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Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared

A Letter to Survivors

Happy Easter Season! Eastertide, as it is called, extends through most of the month of May until the day of Pentecost, **May 31**. It also includes the civic holiday of Memorial Day. The Church's focus is on the remembrance of Jesus' death, resurrection and presence with us here and now, to the close of the age. We also remember loved ones in the military and in our lives who are no longer with us, but who are part of the larger Church which encompasses all of God's people.

How we remember others is important, as is how we wish to be remembered. The following is a reprint from a 2002 article by me. It was adapted from a note that appeared in "The Episcopalian" many years before. It may give you some food for thought on memorial services and what makes them specifically Christian. The original note was titled, "A Letter to Survivors — to be opened at the time of my death." *David*

My Dear Harassed, Beloved Survivors,

During my funeral and the days immediately before it, this world of kind-hearted mortals will probably descend on you like a truckload of bricks. Some of your friends, when they come in, will argue no matter what you do: if

you cry, they will try to make you stop; if you act cheerful, they will tell you to relax and cry. Others will be more understanding and adapt their conversation to your mood.

Everybody will offer to do anything, but nobody can do the main thing that needs to be done, namely, to stop some painful practices and spiritual outrages from landing on you. Nobody, that is, but me. That is why I am writing this letter.

The first thing to do is to call the pastor, not the funeral director. Never mind if it is in the middle of the night; never mind if you haven't been to church lately; never mind what the circumstances are. Call the pastor. He or she will be the one most competent to make the arrangements. This, in the end, will make things easier for you. Show the pastor this letter and let them take over.

I want my funeral to be in a church. I mean a real church, not a "Funeral Chapel" or "Funeral Church." I belong to the Church, so my funeral ought to be in the church. Also, I think you will find it more helpful and satisfactory that way, although you may find this hard to see beforehand.

For the service, ask the pastor to use
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the Book of Common Prayer. No sermon, no eulogy, no “special poetry”, no “special” prayers. A sermon, or special poetry or prayer, would only lengthen the funeral and make it a burden. A eulogy would mean telling white lies at a time that particularly calls for absolute truth.

And no solos, please. On the other hand, if you want choir or instrumental music, fine. But don’t let others talk you into it.

No flowers in the church, please, except in front by the communion table. There they proclaim Resurrection. Elsewhere in the church, at a funeral, they would seem to me to indicate either that you and I had been entered into some sort of popularity contest, or that somebody is spending a good deal of money. I know that is not what they are intended to mean. But that is what they say to me — and others I have talked to. You can use the plan that is increasingly used nowadays: let people give a little donation to their church or favorite charity instead; if they feel they must spend their money.

Instead of flowers on the casket you can use the old Christian tradition of covering it with a pall — a fine large cloth made for the purpose, just as the American Flag is used this way at military funerals. The pall gives no opportunity for any distinctions between rich and poor, good and bad, popular and unpopular.

Now, forgive me if I am just hard to get along with, but I do not want my body on display at any time after I no longer need it. I believe most people will be grateful, in their hearts anyway, if they are not permitted to “pay their last respects to the remains.” But there is a more serious principle involved here.

Summary of April Session Meeting

The Session met on April 12, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Lane parlor. In addition to receiving the regular monthly reports from the clerk, pastor, finance and other boards, the session highlights are as follows:

- *Accepted* the following new members at a Special Session Meeting on March 29: Cynthia Ladd by reaffirmation of faith, and Kelly Wetherell by affirmation of faith. Session also authorized the baptism of Kelly, Trevor and Tyler Wetherell.
- *Accepted* Betty Robertson as a new member by reaffirmation of faith at a Special Session Meeting on April 5.
- *Reported* that Chapel Lane member Edith Marie Wagonlander died on February 14, 2009, at Farwell, Michigan. Her name has, regretfully, been removed from the Chapel Lane membership roll.
- Received a report from Harrison Plum, Chapel Lane’s insurance representative, summarizing Chapel Lane’s insurance coverage.
- *Reported* that the presbytery’s Stated Clerk, on behalf of the presbytery’s Nominating Committee, has expressed in a letter to the clerk of session the committee’s thanks for the service to the presbytery by the following Chapel Lane mem-

bers, as well as our pastor: David Young, serving as Presbytery Moderator and on the Coordinating Team; Johanna Jozwiak-Stover, serving on the Personnel and Coordinating Teams; Ann Moe, serving on the Coordinating Team; and Jean Crockett, serving on the Presbyterian Women.

