

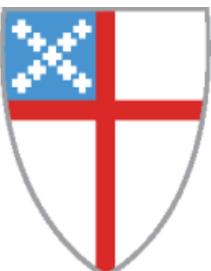
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“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;” 1 John 2:1



The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER



April activities kept everyone moving- Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. They are very special for all Christians, here and around the world. Easter was especially joyful with our families, the children that were present, the piñata and all of the goodies. Our tradition of flowering the cross still brings us joy as we watch and celebrate the children and the flowering of their lives.

In May we celebrate Mother's Day. Naturally we should give thanks for our Mothers every day, but this is a day that we can publicly thank them for their love and nurturing and pray for those living and those who are in the hands of God.

As you see on the calendar, we also celebrate the National Day of Prayer, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. Each one of these days offers an opportunity to thank God for His love and grace and for the freedom that we have fought for and still strive to protect.

Our Bible Study continues as we meet following worship each Sunday and discuss each chapter of The Story. We will discuss chapter five on April 28th and go from there through May and beyond.

May is also the time for school graduations and though we may not have any from the church family graduating, keep those who we know and those who we may not know in our prayers, hoping that they will lead our country toward a clearer understanding of God's will for us.

Especially during this Easter season remember that "By his [Jesus'] death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life". (Preface for Easter, BCP)

Tom

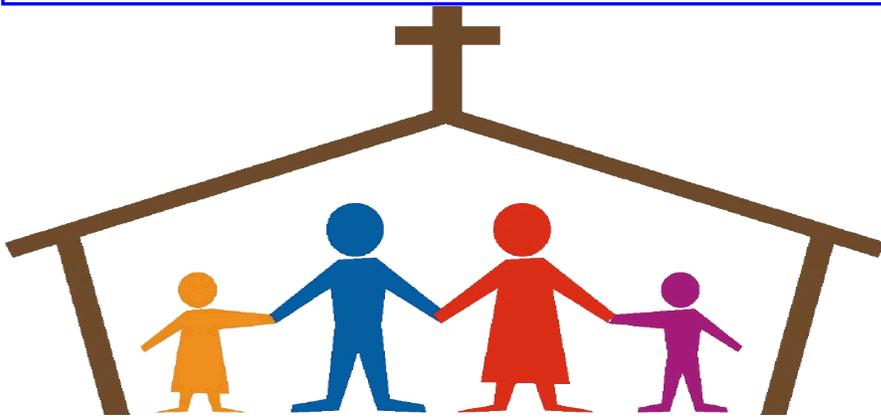
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The local Habitat For Humanity (HFH), has now completed their 16th home; which is for the Farias family. It is a 4 bed room home which is scheduled to be turned over to the family around Mother's day. They have been a great partner family helping to clean the lot and work on various stages of the building in addition to providing an occasional meal for the Car-a-vaners. I would like to give a special thanks to my church family for their support both financial and prayers over all the years that we have been building. It would have been impossible without that assistance. God Bless you all.

Clif Hammock



People born in the 50's have lived in 7 decades, 2 centuries & 2 millenniums. We had the best music, fastest cars, Drive-in theaters, soda fountains & happy days. And we are not even that old yet, we're just that cool.

1. I will be with you

Isaiah 43:2

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you..."

Alice Food Pantry
Help Needed

The Alice food pantry is in need of Volunteers to work when available. Some lifting may be involved as well as sorting and shelving items.

**Monday through Friday
from 1-3pm.**

If you are interested and have a few hours a week to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Whitley at 361-562-3280



Our 14-year-old dog Abbey died last month. The day after she passed away my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could so, and she dictated these words:

Dear God,

Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick.

I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play with balls. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.

Love, Meredith

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognized her right away.

Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I am sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I'm easy to find. I am wherever there is love.

Love, God

"Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind."

Author Unknown

A white plastic spray bottle with a green nozzle and handle. The bottle is labeled "WEED-BE-GONE" in large green letters. Below the label, the ingredients are listed: "1 Gallon Vinegar", "2 Cups Epsom Salt", and "1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soap (The Blue Original)". The instructions are: "It will kill anything you spray it on. Just mix and spray in the morning, after the dew has evaporated. Walk away. Go back after dinner and the weeds are all gone!". At the bottom, it says "Cheaper than anything you can buy anywhere! Never buy Round-up again!". The bottle is labeled "Weed Spray" in black marker. A red "Natural News" logo is in the bottom right corner.

