

Church Humor

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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Dear Friends,

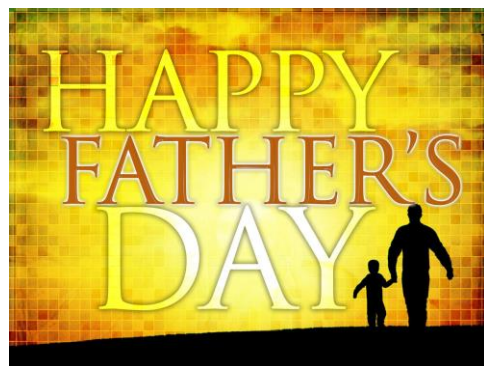
These are trying times we are in right now. The Session has been monitoring the situation and reviewing direction from Presbytery, CDC and government officials. We will have services in the Fellowship Hall on June 7, 2020. The following conditions will apply when attending. Everything is based on CDC suggestions for worship.

- If you are sick, please stay home!
- A mask must be worn by all attendees. I will bring extra's in case you don't have one. Target is also selling them now.
- The outer door in the Fellowship Hall will remain open until services start to minimize handling.
- Offering should be dropped in the basket by the door.
- Bulletins will be available at the door as you enter.
- Someone wearing gloves and a mask will be at the door offering hand sanitizer.
- There will be no hymnals or friendship pads.
- There will be no singing. Different muscles are used and expelled air can actually go further than 6 feet. There will be music played on the piano.
- Tables, chairs, door handles, etc. will be sanitized prior to each service.
- No hugging or passing the peace.
- Families may sit together without adhering to the 6-foot rule.
- Chairs will be measured 6 feet apart. Please do not move them.
- Adult Sunday School and Bible study must meet in the Parlor or the Fellowship Hall and practice the 6-foot social distancing.

Our main concern is for the health and safety of the congregation. I know we are wanting to begin worship services again but we must take things slow.

Peace in Christ,

Lynn Bell, Clerk of Session



June 21st

The History of Father's Day

Mother's Day was the inspiration for Father's Day. It didn't meet the same enthusiasm as mother's because, according to a florist "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have." (Sorry dad's!) July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the first event explicitly for fathers. It was a Sunday sermon to honor the 362 men who had died in the previous year's Fairmont Coal Company explosion. This was just a one-time commemoration and not a national holiday. In 1909, Sonora Dodd Smart, from Spokane, Washington, tried to establish an official holiday equivalent to Mother's Day. She was one of six children raised by a widower. She went to churches, the YMCA and other social groups to drum up support. She was successful! The first Father's Day celebrated in Washington State was on June 19, 1910. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed the button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. Many men disdained the day. One historian describes that the men "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products-often paid for by the father himself." In the 1920's and 1930's a movement started to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether and make it one day for both – Parent's Day; both parents should be loved and respected together. The Great Depression derailed the effort and retailers attempted to sell Father's Day as a "second Christmas" for men, promoting ties, shirts, belts, etc. In 1972 – 58 years after President Wilson made Mother's Day official, President Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day an official holiday.

Did you know? There are more than 70 million fathers in the United States!!

If your family celebrated Father's Day, what was the tradition? Submit your response for the July newsletter. Lynn Bell's response – Like Mother's Day, we would make cards for dad, typically drawing a tie or some other manly item. Mom would typically get a roast and it would be cooking while we were at church. The aroma smelled so good when we got home. We would all eat, give dad our cards, and he would relax.



June 14 th Flag Day!

June Birthdays

10.....Lanae Buie	23....Lynn Bell
11.....Dane Buchanan	24....Dolly Tucker
11.....Sherry Fisk	26....Polly Norton
17.... Debra Buie	

Too often people complain that "no one called and asked me to help".
Do you ever call and offer help?
Think about it.....



Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Don't forget to bring a Brown Bag Lunch!

Try to social distance and wear masks to protect others until further notice from city and state officials about the Covid19 pandemic containment.

