

May Link

Did you ever wonder when and how we began to celebrate Mother's Day? And did you know the original was by a mother and daughter, who were both Methodist Women?

In May 1908, Anna Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. She was continuing the work of her mother, Ann Jarvis, but the origin was different than you may think.

Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women's clubs in the 1860s to serve suffering mothers and children. She lived in a coal mining part of what is now West Virginia and was concerned by the effects of poverty on the women and their children of the area. She formed mothers' clubs to talk about infant hydration, sanitation and nutrition for children. Her desire was for better living conditions for mothers and their children.

When the civil war began, her emphasis changed, and she formed a field hospital to care for the sick and wounded, asking the women of the area to volunteer as nurses. Witnessing the ravages of war, she was soon convinced that it was the mothers who would be the best people to work for peace. It was the mothers who could clearly see how war was damaging their husbands and their sons. It was the mothers' voices that would be the most powerful plea for peace.

In 1868 Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day", the purpose of which was "to reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War." Ann Jarvis, who had previously organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing a typhoid outbreak, wanted to expand these into an annual memorial for mothers.

Ann Jarvis died in 1905 before the annual celebration was established. Her daughter, Anna would continue her mother's efforts.

Anna Jarvis envisioned Mother's Day as a time to write a personal letter to your mother, a time to send her an inexpensive carnation (a flower in which the petals hold tight like a mother's love) and a time to visit or attend church together.

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first national Mother's Day.

As Anna Jarvis knew, it is every mother's prayer that her children live in a peaceful, safe world.

Honor your mother and the women in your life who have given you unconditional love and pray for the peace which is every mother wish.

Happy Mother's Day

Pastor Barbara



News from the Connecticut District

2022 CT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

VIA ZOOM

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday May 1, 2022

3:30 PM

Key Note Speaker

Bishop Thomas Bickerton

Worship Leader

Woodbury UMC Choir Director

Mr. Chris Shay

Mini Concert Following the Conference!!!

Featuring

Winner of The Voice 2012

Jeremiah Paul

&

West Haven First & Wesley UMC's Choir Director

Christine Chan

Musical Extravaganza!

Public Concerts To Benefit the Ukraine

*Please join us as we share our hopes for
Peace and Unity through music! All are welcome.*

LAKEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH AT 3:00^{PM}



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TORRINGTON
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST AT 6:00^{PM}

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100% OF PROCEEDS GOING TO THE CAUSE. MAIL IN DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED.

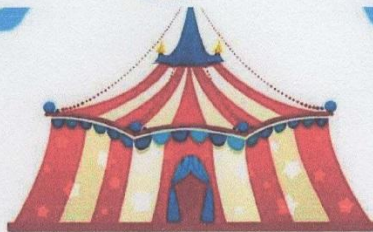
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CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES. MASKING IS OPTIONAL BY CHOICE AND COMFORT.



COME ONE, COME ALL!



KIDS FOR CHRIST FUN DAY!

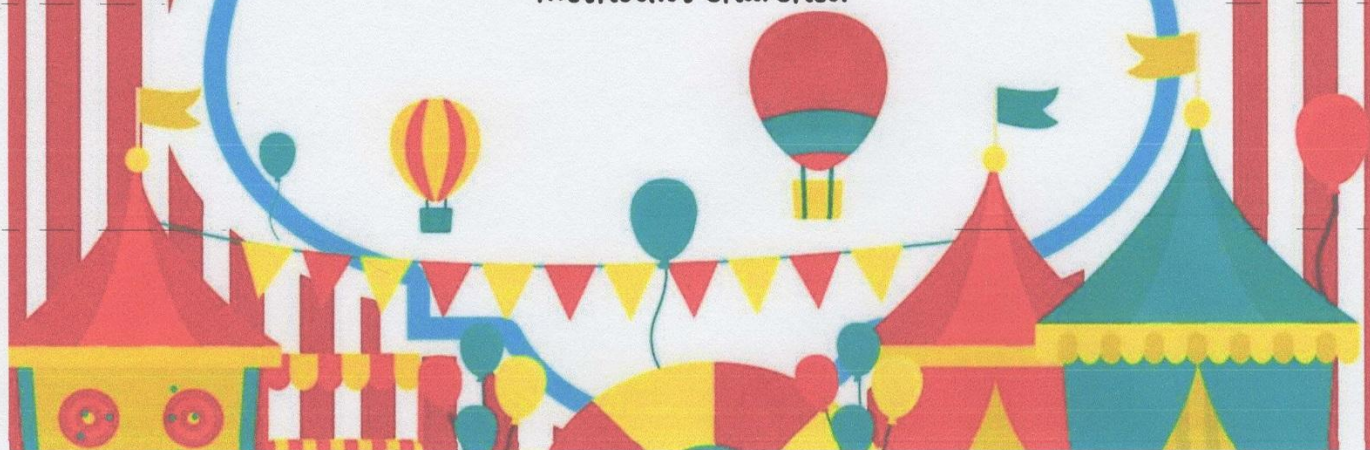
Saturday June 11th 10-3pm

Bakerville United Methodist Church
1087 Litchfield Tnpk, New Hartford

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Hosted by the Northwest cluster of United
Methodist churches.



Gospels for May

May 1: John 21:1-19
May 8: John 10:22-30
May 15: John 13:31-35
May 22: John 14:23-29
May 29: John 17:20-26

May Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Barbara at barb_drew@hotmail.com**

	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
May1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29			Steve & Barb Bailey Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green Bonnie & Darlene Slater Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey
	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
May1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29		Jonah Hurley Bonnie Slater Steve Bailey John Baum Cathy Baum	
	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	
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****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

May

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
1 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	2	3 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	4	5 6:45PM AA	6	7 8:00AM UMM
8 10:00AM Worship Service 	9 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	10 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	11	12 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	13	14
15 10:00AM Worship Service	16	17 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	18	19 6:45PM AA	20	21
22 10:00AM Worship Service	23 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	24 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	25	26 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	27	28
29 10:00AM Worship Service	30 	31 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA				



Church Humor:



THIS IS FABULOUS!!!

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA . He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well? [.... and he had such an assignment, in California , and someone published it -- I guess miracles do happen! ..]

THE EXPLANATION OF GOD:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him, but he was good and kind, like His father, and He told His father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

"His dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. Now He helps His dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

"Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God.

May Announcements

Children's Message

If you would like to volunteer to give a Children message during worship, or if you would like to volunteer to be a liturgist (Reader) let Pastor Barbara know.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

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