- *Reported* that Wayne Stover will serve as the Deacon’s representative on the 2009 Chapel Lane Nominating Committee.
- *Reported* that the following baptisms took place on Easter Sunday, April 12, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service: Kennedy Ice, and Kelly, Trevor, and Tyler Wetherell.
- *Reported* that the following new members were welcomed by the congregation during the 10:45 a.m. worship service: Ben Fortin, Tom and Linda Kennedy, Cynthia Ladd, Betty Robertson, Paul and Melissa Teed, Jennifer Tryban and Kelly Wetherell.

The next stated session meeting will be held **May 12, 2009**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:15 p.m.

Ann Moe
Pro-tem Clerk of Session

Too many funerals show a direct and obvious contradiction between what the pastor says and what the congregation does. The minister’s words indicate that what counts is the soul and only the soul, because it is still alive, and that the now-dead body is no longer of any importance. But, if the casket is left open, and the people pay respects to the body, this indicates the opposite: that what counts is still the body and only the body. When you bury the body, you are not burying me. You are burying nothing

but earth, ashes and dust, quite as the prayers of the Church accurately and encouragingly point out.

This same principle is behind other details in this letter. For instance, I want the funeral director to use the simplest, cheapest casket available. I know that means it will probably be in bad taste. I still say the cheapest; if it is covered with a pall, its looks will make no practical difference anyway. But, more important, what honor or
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Worship News - May Schedules

8:30 a.m. Worship Schedule

- May 3 – 4th Sunday of Easter**
 Worship Leader: Bob McGee
 Ushers/Greeters: Alice Wiltse
 Ingrid Schwartz
- May 10 – 5th Sunday of Easter**
 No Service
- May 17 – 6th Sunday of Easter**
 Worship Leader: Lorie Ermak
 Ushers/Greeters: Mike Gaul & Bob McGee
- May 24 – 7th Sunday of Easter**
 No Service
- May 31 – Pentecost Sunday**
 No Service



10:45 am Worship Schedule

- May 3 – 4th Sunday of Easter**
 Worship Leader: Kathy Dahl
 Communion Servers:
 Ushers/Greeters: Clyde & Shirley Babcock
 Ron & Beth Hynds
- May 10 – 5th Sunday of Easter**
 Worship Leader: Dave Skiendziel
 Ushers/Greeters: Tom & Karen Adams
 Doug Frame, Sally Ann Sutton
- May 17 – 6th Sunday of Easter**
 Worship Leader: Chris Pashby
 Ushers/Greeters: Eldon & Marian Ault
 Ron & Beth Hynds
- May 24 – 7th Sunday of Easter**
 Worship Leader: Clark Pashby
 Ushers/Greeters: Eldon & Marian Ault
 Clyde & Shirley Babcock
- May 31 – Pentecost Sunday**
 Worship Leader: Al Collins
 Ushers/Greeters: Tom & Karen Adams
 Duncan, Leslie & Elizabeth Stuart

Chancel Committee for May: Vickie Irving

“Thank you” to the many volunteers who give of their time and talents to assist us in our Worship!

The Lectionary Readings for May

- May 3:** Acts 4:5–12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16–24
 John 10:11–18
- May 10:** Acts 8:26–40; Ps. 22:25–31
 1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8
- May 17:** Acts 10:44–48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1–6
 John 15:9–17
- May 24:** Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Ps. 1
 1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19
- May 31:** Acts 2:1–21; Ps. 104:24–35
 Rom. 8:22–27; John 15:26–27, 16:4–15

Worship Schedule Changes

On Mother’s Day/Music Sunday, **May 10**, there will be only one service at 10:45. There will not be an 8:30 service.