Prayer List

**Diane Schuler, Cooper & Cheryl Dunn,
Britna (Ed Carroll's caregiver) Polly Norton,
Marni Peters**



Tracy Morton shared this recipe!

Blackberry and Peach Cobbler

Ingredients

4 cups pitted and sliced peaches about 2 pounds

2 cups blackberries

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter

3/4 cup heavy cream

Vanilla ice cream optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-inch square baking pan or casserole dish; set aside.

In a bowl, toss together the peaches, blackberries, granulated sugar, and cornstarch; set aside.

In a second bowl, whisk together the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, and salt. Cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Stir in the cream until just combined. Spread the fruit mixture in the bottom of the prepared pan.

Drop the biscuit batter by spoonfuls on top of the fruit. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until golden brown on top and bubbling. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.

If desired, serve with ice cream.

Also, for those of you who can't find yeast, try this mixture.

1 Tbs Baking Soda + 1 tsp Lemon juice = 1 Tbs Yeast

Thank you, Tracy!

Hurricane Season begins June 1st Be prepared!

When time to send your tithes, remember that even the smallest offering is appreciated as much as the largest. Remember the Widow's mite:

"He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'^[3]

... for God loves a cheerful giver."



Lanae Bowie recently qualified as a Finalist in Sugar Land SuperStar. Contest can be viewed virtual on Facebook & YouTube. Watch so you can vote for her to win! Date & time to be determined. We will keep you posted.

Written by friend of Nancy Vitek. Thanks Nancy, for sharing it!

Be Kind

As we start to open up...You do You, I'll do me. That's what America's about. We each have the liberty to choose. Respect that.

None of us have the same circumstances (medically high risk child/family member or a business about to go under, etc.). Let's all stay in our own lanes and keep the judgment down as we begin to reopen. No one should feel pressured either way. Liberty.

Just a thought...As governors are trying to figure out how to ease back into normal, please remember:

🔴 Some people don't agree with the state opening...that's okay. Be Kind.

🌳 Some people are still planning to stay home...that's okay. Be Kind.

💧 Some are still scared of getting the virus and a second wave happening...that's okay. Be Kind.

👤 Some are sighing with relief to go back to work knowing they may not lose their business or their homes...that's okay. Be Kind.

👩 Some are thankful they can finally have a surgery they have put off...that's okay. Be Kind.

📄 Some will be able to attend interviews after weeks without a job...that's okay. Be Kind.

😬 Some will wear masks for weeks...that's okay. Be Kind.

💅 Some people will rush out to get their hair or nails done...that's okay. Be Kind.

❤️ The point is, everyone has different viewpoints/feelings and that's okay. Be Kind.

We each have a different story. If you need to stay home, stay home...But Be Kind. If you need to go out, just respect others when in public and Be Kind!

Don't judge fellow humans because you're not walking in their shoes. We all are in different mental states than we were months ago. So remember, Be Kind.

We didn't forget Mom last month!

We decided to place these together to compare their histories.

The History of Mother's Day

The origins go back to the days of the Greeks and Romans. The roots can also be traced back to the UK where a "Mothering Sunday" was held. The celebration as we see it today, is a result of hard work of some pioneering women – Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis.

The earliest dates back to the ancient Greeks where they dedicated the spring festival to the maternal Goddesses. Ancient Romans celebrated 250 years before Christ, partying for three days to worship Cybele. The celebrations were notorious enough the worshipers were banned from Rome. It is interesting to note that one of the pioneers, Anna Jarvis, never married and never had children. She was often referred to as the "Mother of Mother's Day". She got the inspiration from her own mother, who was an activist and social worker. After her mother died in 1905, she vowed to fulfill her mother's desire of having a special day for mothers. She and her supporters wrote letters to people in power, lobbying for an official declaration for Mother's Day. She finally succeeded. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution naming the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Question for response to put in July newsletter –
If your family celebrated Mother's Day, what was the tradition?
Stay tuned to July and you will see my response, hopefully with some others!

