

"WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST"

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Friends and **F**amily of **C**ross **W**alk,

Anna Jarvis created the first U. S. Mother's Day in 1908 and it became an official holiday in 1914. So, it is that we celebrate the 104th Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, May 14, 2017.

As I reflect on my own mother, I know that she loved me with a love that was not generated on her own strength. We read in 1 Peter 1:22 ***"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart."*** What a treasure to be loved. Moms are great at loving but there are also others who have loved us and had a dramatic impact on who we are.

In 1997, Fred Rogers received a Lifetime Achievement Emmy. His "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" ran from 1968 to 2000 — 895 episodes. He was an amazingly humble messenger that affirmed and encouraged many children. Here is an excerpt from his acceptance speech: *"So many people have helped me to come to this night. Some of you are here. Some are far away. Some are even in heaven. All of us have special ones who have loved us into being. Would you just take, along with me, 10 seconds to think of the people who have helped you become who you are? Those who have cared about you and wanted what was best for you in life. 10 seconds of silence. I'll watch the time."*

"Whomever you've been thinking about, how pleased they must be to know the difference you feel they've made."

The video shows actors and actresses tearing up during and after those ten seconds of silence. We all have special people who have loved us deeply and made a real difference in our lives. Some here...some far away...some even in heaven. Express your thanksgiving to our Lord for these rich blessings and look for ways that you can make a difference in the lives of others

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of you mothers and thank you for your example and expressions of love, not only to your own children but to others as well.

Your brother in Christ and a grateful son, Kirk

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grateful son,
Kirk*



Messages for the Month

MAY 7, 2017-- **Acts 2:42 - 47** - "The Fellowship of the Believers" - **Communion**

MAY 14, 2017 - **Isaiah 43:1 - 5a** - "I Am With You" - 5th Sunday after Easter

MAY 21, 2017 - **John 14:15 - 21** - "Never an Orphan" - 6th Sunday after Easter

MAY 28, 2017 - **Acts 1:3 - 11** - "The Gift...the Goal...the Guarantee" - 7th Sunday after Easter

Our Staff

Pastor: Kirk Werner

Child Care Director: Linda Odle

Music Director: Joshua Jordan

Director of Children's Ministries:
Anna Baker

Class of 2017:

Maurice Briere, Greg Davis &
Lindsay Rosa.

Class of 2018:

Donna Carter, Matt Peterson &
Greg Waldrop

Class of 2019:

John Carson, Dale Lutton &
Courtney Scollard



Gwyn Baker - 1st

John Morton - 2nd

Max Baker - 3rd

Laine Donnell - 6th

Jack Peterson - 6th

Stan Fletcher - 7th

Jody Hazenfield - 8th

Brenda Clabo - 11th

Mike Walkup - 16th

Linda Wilkerson - 19th

Marshall Mckenna - 20th

Wanda Wayman - 22nd

Davin Olafson - 30th

Beth Ferguson - 30th



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Preschool Room with **Linda Odle:**

May 7: Jeremy Cecil

May 14: Wanda Wayman

May 21: Carol Jordan

May 28: Mike Walkup



Kids Crossing with Jim Odle

May 7: Kassie Harrison
May 14: Kassie Harrison
May 21: Travis Baker
May 28: Anna Baker

If you **cannot** work your *scheduled time*, please swap with someone and if you *cannot find a substitute*, call Linda Odle at 690-9358 or 207-2623. **When you know, you can't work in the nursery, please e-mail the date(s) to jlodle@comcast.net** or put them in writing and give them to Linda Odle in the nursery. Thanks!



Babies/Toddlers/Preschool & Kids Crossing Children

When you help in the children's departments you won't miss anything, because you can pick-up a complete **FREE CD** of the service. Our children are the next generation of our church. You will have no preparation or teaching. Just come help. You can choose helping with the babies/toddler/preschool room or with Kids Crossing. To help please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 for more information.

