 2-7pm, Norris Street, Mantua Hosted by The Mantua United Methodist Church

Featuring:

Dave Pettigrew www.davepettigrew.net

Eddy Mann www.eddymann.com

EONS [www.http://mantuaumc.org/praise-team](http://www.mantuaumc.org/praise-team)

FREE HOT DOGS & SNACKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
and a **FREE PIG ROAST at 5PM**

Moon Bounce • Face Painting • Carnival Games & Prizes • K9 Demo
Mantua Twp. Fire Dept. • Mantua Twp. EMT's • Petting Zoo
Craft Vendors and more...

DONATIONS OF CANNED GOODS NEEDED FOR THE CORINTHIAN CUPBOARD



The E-Team will be selling
Rock The Block T Shirts
\$15 each
Sizes S, M, L, XL

6th Annual Rock the Block -How Can I Serve? Saturday, June 7th from 2-7pm

It is hard for me to believe but the block party is only 11 weeks away!! A lot has been accomplished as of this date. I have secured all the bands that will be playing that day; we have secured a few vendors who will be participating on the street as well as received a few business sponsors! Off to a great start! I am reaching out to you because volunteers are needed desperately. This day is a day where we, The United Methodist Church of Mantua, reach out to our community and share Christ's love. We provide the food, the music, the prayer tent, the fun and the Holy Spirit does the rest. We are simply opening the door.

Here are a few examples on how you can help:

Pray for Rock the Block

Set up (the Friday night before and the morning of, including the band area, see Maria Kreh)

Kitchen help (please see Jen Wardrop or Gail Slimm on how you can help)

Clean up (during the day and after the block party is over)

Monetary donations (This event is a FREE event with FREE food and we can't do that without your donations)

Walking the neighborhoods surrounding the church and personally inviting them to the block party.

This is KEY!!! The people love being invited, they have told us so.

Find businesses (do you know any small business owner?) that can help sponsor the block party. A minimum donation of \$30 per business and their logo appears on our flyer, as well as any business cards or flyers they can submit that will be placed in our welcome bags. They can also set up a booth and be a vendor that day, encourage them that this is a good way to promote their business as well as supporting a great cause.

Help with selling the Phillies signs and our car magnets.

Prayer Tent (please see Lynn Heiss).

Welcome Booth (please see Maria Kreh)

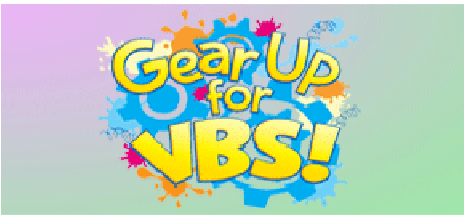
Help with stuffing the welcome bags: with our Church information as well as the sponsor information (please see Becky Langer)

I realize that this day is a long day and the volunteers that help all day long, from beginning to end; there are no words to thank you. When the day is over and we talk amongst each other and share our experiences throughout the day it makes it all worth it. Also when we think about the walk that Jesus made to the cross, the long hours of this one day, makes it all worth it.

Thank you for reading my letter and for your consideration in helping Rock the Block continue to be a day of witness, evangelism, hope and love.

Your sister in Christ,
Maria Kreh





Vacation Bible School 2014 Workshop of Wonders

W.O.W. it's almost here, a week of fun and learning with family and friends at The United Methodist Church of Mantua VBS 2014. Vacation Bible School will be held Mon. June 23rd - Fri. June 27th from 6pm

8:30pm. We will begin with dinner every night, then Music, missions, classes for all ages, games, crafts, snacks and prayer.

Volunteers and donations are needed.

Teachers - 3rd & 4th

Classroom Helper – Nursery (This is only during class time)

Points & Registration - every night.

Snacks - We need snacks and juice box/bag donations for each night.

Games/crafts - If you would like to help with the outside activities (7:30 - 8:30), I'll have a sign - up sheet during pre-registration.

Clean-up crew - We need help each night cleaning up to get ready for the following night. We will need help on Friday night to clean up the whole church.

Prayer - Please pray for the whole VBS program.

Dinner donations - Jelly, salad dressing, iced tea and lemonade mix.

Decorations – If you have anything that you don't want that would go in a workshop. Example – tools, crayons, paint, colorful bins, crates or if you think of something please let me know.

Pre – registration will begin on May 11th in McConnell Hall

Registration - \$5.00 per person attending for entire week including dinner.

T-shirts - \$5.00 each

CDs - \$5.00 each

For more information or if you would like to help, please see or call Jenise Fraser at 218-7802. Thanks!

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