On Sunday, **May 24** we will begin our Summer schedule with one worship service at 9:30. This schedule will continue until the Sunday after Labor Day in September. The Wednesday evening worship time will continue as usual at 7 p.m. followed by a time of study and fellowship.

Wear Red for Pentecost



The day of Pentecost (pronounced "PENN-tih-cost") will be on **May 31**. Pentecost marks the 50th day after Easter, the day when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the power of the Spirit they began preaching the good news of God's love and the church grew.

Red is the color of the Spirit, reminding us of the tongues of fire that rested on each of the disciples. You are invited to wear red on **May 31** in remembrance and celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome New Members!

In March and April we welcomed some new people into the family of faith here at Chapel Lane. We hope you will get to know one another soon! They are:

Isaac and Roseline Achoh, Juliana Asambang, Ben Fortin, Tom and Linda Kennedy, Cynthia Ladd, Betty Robertson, Paul and Melissa Teed, Jenn Tryban and Kelly Wetherell. Welcome!



All of their contact information is in the 2009 Church Directory, along with children's names and birthdays.

Music Sunday



Enjoy the sounds of Music on Sunday, **May 10** at the 10:45 "Music Sunday" service! ... and bring your Mothers as it's also Mother's Day! All music choirs will be participating in this worship service. The prelude music will begin at 10:35 a.m.

Karen Graef
Director of Music

Graduation Sunday

On **May 31** we will recognize our graduates from high school, college, and other areas of study. If you have family members or others you would like to have included in this recognition, please submit their names and other information to the church office by **May 20** (the deadline for the summer newsletter).



Annual Church Picnic!

Join us for our annual church picnic on Sunday, **May 31** following the 9:30 church service. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, providing drinks and table service. Bring your favorite dish to pass and if you have any outdoor games you would like to play bring them also. A fun time will be had by all.



Barb Boyer
Membership & Growth

Calendar Coordinating for 2009-2010

Each spring we have a gathering to compare notes and coordinate calendar activities to avoid too many schedule conflicts and crunches. Anyone is welcome to attend and the hope is that all the boards and groups in the church will be represented in some way. This year's gathering will be on Thursday, **May 28** starting at 6 p.m. with a poolside potluck at Pastor Young's home (2600 Swede Ave.) Everything will conclude by 8 p.m.

Pastor Young Away

David will be away for continuing education **May 18-23**. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call the church office (631-2081) for the list of local pastors who are on call.

Wedding Bells

There will be two weddings at Chapel Lane this month. On **May 16**, Chris Cull and Christina Laczko will be married. On **May 30**, Jamie Wood and Heather Stuart will be married. Congratulations!

Births

Alexis Marie Sprague — February 17, 2009
great-granddaughter of John & Mary Hinson

Samanth Rose Borus — March 30, 2009
great-granddaughter of Barbara Miller

Evelyn Anastasia Lamb — April 10, 2009
daughter of Tiffany & Geoff Lamb
granddaughter of Nancy & Roger Stanley



Christian Education Happenings

Sunday School Scheduling



The R.O.C.K., and the High School Sunday School Class will not meet on Sunday, **May 10** due to the large number of participants who will be needed to prepare for Music Sunday. All Sunday morning education classes meet for the final time this year on **May 17**. **May 24** begins summer scheduling. Most Christian Education programs will suspend for the duration of the summer. The Wednesday Night Bible Study will continue to meet, and the Study of the Week will continue to be available in the kiosk throughout the summer. Thank you so much to the teachers, leaders and participants who make these programs possible!

Vacation Bible School 2009 – Save the dates! July 27 – 31

This year, we will be learning that with Jesus, everyone wins through STUDIO GO GAME SHOW!

Please begin to consider what part you can play in this year's VBS.