Worship Schedule

MAY 2019

May 5

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Cookie MacCord
Lectors: Phil MacCord & Clif Hammock
Oblationers: Roge & Liz Hoffman
Usher: Clif Hammock

May 12

Celebrants: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley
Lectors: Liz Hoffman & Juliette Wood
Oblationers: Bruce & Gail Hoffman
Usher: Phil MacCord

May 19

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hofman
Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Juliette Wood
Oblationers: Steve & Eddie Findley
Usher: Phil MacCord

May 26 Morning Prayer

Lay Minister: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman
Usher: Steve Findley

2. I will protect you.

Psalm 121:7

"The LORD will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life."

God's Helpers

By George W. Wiseman

God could not be in every place With loving hands
to help erase The tear drops from each baby's face,
And so he thought of mother. He could not send us
here alone And leave us to a fate unknown; Without
providing for His own, The outreached arms of
mother. God could not watch us night and day And
kneel beside our crib to pray, Or kiss our little aches
away; And so he sent us mother. And when our
childhood days began, He simply could not take
command. That's why he placed our tiny hand Se-
curely into mother's. The days of youth slipped
quickly by, Life's Sun rose higher in the sky. Full
grown were we, yet never nigh To love us still, was
mother. And when life's span of years shall end, I
know that God will gladly send, To welcome home
her child again, That ever-faithful mother.

What makes good mothers? It is a pertinent question whose answer cannot be contained within a few words. Mothers are comprised of a bundle of emotions that sometimes defy reason. So this goes out to all the mothers who have kept awake all night with their sick toddlers in their arms, constantly uttering those compassionate words, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here."

For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who don't.

For those who show up at work with milk stains on their dress and diapers in their handbags.

For those mothers who cannot restrain tears from trickling down their cheeks when they hold their babies for the first time in their arms; and for the mothers who give birth to babies they'll never see.

For the mothers who gave homes to babies and gifted them a family.

For the mothers who yell at their kids who clamor for ice cream before dinner.

For the mothers who defy all odds just to watch her kid perform and repeat to themselves "That's my child!!"

For all the mothers who read "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year, and then read it again. "Just one more time."

For the mothers who taught their children to tie the shoelaces even before they started going to school.

For the mothers who consistently turn their heads when they hear the word "Mom", even though they know that their kids are nowhere around.

For the mothers who silently shed tears for their children who have gone astray.

For all those mothers whose heart aches to watch her son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time.

For all the mothers of the victims of all these school shootings, and the mothers of those who were involved in the shooting.

For the mothers of the Survivors, and the mothers who sat in front of their TVs in horror, clinging to their child who just arrived from school safely.

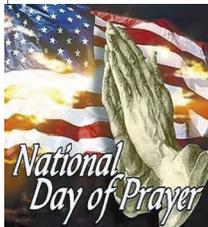
So, this is meant for all the young and aged mothers, working mothers and housewives, married mothers and the single mothers, those with money and without and for those without whom life would have been insufferable. Wish you a very Happy Mother's Day!!

https://www.theholidayspot.com/mothersday/an_article.htm



May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3	4
5 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9am HE Rite I 11:00am Bible Study	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9am HE Rite II 11:00am Bible Study 	13	14	15	16	17	18 
19 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9am HE Rite II 11:00am Bible Study	20	21 5:15pm Vestry	22	23	24	25
			Tom Gone			
26 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9am Morning Prayer NO WOA/MOA Meeting NO Bible Study	27 <i>Office Closed</i> 	28	29	30	31	
Tom Gone						



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States of America that is observed on the last Monday of May.

As this is a Federal holiday, not only will schools and libraries be closed, most federal and state offices will be closed and there will be no mail deliveries on Memorial Day.

As Memorial Day always falls on a Monday, this creates a three-day break known as **Memorial Day weekend**. The Memorial Day weekend is seen as the unofficial start of summer, and as such, it is a popular holiday enjoyed with outdoor events and picnics.

HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called **Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States.

Many cities have laid claim to have begun Memorial Day, though President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo N.Y. as the birthplace of Memorial Day in May 1966.

While there is some dispute as to the origin of the day, the first was observed on May 30, 1868, under proclamation by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first official observation involved placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30 up to 1971 when the National Holiday Act of 1971, designated the last Monday in May to be Memorial Day.

Since the late 1950's, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

Red poppy flowers are also often placed on crosses near the graves of fallen war heroes. The tradition of the poppy comes from the poem, 'In Flanders Field', written in May 1915 by John McCrae after the Second Battle of Ypres. The poppy, which bloomed in battlefields during the first world war in Belgium and France, has become a symbol of remembrance and is a key element of the Remembrance Day observations in the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Since 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Since 2001, the 'National Moment of Remembrance Act' has defined 3pm local time on Memorial Day as the National Moment of Remembrance.