Your Prayers are needed for The Good News Club at New Hopewell Elementary



School will be out soon. Will you pray for the Good News Club children even in the summer? When you **sign up** on the sheet in the **back** by the kitchen, you will be emailed a copy of the ***GNC*** children's prayer request. These children need your prayers. Please print your email clearly.

Thank You



REQUESTS:

Alex: *Pray for my family to get to keep Holly.*

Maddy: *Pray my Daddy gets a job.*

Michael: *Pray for my Papaw to be able to get off his oxygen tank.*

Raven: *Pray for her Grandmother who has cancer; for her Nana with serious hand injury and Papaw who is having surgery.*

PRAISES:

Aaron: *My Papaw is feeling better.*

Michael: *Thank you for my family and the universe you created.*



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



CrossWalk Café

Our next Cafe' will be May 7, 2017. Yes, it's time for our annual "Cinco de Mayo" celebration! Although created to commemorate the Mexican Army's defeat of the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862, we recognize it as a chance to breakout that favorite recipe for *Mexican cuisine*!

Our cafe' events are a great opportunity to get to know one another better and to share our stories as we enjoy one another's company. Please consider joining us for this fun time.



THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!

The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the **Refreshment Ministry Team**. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you.* **Please remember that you are NOT responsible for providing breakfast for everyone.** This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is their gift to the church in service to our Lord.* Be sure and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

**The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.*



Sunday Morning Refreshment Schedule

May 2017

L.J. & Davin Olafson 609-6061
Sandy & Fred May 579-5182

June 2017

Karen & Mike Walkup 573-0105
Judy Campbell 573-4691
Jeff Hayes 389-5586

July 2017

Lee & Barry Burnett 573-4347
Dawn & Maurice Briere 809-2765



CrossWalk family, if you see a need to replenish coffee supplies such as coffee, hot/cold cups, paper towels, kitchen dish soap or the men's/women's room supplies, *please let us know* by; (1) **noting what is needed on the bulletin board in the kitchen for refreshment supplies** and (2) **noting on the rest room listing in the rest rooms for rest room supplies** so that supplies can be replenished **before they are completely out**. If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell or Sue Werner*. Thank you!



Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? It's a great way to introduce people to our church. Navigate through the site and see pictures of various activities. There are photos of **JAM** (Jesus and Me children's ministry), church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends. The web address is www.crosswalkepc.org.



Church Cleaning Committee

May 3 – 6 – Jack & Chelsea Peterson
May 10 – 13 – Jack & Chelsea Peterson
May 17 – 20 – Jim & Linda Odle
May 24 – 27 – Jim & Linda Odle
May 31 – June 3 – Mike & Karen Walkup

PLEASE!!

If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.



Please remember that we have an ongoing project with New Hopewell Elementary School:

We are collecting **snacks** (*single serve if possible*) and **all** sizes of children's underwear to donate to New Hopewell School. Please place any donations in the bucket at the back of the church labeled "**New Hopewell**". These are things that the school office gives out almost every day to students. Thank you.