Whether you will send your children, volunteer as a leader, donate some supplies, or simply pray for the kids and leaders, you will be an important part of the VBS experience!



SPECIAL NEED FOR VBS: We need an enthusiastic volunteer to lead our decorating committee. Talent with a paintbrush is helpful, but not necessarily required! Please let Chrissy know if you can help with this.

Adult Classes

The Library Forum is led by a rotating group of class members. They use curriculum from The Present Word. They are continuing their spring unit, focusing on being "A New Creation in Christ."



The Parlor Forum will be ending the year by studying "The Great Ends of the Church." "The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world." — [The Book of Order](#) G-1.0200

The Parlor Class will discuss these statements and how we can live by them in our daily lives as a church and as individuals.

The **Wednesday Night Adult Study** group continues to meet on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. All are welcome to join in this active, discussion-oriented group. Topics vary based on the interests of the participants. Contact Johanna Jozwiak for more information.

The **Thursday Bible Study** group that meets at 1 p.m. in the Library is continuing its current study of the book of Acts. The class will not meet on **May 21** and its final class before the summer break will be on **June 11**.

Presbyterian Women's News

Monday Evening Circle

Monday Evening Circle will be held at Erlene Carmody's home, 2007 Wilmington Dr. We will begin at 6:30 p.m., Monday, **May 4**, with a potluck dinner. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Our lesson is #9 in our Bible Study book.

"Thank someone for something. Go out of your way today to acknowledge the generosity of a person you know."

— Alan Epstein

Afternoon Ladies' Circle

The Afternoon Ladies' Circle will have its last meeting for the 2008–2009 season on Wednesday, **May 20**, in the home of Kerry Buell (1910 Springwood Dr.) from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. We will be studying lesson nine in our book based on Luke's gospel. Kerry is both the hostess and the lesson leader. Please RSVP to Kerry at 835-4542 or k2buell@aol.com. Newcomers are always welcome.

"God uses every small act of love for larger purposes."

Deacons Doings

Highlights of Deacons' March Meeting

Highlights of the March 24 meeting:

- Wayne Stover is the Deacon representative on the 2009 church nominating committee.
- The Deacons will host the fellowship time after worship on the first Sunday of each month; refreshments will include finger foods and beverages.
- Deacons and some congregational members were identified for the all-member phone tree to be activated by Pastor David in an emergency.
- Pastor David and Harry White will submit an application to "Mission to the USA" to host a church leader for six weeks this fall.
- Disbursements for ministries since February 23, 2009, included \$3,250 for first quarter 2009 General Mission paid to the Presbytery of Lake Huron; \$84 for Deacons' card sending ministry, and \$1,007.10 from the Pastor's Emergency Fund.
- Gail McGee received \$700 from the Member-in-Mission fund toward her expenses for her Three Angels health ministry trip to Haiti in May.
- Alternative giving program of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance entitled "Restoring Food Reserves with Local Cereals" is recipient of the first quarter 2009 Emergency Relief of \$500.
- Recipients of food at the March Mobile Food Pantry totaled about 200 families, a decrease from the expected total of 300.

The next meeting is April 28, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the church library.

What Kind of Man or Woman Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?

- *A man like Noah* who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him for a new day.
- *A woman like Sarah* who faced a major change in life at an advanced age and needed someone to listen to both her joy and apprehension.
- *A man like David* who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.
- *A woman like Naomi* who had lost her loved ones and needed someone to hear her sorrow and pain.
- *A man like Moses* who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.
- *A woman like Martha* who was burdened by the demands of daily life and needed someone to help her regain sight of what was most important.
- *A man like Jesus* who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, and loneliness and needed an angel of God to minister to him.

A man like you. A woman like you.



Carolyn Cole
Stephen Minister

Let the sun set ... and rise

Two boys watched the sun set off the California coast. The 6-year-old found it so captivating that he said, "Please, God, don't let it go down."

The older boy said to him, "Stevie, it has to go down so it can come up again on the other side of the world. The people there need it, too."

As Ecclesiastes 1:5 (NRSV) says, "The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises."