"What God CAN Do With 57 Cents." A True and Inspiring Story

by Author unknown

A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it "was too crowded." "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School class. The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings and the parents called for the kind hearted pastor, who had befriended their daughter, to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting which read, "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday school. For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there! A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a Realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for 57 cents. Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00 a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300 and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday scholars, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time. In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such re-

markable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russel H. Conwell, author of the book, "acres of Diamonds"---a true story. It goes to show you "What God CAN Do With 57 Cents."

A first-hand account of this story is in a sermon delivered December 1, 1912 by Russell H. Conwell, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Rev. Conwell said the little girl's name was Hattie May Wiatt - pictured below.



<http://www.inspire21.com/stories/christianstories/WhatcanGoddowith57cents>

3. I will be your strength

Proverbs 18:10

"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe."

Easter and the Legend of the Dogwood Tree

One of the most unique of the old legends handed down in the South is the story of the Dogwood Tree. I still remember the story of the Dogwood tree from when I was a child. Every Easter I stop and think of the story but I had forgotten some of the details in the many years since the first hearing of it. The internet has jogged the memory and I do hope you enjoy the tale as much as I still do. The story is just for fun but we hope you will enjoy and share with your family and friends.



The Dogwood tree is a beautiful little tree that explodes in white blossoms each spring and is one of the favorite blooming trees among our customers. It grows across the South and is popular as a yard tree, but it also grows wild in the woods across the region.

The legend holds that the tree was once very large, like a Great Oak tree, and because its wood was strong and sturdy, it provided building material for a variety of purposes. According to the story, it was the dogwood tree that provided the wood used to build the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Because of its role in the crucifixion, it is said that God both cursed and blessed the tree. It was cursed to forever be small, so that it would never grow large enough again for its wood to be used as a cross for a crucifixion. It's branches would be narrow and crooked--not good for building at all.

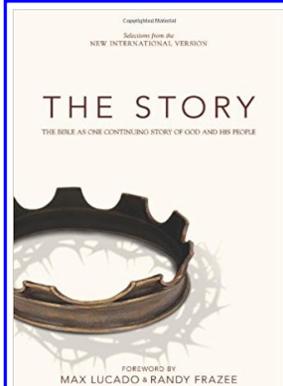
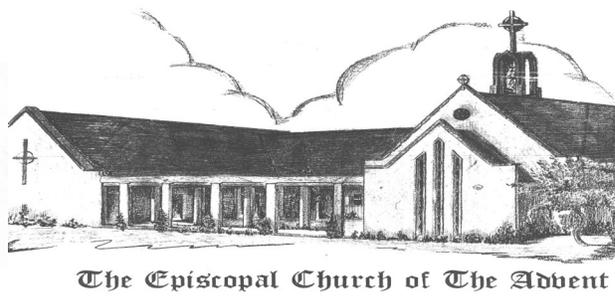
At the same time, however, the tree was blessed so that it would produce beautiful flowers each spring, just in time for Easter. To remember God's promise to the tree it is said he gave it a few traits so that whoever looks upon it will never forget.

The petals of the dogwood actually form the shape of a cross. Upon close examination, it can be seen that the blooms of the tree always have four petals.

The middle of the Dogwood flower has a tight grouping of resembling a "crown of thorns."

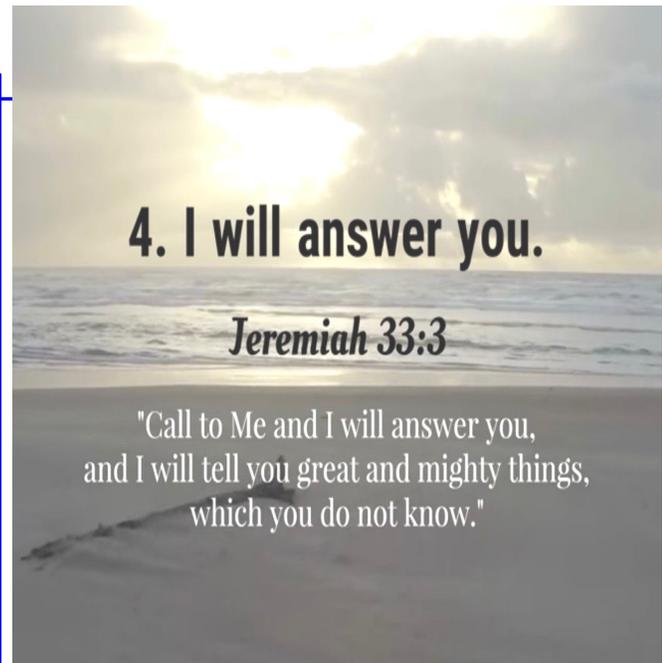
And the tips of each of the petals are indented, as if they bear a nail dent.

