

First Presbyterian Church

PRES NOTES

May 2018

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"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' " John 19:26-27

Anna Jarvis made her living as a schoolteacher, but as a devoted daughter, she made history. It was Anna Jarvis who led the nationwide campaign to establish an annual Mother's Day holiday. Anna's efforts stemmed from her close relationship with her own mother who died on May 9, 1905.

Within three years of her mother's death, Anna had organized the very first Mother's Day service at the Grafton, West Virginia, church where her mother had taught Sunday School. The text of the pastor's sermon was John 19:26-27 - Jesus' words to his mother from the cross: "Woman, here is your son" and to his beloved disciple, John: "Here is your mother." At the conclusion of the service, each mother received a carnation, Anna's mother's favorite flower.

It wasn't until May 8, 1914, however, that President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday of May as "Mother's Day." Now, on Mother's Day, Americans purchase 10 million bouquets of flowers, exchange 150 million greeting cards, and dine at restaurants more than any other time of the year. When we look around, we find folks from all walks of life going all out to celebrate either being a mother or having a mother.

But as we look around, we also see people who grew up without mothers, people whose mothers are no longer living. We see women who have not been called to be mothers, whose lives are rich and full without bearing and raising children. We see headlines revealing mothers who abuse, abandon, and even kill their own children, and children who similarly victimize their mothers. What are we to make of all we see around us as another Mother's Day approaches this month?

I think help might be found in two places. One is in the scripture used in the first Mother's Day celebration back in 1908. We can take our lead from Jesus. As his life was ending, he showed supreme love, compassion, and respect for his mother by entrusting her care to John and by charging her to love him as her own. By this action, Jesus held up another kind of family in which roles are not necessarily based on biology.

The other place we can look is England, where the British have long paid respect to mothers on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Their observance was not known as "Mother's Day," but rather, "Mothering Sunday." The name came from the theme of the original Gospel lesson for that day, the Feeding of the Multitudes. It was the notion of feeding, refreshing, and nurturing that led to a celebration of those among us who feed, refresh, and nurture us, typically, our mothers.

But in an age when we can rely on so few things to be "typical," perhaps this year we may gain a new appreciation for Mother's Day by celebrating any and all persons who feed, refresh, and nurture us. Yes, for many, if not most, of us that spells "Mother." But why not expand our understanding and our heart to give a kind word or gesture to someone who may not have borne or bred you, but "mothered" you just the same.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cheryl Ann



Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Pick-Up
Saturday, May 12th

We will assemble here at the Church and then leave at **8:30 am.**

Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex

Any questions,
please see Doug Day or contact 739-5951

We seek to show Christ's love through our actions by:

Ministering to our Community – helping those in need as Christ taught us

Ministering to our Members – providing support and fellowship

Ministering to our Souls - offering Christ-centered Worship and Education



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Food Panty Needs:

May - tomato products

Jun. - canned fruit

The PNC is continuing to meet weekly. We are working our way through our first set of computer matches. We have also had a couple of Pastors self refer.

Please continue to pray for the PNC, our congregation, and the candidates.

Prayerfully,
The PNC

“To the Horseheads First Presbyterian Church Family:

I have enjoyed working with you and for you these past 18 years. My last official day as Director of the Preschool will be Wednesday, May 23rd, the conclusion of our Graduation Ceremony. I will be returning after Memorial weekend to help with the closing of our financial year with the new Director, Mrs. Kathy Jamieson. Mrs. Jamieson has been working here since 2010 and the transition will be smooth.

I have really enjoyed my job at the Preschool and the challenges that went with it. **Thank you** for that opportunity many years ago and entrusting me with your Preschool. **Thank you** to those that have always given their help and fixing capabilities; could not have kept going without you. **Thank you** to those who supported the Preschool through your donations of snacks, supplies, kind words, and **Thank you** for your friendship! Your Preschool is a wonderful place; starting in 1961 and for many more years to come.

I wish you all the best both personally and spiritually in your work here at the Church and Preschool.

Best Wishes,
Tammy Joensen
Preschool Director”

MAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

May	6	Communion Isaiah 53:3-11; 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 "Healing Wounds"
	13	Mother's Day Acts 16:6-15; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 "Gracias, Thanks"
	20	Pentecost Sunday Psalm 104:1-4, 31-34; Acts 2:1-21 "Where's the Fire"
	27	Guest Preacher

	LAY READER	HEAD USHER	Coffee Hour Hosts
6th	Paul Yoder	Doug Day	Deacons
13th	Judy McIntosh	Guy Stillman	Community Meal
20th	Marty Oldfield	Joe Matejka	B&G / Mission
27th	Ellen Benedict	Jim McIntosh	Christian Discipleship



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00p Bible Study	2 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	3 1:00p Prayer Shawl Group	4	5 9:00a Men's Breakfast
6 10:30a Worship Service 1:00p Worship with Communion at Appleridge	7 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	8 1:00p Building & Grounds Meeting 1:00p Bible Study	9 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	10	11 4:30p Community Dinner	12
13 10:30a Worship Service	14 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	15 1:00p LBA (widow & widower's group) 1:00p Bible Study	16 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	17	18	19
20 <i>Session Meeting (after worship)</i> 10:30a Worship Service	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	22 1:00p Bible Study	23 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	24	25	26
27 10:30a Worship Service- Guest Speaker 11:30a Deacons Meeting After Service	28 <i>Memorial Day - Office Closed</i> 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	29 1:00p Bible Study	30 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	31		