

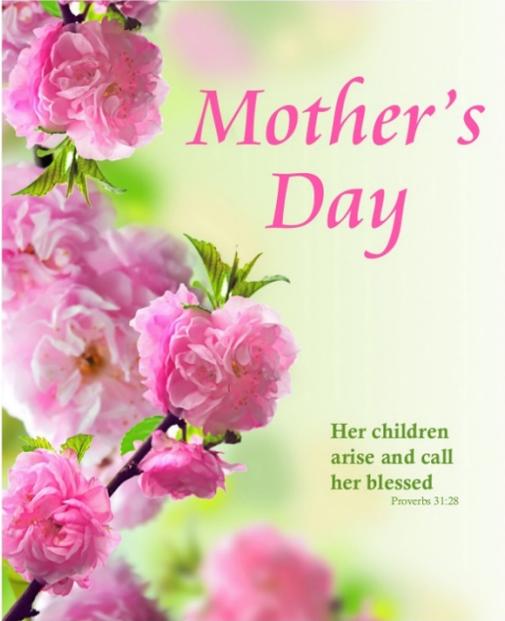


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The Good News Letter

A Mother's Day Word Search

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.
Proverbs 4:1



Complete the word search activity.

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FAMILY	EXAMPLE	GIVING	MOTHER	SPECIAL
HUGS	PARENT	KISSES	PATIENT	LOVING
FRIEND	WISE	WISE	CARING	HELPFUL

The Good News

May 2021



A chaplain, Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, who served in the Marines in Province, Iraq during the war, was known to the troops as "Chaps." He was a tall, friendly man, a father of five, and he was always ready with a smile or joke. The most difficult part of his ministry happened at the small combat hospital that treated everyone—Marines, Iraqi military, Iraqi insurgents and civilians.

Chaps and the surgical staff saw some horrible things. The worst was seeing what the war did to children. Too often, a child would be brought in, so badly wounded that nothing could be done. That's when Chaps went to work. When there was nothing doctors could do beyond providing morphine, Chaps would hold those children in his arms and rock them gently as they died.

At first, he did this standing, or on his knees, outside the hospital. The very first child he did this with was six or seven and was dying of a traumatic head wound. There was no family around. Chaps rocked the nameless little boy until he died, and then kissed his forehead. Then there was a three year-old girl whose body was all but destroyed by an IED blast. Chaps whispered calm words in her ear as he rocked her, and as a female corpsman, who had a daughter the same age, held her hand.

After this girl's death, Chaps asked the Seabees to make him rocking chairs so he could rock the dying children as long as they held onto life. Over the course of his time in Iraq, Rev. McLaughlin rocked 11 children in those chairs. Before leaving Iraq, Chaps took those rocking chairs to a unit bonfire and threw them in. He watched as the embers rose to heaven, and he said, "to the children that once occupied them in my arms."

As we remember the resurrection during this season of Easter that stretches to Pentecost on Sunday, May 23rd, we give thanks for the sacrifice Jesus made for us. He calls on us to sacrifice for others as he did, especially by comforting those who suffer. During these (hopefully) final days of COVID, we have given and will give comfort to many; and we've all been there when someone has reassured us, and we know how meaningful that experience is. When we provide a comforting presence, we are following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your friend,

Paul

Pastor Paul

P.S. With the golf season upon us, here is a funny story:

A golfer was in a competitive match with a friend, who was ahead by a couple of strokes. The golfer said to himself, "I'd give anything to sink this next putt." A stranger walked up to him and whispered, "Would you give up a fourth of your sex life?" The golfer thought the man was crazy and that his answer was meaningless, but also that perhaps this was a good omen, so he said, "Okay," and sank the putt. Two holes later he mumbled to himself, "Boy, if I could only get an eagle on this hole." The same stranger moved to his side and said, "Would it be worth another fourth of your sex life?" The golfer shrugged and said, "Sure." He made the eagle. On the final hole, the golfer needed yet another eagle to win. Though he said nothing, the stranger moved to his side and said, "Would you be willing to give up the rest of your sex life to win this match?" The golfer said, "Certainly!" He made the eagle. As the golfer walked to the club house, the stranger walked alongside and said, "You know, I've really not been fair with you because you don't know who I am. My name is Lucifer, and from now on you will have no sex life." "Nice to meet you," said the golfer. "My name is Father O'Malley."



Our Sunday Worship Schedule and Live Stream- ing Worship Services

10:30 a.m. ~

Worship Service (Masks are required and seating is spaced to meet CDC recommendations of 6' social distancing.)

May 2 ~ Worship with Holy Communion

May 9 ~ Worship/Mother's Day

May 16 ~ Worship

May 23 ~ Worship/ Pentecost Sunday

May 30 ~ Worship

May 31 ~ Memorial Day
Church office Closed

You may also join us on Facebook Live Sunday mornings by going to <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianSturgis>. The service will also be viewed on our website, www.fpcsturgissd.com, a short time after 11:30 a.m.

If you would like to receive a written copy of the sermon, please let the church know at 605-347-2395 and you will be added to the mailing list.