Mobile Food Pantry

The third of seven Mobile Food Pantry distributions for the year 2009 will be on Thursday, **May 21**, at Trinity Lutheran Church on Jefferson Avenue in Midland. The Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) is a food give-away program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the food distribution usually begins at 11 a.m. Other proposed dates and locations for the year are given in the Deacons' section of the kiosk in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity and your participation in this ministry.

Minute for Mission by Gail McGee

For the third time, the Lord sent me back to Haiti to serve as a missionary nurse for Halo's Medical Clinic. The needs there are so great. It is hard to describe a place where people go days with no food, where there is very little running water, where raw sewage is not contained and runs down the roadways, and where there is very little access to any healthcare. Our team of five nurses and one lab technician left a cold and frigid Michigan and arrived in Haiti on a warm and sunny January day. We stayed at the Methodist Guesthouse, which was clean and had screens on the windows to keep out the malaria carrying mosquitoes. The guesthouse was small and we slept fourteen in one room with bathroom. The toilets did not flush, but we did have a cold running stream of water that we used as a shower.

Halo's Medical Clinic is part of Three Angels Children's Relief. There is also an orphanage with 42 kids and a school with 320 sponsored kids. Each day as we arrived at the clinic, dozens of people would be waiting in line, in hopes of being seen. Haitians have endless patience and will stand in 90 degree weather, with no food or water for hours. Our teams are there, first as Christian missionaries, and second as medical providers. All patients are prayed over before they receive any care. Spiritual healing and the promise that Jesus walks with those who believe in Him, is greater healing than what we medically provide.

Our team treated over 240 patients in 3½ days of clinic. Cassandra, age 3 yrs., came to us in the arms of her loving father. She has recently developed a fast growing cancer of the eye. We rushed her to a nearby hospital for an x-ray. The news was as we expected, not good. This little girl is in desperate need of surgery. Our team has since collected over \$1,600 in hopes of obtaining a medical visa to the US for surgery. Hopefully, it will be in time. Marie, age 53, came to us in hopes of getting pain medication. She is in her final stage of breast cancer. She did not come expecting a cure, just the hope that we would pray for her journey in going home to Jesus. We all stopped what we were doing and with tears of sadness we laid our hands on Marie and prayed that she would soon find peace in a land with no pain or suffering.

On Wednesday, we took a break from the clinic to visit Mother Teresa's orphanage and hospice. Beyond the great cement walls, is a place where over 300 babies and children lay terminally ill. They have a multitude of illnesses, such as, malaria, malnutrition, TB, AIDs, etc. We came here to provide comfort care and to pray over these young children in hopes that we could alleviate some of their

pain. Since there are no medications that can cure these kids, I brought along bottles of baby lotion. We spent hours rubbing their sore aching and dying bodies. Jesus worked through our hands that day. The feel of our loving touch brought peace and comfort.

The rest of the week passed by quickly. On Friday, I woke up with a horrible case of dysentery. By mid-morning, I had a raging fever and had to be taken to the clinic. I was started on IV's and antibiotics. During the day, so many of the Haitians came and held my hand and prayed over me. I was so touched by their compassion and love for Jesus. They were sad that Haiti had made me sick.

Not a day goes by, that I don't think about my friends there. The Lord continues to send me back to this little island of great need. It is there that I join my brothers and sisters in Christ and we walk hand in hand with Jesus. May God bless those suffering in Haiti.....I will be returning on May 1!

Emergency Relief in Africa



At their March 24 meeting, the Deacons voted to send the first quarter emergency relief money of \$500 to an alternative giving program of our denomination's Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The program is entitled "Restoring Food Reserves with Local Cereals." In the semi-arid lands of the Sahel in Africa, every year farmers live through a lean period between the end of the previous season's grain reserves and the harvest of new crops. Merchants buy reserves during the harvest when the price is low and farmers need money for school and other necessities. The merchants then sell the local cereals back to people a couple of months later at very high prices when food is scarce. The community project protects local populations by using community granaries or cereal banks to re-establish local grain reserves. Our gift will help community granaries purchase locally grown cereals during harvest so they can sell it back to their members at harvest prices. At their May meeting, the Deacons will consider another program for funding of \$500 for the second quarter of this year.