There are even colors in the petals that bring to mind the drops of blood that spilled during the crucifixion.



Bible study in May continues with our study of the Bible through "The Story".

Come join us on Sunday morning after the 9:00am service and coffee hour.



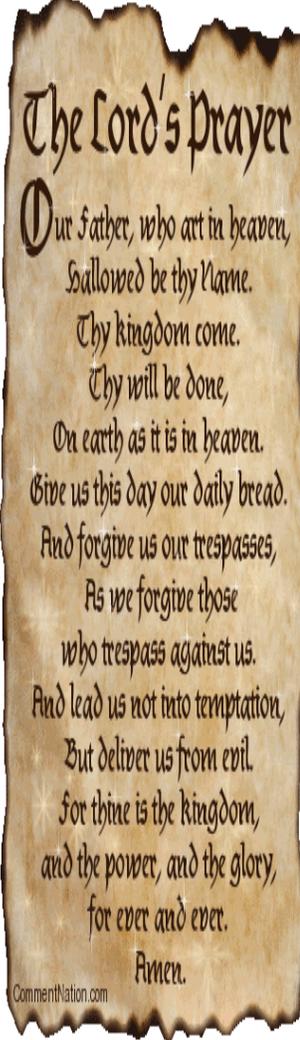
In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

The National Prayer Committee was formed in the United States in 1972. It went on to create the National Day of Prayer Task Force, with the intended purpose of coordinating events for the National Day of Prayer. According to the Legal Information Institute, the President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/national-day-prayer>



Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

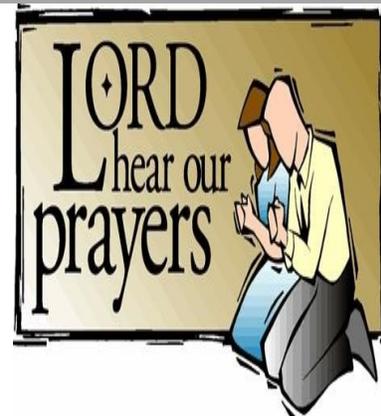


Ashton Adams, Lydia & Marie Bertrand, Luca Bish, Denise Bowen, Augusto and Christina Bustamante, Mike Carper, Cindy Case, Aspen Coffee, Anne Currie, Caryl Devlin, Kathleen Eddlemon, Gracie Fields, Delfi Flores, Janet Foy, Melba Gafford, Anita Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Marisol Garcia, David Garza and family, Gracie Gruber, Rina Guerra, Gwen Guinn, Aaron Henson, Natalie Hoelscher, Carolyn Hunter, Kelly Hunter, Kristin Johnson, Jill Kirby, Juanice Kirby, Lewis Kutschke, Darla Lee, David & Catherine Light, Josh Lofton, Alex Lopez, Jeffrey Lynd, Phil MacCord, Joe Martinez, Gerri Ann Martin, Ian Milligan, Ned & Kathy Morris, Jack Muller, Mickey Myane, Aubryanna McGee, Beatrice Nwosu, Jon O'dell, Susan Paul, Ramon Perez, Stephanie Poole, Shirley Powers, Bill Reed, G. Reed, Joye Reed, Jesse Richardson, Pearl Riddle, Gregg Robertson, Delores Rodriguez, Hillary Sanchez, Isaul Santos, Irene Seidel, Phyllis Seidel, Jan Sierman, Jimmie Alice Smith, Karen Smith, Avery Stein, Nick Stokes, Bill Storgion, David Sullivan, Glenn Taylor, Dr. Bandeira Texieria, Roberta Thomure, Lainey Topacio, Olga Torres, Wayne Waltrip, Beth Walzel, Bonnie Whitley, Dennis Whitley, Jane Wieser, Susie Wilkerson, Carey Woods, Cinco Woods, Atetha Worshum, and Jeanie Wyatt

ONE NATION UNDER GOD!

