



# The Bell

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Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

## CELEBRATE MOTHERS ON MAY 8

Mother's Day may not be a federal holiday but it has become one of our most cherished traditions. Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on generally recognizing mothers and mother figures.

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be held in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized.

In 1908, she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day falls on different days in countries throughout the world.

Early Mother's Day celebrations can be dated back to the spring celebrations to honor Rhea, the Mother of the Gods, in ancient Greek civilization, according to some sources. Later, **Mothering Sunday in the United Kingdom** was traditionally a day for people to visit the church where they were baptized, although it now also celebrates motherhood in modern times.

There are various ways to show an appreciation for mothers and mother figures on Mother's Day. They include white carnations, which Anna Jarvis asked to be the official symbol for the day, as well as the International Mother's Day Shrine. It has become a tradition at FPC to give carnations to all ladies attending morning worship in honor of mothers.

## **A note from the Mission Team about the Pentecost Offering...**

What is hope? Hope is having faith in the future-the confidence to move forward with your plans even though the present might indicate otherwise. The focus of the Pentecost Offering is on developing the faith of youth, the hope and future of the church.

This year we will be collecting the Pentecost Offering from now until Pentecost Sunday on June 5. What will your contribution provide?

- We will keep 40% of your contributions locally. In the past we have given to the Family Support Center here in Chippewa Falls. We will do that again this year.
- The PC(USA) through its synods and presbyteries will use 25% of your contribution for the Young Adult Volunteer program.
- Another 25% will be used to support ministries with youth, ages 12-18, and their advisors.
- The final 10% will be used to support “the *Educate a Child, Transform the World* national initiative to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of children” through educational opportunities.

Throughout the Sundays of May, you will hear a member of the Mission Team share information on each of the above programs. Be sure to write “Pentecost Offering” on the memo line of your check or enclose cash contributions in an envelope with your name and “Pentecost Offering” written on it.

“I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, ...to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). Let us support ministries for children, youth and young adults by providing them with the opportunities for a bright and faithful future.

## **EASTER LILIES DECORATED THE SANCTUARY**

Our Easter Lilies this year were donated by:

Esther Frazier in memory of her two sisters, Evelyn Dunbar and Lois Oda

Anne Welke in memory of Wilder, Wilder Jr. Alice and Frances and in appreciation for all the Food Pantry volunteers

Barb Meredith in memory of her parents-Myra and Willis Brooks, and Bob Meredith and in appreciation for a good life

Beth Cripe in memory of Gordy to whom she would have been married for 65 years and in memory of her grandson, Nathan Peterson, who passed away in 1988 at age 5.

George and Sara Abendroth in memory of Forrest, Lorna and Forrest Jr. Froberg

## **UPDATE ON HOPE VILLAGE PROJECT**

It's been a while since we've had an update on Hope Village. But things are progressing nonetheless. There's a lot going on behind the scenes right now to prepare the land that was purchased for Hope Village as well as remodeling the building that's already on the land.

The building that formerly housed a dental facility is being turned into a community building. There will be a kitchen, showers, laundry, and storage for the items going into the tiny houses which is currently being stored in the church basement here at FPC. In addition there will be a small conference room where it is hoped various classes and meetings can be held as well.

This summer will bring a flurry of activity to the future Hope Village site. Sewer lines will be run for the possibility of use in the future for the tiny houses and for the affordable housing complexes that will be built. These are not something that will be built right away but will happen eventually. Cement pads will be poured where the houses can be more permanently placed.

Hope Village is hoping to have the 10 tiny houses moved onto the land by late fall when Hope Village will finally begin to look like the community it was always intended to be.

The Chippewa Falls churches have been wonderful hosts but having the houses, people, and supplies all together in one location is the ultimate goal. The hope is to create a real sense of community among guests.

Keep an eye out for the capital funding campaign that will be starting in either September or October.

## **ENJOY GOLF FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Teeing off For a Cure Golf Outing Fundraiser sponsored by ChemCeed will be held on June 3 starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Lake Wissota Golf Course in Chippewa Falls.

Registration will include nine holes of golf, half a golf cart, dinner, and one drink ticket. As part of the event there will also be hole games, a raffle drawing, and a silent auction. The event will use the scramble format beginning with registration at 3:00 followed by golf at 4:00.

Advance registration, which will close at the end of April, is \$65 per person, \$115 per twosome. After May 1 through the day of the event, the cost is \$75 per person or \$125 per twosome. However, mention that you are calling from First Presbyterian Church to get the early-bird rate authorized by Ali Hamblin, ChemCeed office manager .

All proceeds from the entire event will be donated to the ChemCeed Foundation and the American Cancer Society, going to benefiting cancer research, supporting cancer survivors and those battling cancer.

If you would like to come and enjoy an afternoon of golf, please register at 715-726-2300 or on-line at [www.chemceed.com/golf](http://www.chemceed.com/golf)

## EPISCOPALS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL HELP TO REMOVE LEAD PAINT

By Tiffnay Wogahn

In 1898, Christ Episcopal Church decided they needed a home for the priest to live in. The women of the church compiled and sold cookbooks to raise the funds needed to build the rectory.

The home currently is used as a mission for the church. It provides a low-cost housing opportunity for families who couldn't otherwise afford to live in a three bedroom home.

The family there now moved in almost exactly a year ago on Easter Sunday. After a little over a half a year in the home, the youngest child went in for her one year check-up. Upon regular blood testing, there were high levels of lead found that were just enough to have DHS called by the health provider.

Lead testing has been done and areas of concern have been identified. The areas with lead must be handled by a lead certified specialist. This is a very expensive thing that absolutely must be done.

To help raise funds, the women of the church are holding a thrift sale during the citywide thrift sale on May 6 and 7. We are in search of donations to our sale to help us bring in some funds to fix this serious problem.

We are wondering if any of our Presbyterian friends might have items they no longer need or want that could be donated and resold to help raise money for this project. We would take nearly anything although the items have to be manageable and movable by a small handful of women.

Please contact Tiffany to arrange to meet at the Episcopal Church to drop items off.

Thank you so much for your help!



## FELLOWSHIP HALL WALL HANGING

Often when we sit in Fellowship Hall, we focus on the large stained glass windows on the north side of the room. Unfortunately many of us fail to notice the equally beautiful and significant wall hanging on the south wall.

This large fabric wall hanging is titled "Renewal" and was created by artist Linda Franzel-Annett, wife of Elder Larry Annett.

The fabric mural is an abstract landscape with the greens at the bottom representing the earth while the blues in the middle represent a river flowing, ever constant, cleansing, and renewing.

The upper colors of red and beige suggest a sunrise with the dawning light a symbol of new beginnings and hope. The cross reminds us that it is all of and through Christ.

The artwork was created with the help of volunteers as a memorial to Delores Boyer.