Church Directory

We are working on update church directory. If you would like any information changed or added please let the church office know, email—presbych@rushmore.com or 605-347-2395.

If you would like to update your photo or add a new photo please send it by email or you can mail it in.

From your Missions Committee:

Welcome, spring! The veterans who live in the Transition Residence would welcome your donation of arts and crafts kits, or gardening tools and supplies. Drop your contribution at the church office. Thank you!



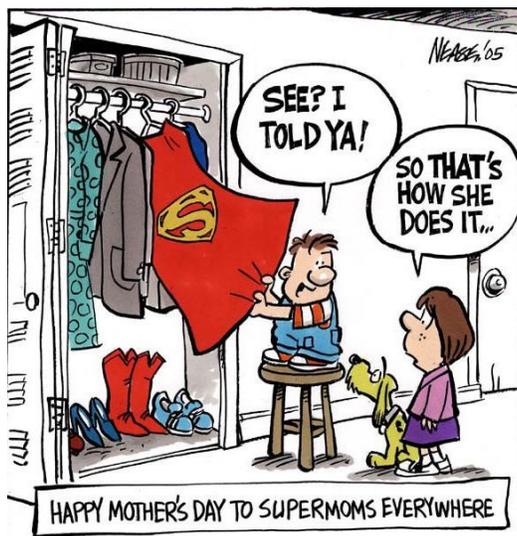
From the Worship Committee



We are moving closer to being completely open at our church during worship and beyond. After a long discussion over several meetings, the Session voted to remove seating restrictions at worship, although masks will be worn. People may shake hands or hug if they feel comfortable doing so. Please respect people's desire to keep physical distancing. We will have bulletins and sing and do responsive readings—again with masks on. Once COVID numbers drop to very low numbers over a period of three weeks, even the restriction to wear masks will be lifted. Variant strains of the virus are beginning to come into our area, but we hope that numbers will continue to be low. We are not only looking at Meade County's numbers but also those in Pennington and Lawrence counties since most of us visit those frequently or live in them. Having coffee and eating together will wait until we stop wearing masks. The outdoor worship service at the park is being planned for Sunday, June 27th, and we are looking at having boxed lunches. Also, the Deacons are exploring the possibility of having their May Basket Extravaganza that Sunday at the park.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women (PW) continues to meet monthly in the Lee James Parlor. Mask and social distancing guidelines are followed during the meeting. The Study Guide for 2021 is "Women of the Old Testament". Brenda Schaffer will lead us through the lesson with creative and thoughtful discussion. The books are available in the church office; a donation of \$8 per book is welcome. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 6 at 1:30 PM in the Lee James Parlor. The Study will be lesson 4 "Rahab, An Unlikely Ally" Joshua 2; 6:15-25. This will be the last meeting until we rejoin in the fall. Hope to see you there!



ENDING HUNGER 1 STEP AT A TIME.



CROP HUNGER WALK

The Hills & Plains Crop Hunger Walk will be held on **June 13, 2021** starting at **1:00 p.m.** at the **First Presbyterian Church.**

What is the Crop Hunger Walk? It is a community let fundraising to end hunger. It is a source of income for more than 1,500 local food banks and soup kitchen in the U.S. CROP

Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build support while raising funds to end hunger in your own community and also around the world. Everyone is welcome to join.

Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people can walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people world wild lack access to clean water and healthy diet. We walk to be in solidarity, bring awareness to these issues and raise the funds for permanent change.

Please contact Sam Nam-minga, Moderator of the Mission Committee, or any member of the Mission Committee, Pastor Paul, or the church office for more information or how to join the walk on June 13th.





We want to give a very special thank you to Kathy Biesheuvel and Marion Horst for filling in the office when Carla was out April 15th through April 19th.

A Special
THANK YOU

Thank You

First Presbyterian Youth Group,

C.I.S.S. would like to thank you for the incredible donation given to the women and children in the shelter. These essential items will be of great use. We appreciate the continued support of our mission-to end domestic violence, and the provide a safe haven to those fleeing. Thank you

- C.I.S.S. Staff

04/11/2021

A huge shout-out to Our Underground Squad—Youth Group!

Today, they did a fantastic job with this mornings sermon about 'Hunger'. Even though the weather was VERY miserable no one complained at the park. As a Thank You for their service we treated the youth to a McDonald's lunch that was pre-approved, here is the bill and I have enclosed \$20 to go towards the balance.

These you adults are out future. We so appreciate all their time and talent.

A thank you to Hillary serving Carmel rolls this am and Stacey for dedicating their day to guide our youth.

Thanks,
Barb Termes



Chapel Bells playing during worship service on March 21st.