Pray for our Military Family

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially; Benjamin, Brittany, Caitlynn, Caton, Drew, Jared, Joseph, Luke, Noah, Phillip, Sean, Shawn, and William. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen~





ANNOUNCEMENT'S

OUR MAY BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrate the birthdays of Alicia Lemieux on the 17th, Hailee Lowman on the 23rd, Sara Findley Wallace on the 25th, Jenna Hoffman on the 27th, MiCha Sullivan on the 30th and Samuel "Spike" Turner on the 30th.

If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.

OUR MAY ANNIVERSARIES

This month we celebrate the Wedding Anniversaries of George & Joy Reed on the 14th, Josiah & Christa McGee on the 19th, and Andy & Aaronette Housley on the 24th.

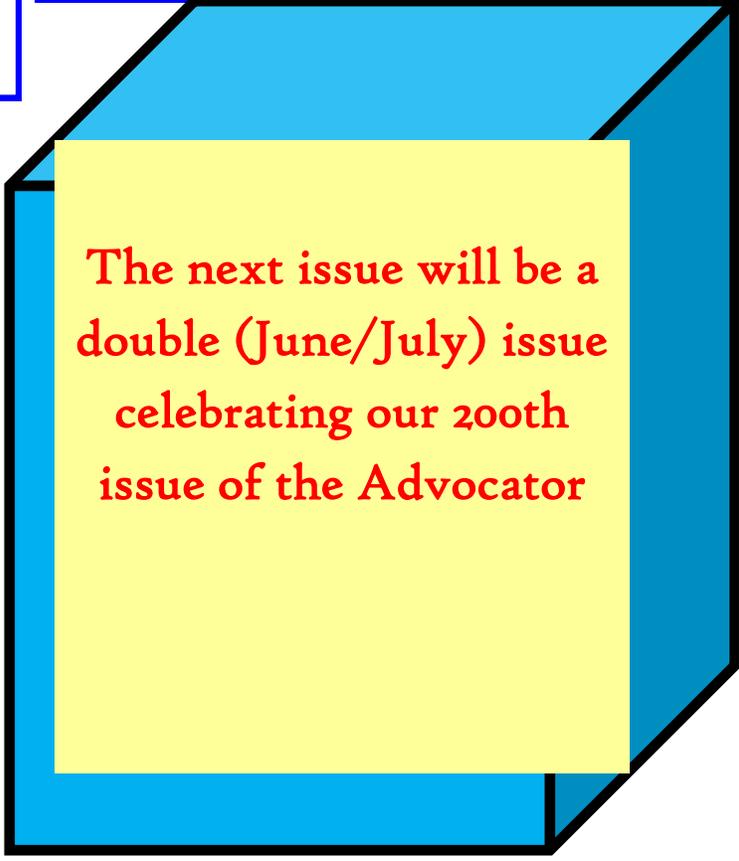
If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.

5. I will provide for you.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Due to the Memorial Day weekend; All June/July 2019 Newsletter inputs are due to Cookie NLT Thursday, May 23rd.



The next issue will be a double (June/July) issue celebrating our 200th issue of the Advocator

If you have a loved one to add to – remove from the Birthday/ Anniversary list – or just want to correct a name on our list, please contact Ms. Debbie in the office

VESTRY's next scheduled meeting will be at 5:15pm on Tuesday, May 21st. MOA and WOA have cancelled their May meeting due to Memorial Weekend MOA and WOA are NOT scheduled to meet again until September 29th

Please check the weekly pew sheet for calendar updates of scheduled meeting.

From the kitchen of

Unknown

BAILEYS CHOCOLATE POKE CAKE



INGREDIENTS:

2 cups (260g) all purpose flour
2 cups (414g) sugar
3/4 cup (85g) natural unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
2 large eggs
3/4 cup (180ml) milk
1 cup (240ml) vegetable oil
1 cup (240ml) Baileys Irish Cream, divided
1 tsp vanilla
3/4 cup (180ml) boiling water
1 cup (240ml) sweetened condensed milk
3/4 cup (127g) semi sweet chocolate chips
WHIPPED CREAM TOPPING
2 cups (480) heavy whipping cream, cold
3/4 cup (86g) powdered sugar
1/4 cup (29g) natural unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tbsp (30ml) Baileys Irish Cream, optional
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
ADDITIONAL
Mini chocolate chips
Chocolate sauce

DIRECTIONS:

1. Prepare a 9×13 inch cake pan by greasing the sides. Preheat oven to 300°F (148°C).
2. Add all dry ingredients to a large bowl and combine.
3. Add eggs, milk, vegetable oil, 1/2 cup of Irish cream and vanilla to the dry ingredients and mix well.
4. Slowly pour the water into the batter, mixing well and being careful of splashing.
5. Pour the batter into the cake pan and bake for about 40-45 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out with a few crumbs.
6. Remove the cake from the oven and poke holes all over. I use a knife sharpening rod, but you could also use a straw.
7. While the cake is still warm, add the chocolate chips to a medium sized bowl. Set aside.
8. Add the sweetened condensed milk and remaining 1/2 cup of Irish cream to a microwave safe measuring cup. Heat heat the milk and cream until they begin to boil, then pour over the chocolate chips.
9. Whisk the chocolate until smooth, then immediately pour over the cake, spreading it into the holes. Don't let the mixture sit before pouring it over the cake or it'll start to thicken and not soak in the holes as well.
10. Set the cake in the fridge to cool and soak.
11. When the cake has cooled, add the ingredients for the whipped cream topping to a large mixer bowl. Whip on high speed until stiff peaks form.
12. Spread the whipped cream evenly over the cake. Top the cake with mini chocolate chips and a drizzle of chocolate sauce, if desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Your DUCK IS DEAD

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet..

"How can you be so sure?" she protested.. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$1,500!" she cried, "\$1,500 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$1,500."

5 Finger Prayer

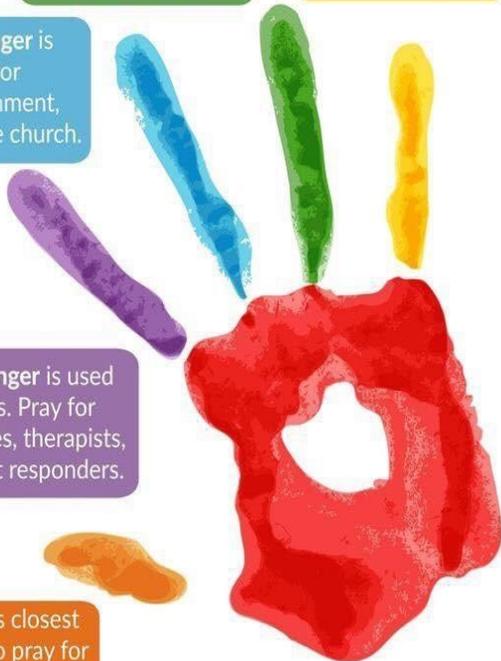
4) The ring finger is the weakest. Pray for the sick, poor, and those most in need.

5) The pinkie finger is the smallest. Pray for yourself and your own needs.

3) The middle finger is the tallest. Pray for leaders in government, business, and the church.

2) The pointer finger is used to give directions. Pray for teachers, coaches, therapists, doctors, and first responders.

1) Your thumb is closest to your heart, so pray for those closest to you - your family and friends.



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Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5 Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..

6. I will give you peace.

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give you I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

FROM AROUND OUR DIOCESE

May 2 - 5 Cursillo #282 Mustang Island Conference Center

[REGISTER](#)

During the Cursillo weekend, participants engage in study, reflection, fellowship, and worship. Rodney Hart is serving as the Rector, and the Rev. John Hardie is serving as Spiritual Director. Click the green button above to sign up, and find more information at dwtx.org/cursillo.

May 3 - 5 Nails and Prayers Service Weekend Camp Capers

[REGISTER](#)

Each Spring the men of our diocese (ages 18 and up) gather for worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer, and the opportunity to give back to Camp Capers through service as staff prepare for the summer camp season. There will be a variety of projects involving different levels of physical labor and construction expertise. Bring your work gloves, any tools you may want, and a servant's heart. Cost is \$75. Contact [Camp Capers](#) for more information.

May 3 - 5 Spiritual Retreat in Recovery Camp Capers

[REGISTER](#)

Our retreat leader the Rev. Brad Landry, Rector at St. Paul's, San Antonio, will provide topical spiritual insight and members of AA, CA, NA, ACA and Al-Anon will share their experience, strength and hope with all. Breakout session topics include 11th Step Meditation, New Trends in Recovery, Visioning Boards and a Walk/Run to the neighboring town of Waring. The mission of the Spiritual Retreat in Recovery is to provide a safe place to deepen ones spiritual journey. All in recovery including families and friends affected by the disease of addiction are welcome. No church affiliation is required. Attendees will be treated to warm hospitality, delicious food and thoughtful presentations in a beautiful hill country setting along the Guadalupe River. Cost is \$195 per person (Lodge Rooms, double occupancy) and \$145 per person (Cabins, up to 4 per room). Registration opens March 13.