"A story, as told by Jesus, is a sunrise that casts a golden light upon the truth which it contains."

— Peter Marshall

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value is there in spending huge sums of money to glorify and protect unnaturally the now useless machine that was provided for my temporary use here on this planet?

And it doesn't matter to me whether or not my body is cremated. Please do whatever happens to cost less at the time and place. Decent burial doesn't mean expensive burial, as some of us seem to think. I know people often make it expensive for fear others might think they did not care about the deceased. But there must be more effective ways of showing love than by spending money on funerals and cemeteries. If anybody bothers you about these things, all you need to do is say: that was the way I wanted it; that was my specific request.

You will doubtless have to make some kind of cemetery arrangements. But of course, I want no costly stone — if possible, no stone at all. If rules or laws require identification, have it marked with a plain wooden cross, or some equally simple and strictly unadorned, unpolished, uncarved marking. If not, leave it unmarked. You see, I am actually not seriously interested in being remembered in this world anyway. If I do any real good while I am here, it will still be good, whether my name is connected with it or not.

I don't want you to revisit my grave. I have no intention of ever being anywhere near it after my funeral, so I don't see why you should be either. Not that I have any grudge against it, but I hope to have more interesting things to do than worry over my ashes or dust, and I expect you to, also. As the angel said to the women at the tomb of Jesus, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

So, I ask for this simple and perhaps austere burial of my earthly machine in the hope that this letter will make things a little easier for you, and may do its bit toward making funerals more Christian.

Affectionately yours,

Youth News

The Youth Group will be meeting on **May 16**. Keep the evening free and watch for updates on what we will be doing!

Health Kits!

The Youth Group will once again be collecting Personal Health Kits for local families in need. Through **May 17**, there will be information and a collecting bin in the office wing corridor, next to Chrissy's office. Please help the Youth with this important mission project!

Summer Camp Registration Register NOW!

All of your forms, camp brochure, counselor information, etc. can be found on the church website at chapellane.org. Watch your mail for more information. Questions? Ask Kamp Karen!

Income and Expense in March

We are quite close to our annual income and expense. Fortunately we experienced an excellent payment against pledge for the month. On the expense side we experienced higher utility bills due to the cold winter. With these results we are maintaining our available funds at \$45,000.

Income				
	March	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	% of Plan
Pledge Income	\$25,791	\$67,393	\$65,171	103%
Loose Offering	\$1,314	\$4,645	\$4,375	106%
Other Offering	\$593	\$2,900	\$1,897	153%
Total Income	\$27,698	\$74,938	\$71,443	105%
Expense				
Total Expense	\$22,144	\$75,257	\$70,099	107%

CHECK IT OUT

The Psalms were originally written as songs, and are now read in the spirit of lyric poetry. They express awe, joy, sorrow, thanksgiving, fear, anger, forgiveness — all of the human emotions and the strength of God’s presence. The following list of books are in our church library. May they enhance your appreciation of the Psalms.



- (220.7) *Psalms: Layman’s Bible Commentary* — volume 9
A classic Bible study resource, this book interprets the meaning of the Scriptures, passage by passage.
- (223.2) *Reflections on the Psalms* by C.S. Lewis
The renown popular author Lewis shares his thoughts on selected verses, as well as an introduction to the Psalms as a book.
- (223.2) *Out of the Depths: the Psalms Speak for Us Today* by Anderson
This is a study book on the Psalms which uses the “form-critical” method, classifying verses into “laments”, “thanksgivings”, “hymns”, “spiritual songs”, and “wisdom meditations.” Each chapter discusses the role of Psalms in personal church worship.
- (223.2) *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by Phillip Keller
From the unique perspective of first-hand experience, Keller presents a lively, interesting devotional commentary on one of the best-loved Bible passages. The author was both a shepherd and a lay church pastor.
- (242) *Psalms of Hope*
This beautiful book has full-color illustrations on each page to accompany selected psalms that will comfort and uplift you.
- (248) *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado
With the 23rd Psalm as a guide, popular contemporary author Lucado, in his typical style, tells how this well-loved scripture can help us release our burdens.
- (223.2) *Psalms for Young Children* by Delval
J Paraphrased in simple language, forty selected psalms are illustrated with rich colors, oversized creatures, and lollipop trees. This book is a delight.