5/1 ~ Rosy Thompson
5/2 ~ Tom Eddings
5/2 ~ Connie Matz
5/2 ~ Don Nettleton
5/4 ~ Kathleen Morrell
5/4 ~ James Burke
5/6 ~ Thayne Dunn
5/6 ~ Blake Burke
5/8 ~ Maurice Dragoo
5/11 ~ Breezy Millar
5/12 ~ Karen Kuiken
5/14 ~ John Coyle
5/14 ~ Rev. Paul Henschen

5/14 ~ Elaine Rowett
5/14 ~ Dawn Solmonson
5/14 ~ Mimi Shewey
5/16 ~ Amanda Mahaffy
5/19 ~ Roberta Freeman
5/22 ~ Dusty Anderson
5/24 ~ Linn Bauer
5/26 ~ Ryle Millar
5/27 ~ Emmilyn Pickett
5/27 ~ Jerry Sleeper
5/28 ~ Lowell Lippert
5/30 ~ Marion Horst
5/30 ~ Aubree Pickett

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5/5 ~ Roy & Rhonda Sigman
5/16 ~ Maurice & Sandra Dragoo
5/20 ~ Steven & Hondi Dunn
5/20 ~ Emitt & Sheryl Pittman
5/28 ~ Dusty & Tiffany Anderson
5/28 ~ Linn & Beth Bauer
5/28 ~ Darrel & Tami Hatzenbuhler
5/29 ~ Lyle & Julee Steinman
5/29 ~ Gary & Connie Udell

May Daily Reading on God's Love for Us

Our April daily devotion centered on our great and glorious omnipotent God, creator of all. We focused on his love, mercy, strength, power, and righteousness. In May, we praise God's great personal love for each of us and our worth to him. Please join me. Trish

Day 1	Romans 8: 35-39	Day 17	Psalm 139: 1-6
Day 2	Isaiah 54: 10	Day 18	Psalm 23
Day 3	1 John 3: 1	Day 19	Ephesians 2:10
Day 4	Jeremiah 31: 3	Day 20	1 Samuel 12: 22
Day 5	Psalm 139: 13-14	Day 21	1 Peter 2: 9
Day 6	Psalm 44: 20-21	Day 22	2 Corinthians 5: 17
Day 7	Matthew 10: 29-31	Day 23	Psalm 107: 8-9
Day 8	Deuteronomy 10: 14-15	Day 24	Hosea 2: 19-20
Day 9	Psalm 89: 2	Day 25	Isaiah 43: 1
Day 10	Galatians 1: 15	Day 26	Luke 1: 78-79
Day 11	Genesis 1: 26-27	Day 27	Ezekiel 36: 26
Day 12	John 10: 14	Day 28	Jeremiah 29: 11
Day 13	Psalm 36: 5-7	Day 29	Isaiah 49: 15-16
Day 14	Acts 17: 24-25	Day 30	2 Peter 1: 3
Day 15	Job 33: 4	Day 31	Psalm 109: 26-27
Day 16	Lamentations 3:22-23		



Church office hours are Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pastor Paul will be in the office Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please feel free to give the church office a call with any questions or concerns at 605-347-2395. If you need to reach us after hours you can call either Pastor Paul at 701-535-0610 or Carla at 605-423-6034.

International Peacemakers to return in 2021

[Peace & Justice](#) April 27, 2021



June 1 is the application deadline for becoming a host

by Darla Carter | *Presbyterian News Service*

LOUISVILLE — Continuing a nearly 40-year tradition, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is once again hosting individuals from around the globe who will serve as International Peacemakers.

Each year, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program welcomes an international cadre of leaders from partner organizations and denominations. They visit churches in the United States to provide a global perspective about issues impacting the world.

June 1 is the application deadline to host one of this year's International Peacemakers, who will share stories about their work and witness through a Matthew 25 lens. (After June 1, additional applications are considered based upon peacemaker availability. [Go here](#) for more information.).

“The peacemakers help us understand peace and justice concerns around the world and provide insights that can inspire us to greater faithfulness,” according to promotional materials. “Their visits broaden our sense of God’s inclusive family and help equip us to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God’s children.”

Individuals who are able to visit the United States in person will be able to do so from Sept. 24 to Oct. 18, and virtual visits will be arranged for those who need alternatives, said the Rev. Rachel Anderson, Mission Specialist for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

The Peacemaking Program also plans to bring back its Virtual Symposium, which consists of a series of pre-recorded interviews with past peacemakers. The symposium was held for the first time in 2020, and it was well-received by the public, Anderson said.

This year, International Peacemakers will be focusing on PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 invitation as it relates to six categories, said the Rev. Carl Horton, Peacemaking’s Coordinator for Mission. The categories are hunger ministries; clean water and environmental justice; immigration, migration and refugee issues; poverty alleviation; health and wellness; and racism, systems of oppression and violence.

Since 1984, more than 300 International Peacemakers from about 60 countries have been hosted by Presbyterians.



May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Confirmation Zoom 10:30AM Worship Parish 4	3 5:00PM Worship Committee 6:00PM Missions	4 5:15PM Deacons	5 4:45PM Chapel Bells 5:15PM Youth Group	6 12:00PM Alliance of Churches @ 1:30PM PW Circle	7	8
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30 Trinity Sunday 9:30AM Worship Parish 3 Summer Worship Schedule begins	Memorial 31 Day Church Office Closed					