May 14 World Mission Top Golf Fundraiser Top Golf San Antonio

[REGISTER](#)

Support World Mission initiatives at Top Golf! Register as an individual player or as a team for a night of delicious food, a silent auction, and prizes for the winning teams! For more information or questions, contact Tatiana Hoecker (tatiana.hoecker@dwtx.org). [Click here for printable event flyer.](#)

May 17 - 19 Fishing for the Hungry Retreat Mustang Island Conference Center

[REGISTER](#)

Sign up for a weekend of fishing, prayer, great food, and fellowship with opportunities to bay fish, wade fish, beach fish, and/or kayak. Single Occupancy cost is \$375, Double Occupancy is \$300, and Youth Double Occupancy is \$100. Price includes offshore fishing charter (Saturday afternoon), wade fishing trip (Saturday or Sunday morning), meals accommodations, swag, and door prizes. This event is hosted by the Order of Naucratus, and though not mandatory, fishers are encouraged to share a portion of their harvest to benefit the Metro Ministries feeding program in Corpus Christi. Questions? Contact Rev. Rod Clark (rod@peterpaul.org).

May 18 and June 22 Revitalizing Stewardship - Parts A & B TMI Episcopal

[REGISTER](#)

To re-energize and support stewardship at a congregational level, Bishop Reed and the Stewardship Department are hosting **Revitalizing Stewardship 2019**, three coordinating workshops led by Richard Rogers of Horizons Stewardship. [Click here](#) to listen to Richard Roger's introduction and presentation, from Council 2019. **Part A** (May 18, TMI) will develop a foundation of learning with common language and commitment to best stewardship practices. **Part B** (June 22 at Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi) will provide a deeper dive into developing a year-round stewardship plan and model annual stewardship campaign. Churches are encouraged to appoint a stewardship team from their congregation to attend one or both of these workshops. Registration cost is \$30 per person, for one session OR \$50 per person, to attend both A and B. For information about **Part C** (individualized annual campaign consultant services, Fall 2019), [click here](#) or contact [Nancy Stinson](#). Churches must have attended BOTH Part A and B to be eligible for Part C.



The
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From one Kitchen to Another

Citrus Avocado Spinach Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 8 cups fresh baby spinach (about 6 ounces)
- 3 cups refrigerated citrus salad, drained
- 2 medium ripe avocados, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup crumbled blue cheese
- Sliced almonds, toasted, optional
- Salad dressing of your choice, optional

DIRECTIONS

Divide spinach among 8 plates; top with citrus salad and avocados. Sprinkle with cheese and, if desired, dressing and almonds. Serve immediately.

To toast nuts, bake in a shallow pan in a 350° oven for 5-10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.



Nutrition Facts

1 serving (calculated without almonds and dressing):
168 calories, 10g fat (4g saturated fat),
13mg cholesterol,
231mg sodium,
16g carbohydrate (10g sugars, 3g fiber),
5g protein.

Glazed Salmon With Spiced Carrots

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for the pan
- 1 pound carrots, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons honey or agave nectar
- 1 tablespoon dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, plus lime wedges for serving
- 4 6-ounce center-cut salmon fillets (about 1 1/2 inches thick)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- Pinch of ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup roughly chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the broiler. Lightly oil the broiler pan. Toss the carrots with 1 tablespoon olive oil in a bowl, then spread out on one side of the pan. Broil until the carrots begin to soften, 2 to 3 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, whisk 2 tablespoons olive oil, the honey, mustard and 1 tablespoon lime juice in a small bowl. Brush the tops and sides of the salmon with the glaze. Put the salmon, skin-side down, on the other side of the broiler pan next to the carrots and season with salt and pepper. Broil until the salmon is golden brown and just cooked through and the carrots are crisp-tender, 5 to 7 minutes.
3. Whisk the remaining 1 tablespoon each olive oil and lime juice, the coriander, cumin, cinnamon, mint and almonds in a bowl. Add the carrots and toss to combine; season with salt and pepper. Serve the salmon with the carrots and lime wedges.