Sue Haske Lane
Librarian

A big “**Happy Birthday**” to those who will be celebrating their birthday in May:

1 Jenee Witherspoon	17 Michael King
4 Shay Raleigh	17 Lois Schmidt
5 Mindy Hibner	17 Marie Chapin
5 Bruce Wilson	18 Norm Ott
5 Katelyn Greiman	18 Tom Rouech
7 Albert Collins	19 Dave Noveroske
9 George Lane	21 Jean Crockett
10 Megan McGee	22 Ernie Caldwell
10 Diane Hobson	23 Alton Adams
10 Margaret Marshall	23 Eugene Down
12 Laura McGee	25 Martha Atwood
12 Andrew Loeblich	26 Tessica Gott
13 Jim May	26 Amy Boulis
14 Marian Ault	27 David Young
15 Michelle McGee	28 June Shobe
16 Florence Goethe	29 Carol Eagle
16 Frank Roenicke	

If you would like your name added to this list, or there are errors in the list, please contact the church office.

A mother’s prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.

Thanks

FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

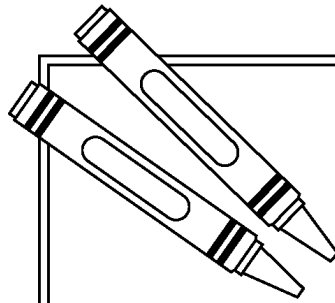
Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.



Just for **KIDS**

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

"_ h _ v _ b _ _ n r _ m _ nd _ d _ f
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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)








Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

Chapel Lane Presbyterian 2009 Church

May

Steward of the Month: Al Adams

Activity Calendar 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Sunday 12:00n Youth Handbells & Choir 3	6:30p Evening Circle @ Erlene Carmody's 4	7:00p Board of Worship 7:00p Membership & Growth 5	5:00p Stewards 7:00p Worship 8:00p Bible Study 6	1:00p Bible Study 4:00p Children's Choir & Chimes 5:45p Adult Handbells 7:00p Chancel Choir 7	8:00p Grove Festival 8	9:00a Suzuki Program 9
Mother's Day Music Sunday 8:30a No Service 12:00n Youth Handbells & Choir 10	 11	7:00p Session 12	12:45p Quilting Bees 7:00p Worship 8:00p Bible Study 13	1:00p Bible Study 4:00p Children's Choir & Chimes 7:00p Chancel Choir 14	8:00p Grove Festival 15	9:00a Grove Festival Cull/Laczko Wedding Youth Group Meeting 16
 17	18	6:30p Christian Education 19	Newsletter Deadline 12:30p Afternoon Circle @ Kerry Buell's 7:00p Worship 8:00p Bible Study 20	7:00p Chancel Choir  21	22	 23
Summer Worship Begins 9:30a Worship 24	Memorial Day 25	5:30p Personnel 7:00p Deacons 26	12:45p Quilting Bees 7:00p Worship 8:00p Bible Study 27	1:00p Bible Study 6:00p Calendar Coordination Potluck/Meeting 28	 29	2:00p Wood/Stuart Wedding 30
Pentecost Sunday Graduation Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:30p Church Picnic 31	 Pentecost					

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30
Early
Worship

9:15
Fellowship
Time

9:30
Christian
Education

10:30
Fellowship
Time

10:45
Worship
Service

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*"You shall each revere
your mother and father...."*

Leviticus 19:3, NRSV



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