April Challenge SOLUTION

BIBLE JOKES AND RIDDLES (FUNNY AND CLEAN FROM OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW)

1. How do you make Holy Water? **Get regular water and boil the devil out of it.**
2. Who was the greatest female businessperson in the Bible? **Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet. (profit)**
3. Who is the shortest person in the Bible? **Bildad the Shuhite (shoe-height). Nehemiah (Knee-high-miah) was a close second.**
4. When was meat first mentioned in the Bible? **When Noah took Ham into the ark.**
5. How long did Cain hate his brother? **As long as he was Abel.**
6. At what time of day was Adam created? **A little before Eve.**
7. Why did God create man before woman? **Because He didn't want any advice on how to do it.**
8. Where is the first math homework problem mentioned in the Bible? **When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.**
9. Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark? **Because they were using "fowl" language.**
- 10: Where is medicine first mentioned in the Bible? **When God gave Moses two tablets.**

May CHALLENGE

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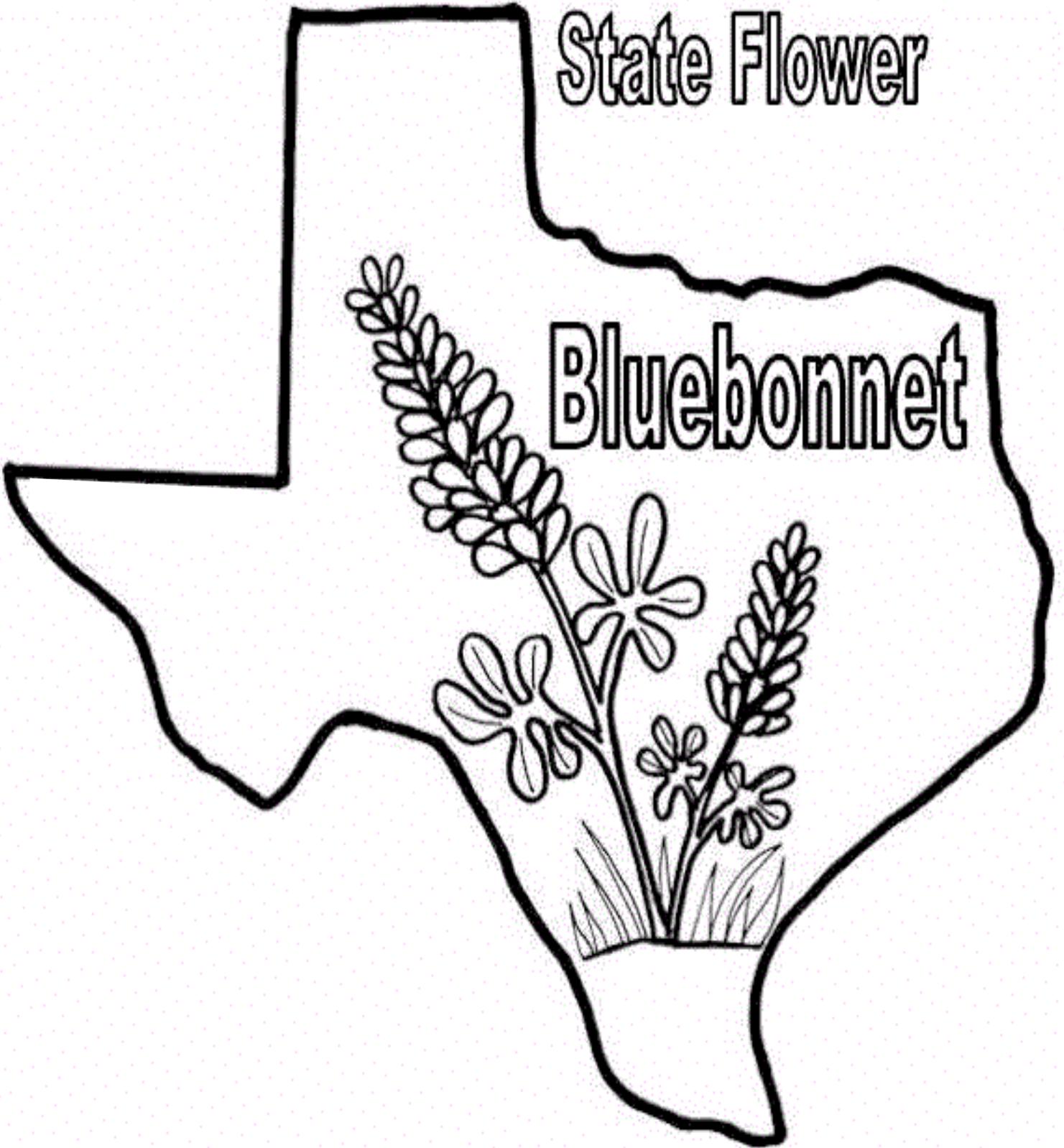
Jeremiah 31:3

"The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:
"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I
have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

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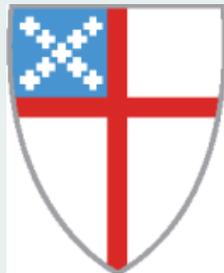
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