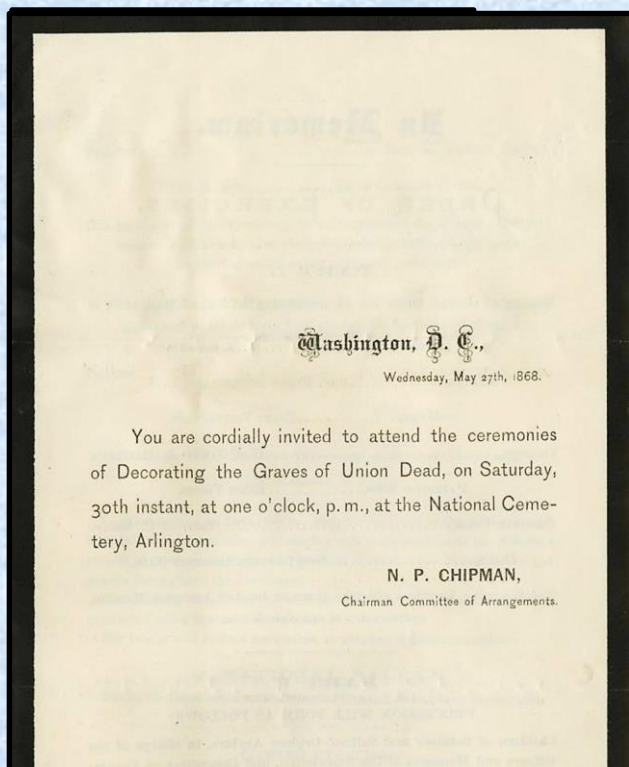
The Real Story of Memorial Day

Very few of us will ring in Memorial Day as it was done in the beginning. Today we think of hot dogs, parades, and long weekends. Back then, it was a more solemn occasion born out of the loss and hardship of the Civil War.

John Logan, an obscure figure today, was Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic when he issued General Order No. 11 in 1868, which formally established the holiday on May 30 "for the purpose of strewing flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of Comrades who died in the defense of their country." Just 3 years earlier, this long conflict had ended, and the country was still in full recovery.

So, what did the first formal Memorial Day look like? The short answer? Fewer hot dogs. More flowers.

If you went, you would have received this invitation, the original of which is in [The Raab Collection](#) archives (note the black border, which was used for occasions of mourning).

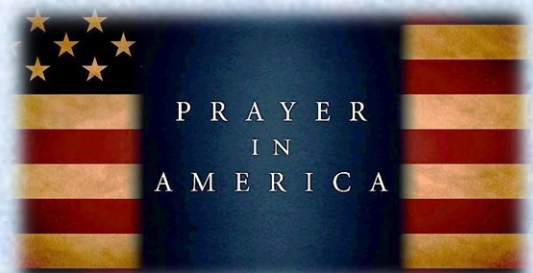


Imagine taking your carriage to Arlington National Cemetery for the reading of Logan's General Order, followed by a prayer, hymn, and then speech by General and future President James Garfield. A

patriotic song and poem later, you would have joined your friends by walking with the orphaned children of the war and strewing flowers on the graves, ending at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. This too you would have decorated with flowers.

Once at the Tomb, you would have heard Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address recited, and then gone off to decorate the entire cemetery with flowers, before hearing a performance of the Star Spangled Banner and returning home. The Gettysburg Address remains the best monument to fallen soldiers in the Civil War, and recalled the President's assassination at the end of conflict.

Armed Forces Day is the day we celebrate (and thank) those who are currently serving in the military.



National day of prayer

The National Day of Prayer began in 1952. President Harry S. Truman signed the day into law.

The National Day of Prayer Task Force puts an emphasis on praying together. It was designed to preserve the Judeo-Christian heritage and protect our Constitutional religious freedoms. It is designed to bring people together in a unifying way with no judgement and in spite of personal differences.

The National Day of Prayer is designed so that we pray together with respect, remembering that prayer is important regardless of our sex, race, economic status, age, etc.

The National Day of Prayer puts an emphasis on repentance and prayer on a personal level, but it also has a national focus on those in power. It emphasizes praying for our leaders in the government, military, media, business, education, church, and family. Those areas are called the seven centers of power, and they remain a focus for the organization, because those areas guide the direction of our country.



Save the Date!

Ladies; Priscilla Shirer is coming to Knoxville this summer on **July 14th – 15th**, at the **Thompson Boling Arena**. Tickets are available at www.lifeway.com/priscillashirerlive



Priscilla SHIRER LIVE

is coming to
KNOXVILLE, TN
JULY 14-15, 2017

Get Your Tickets Now

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#PSLive17

*Mothers are the place where love
Emerges from the earth,
And happiness rings out like bells
In honor of our birth.*

*Mothers are the sun that lights
For life our inner sky,
So we may know that we are loved
And need not question why.*

*Mothers are the moon that shines
Upon our black despair,
So even when we weep, we know
That someone's always there.*

*Whatever fear, or stress, or pain
Might them to anger move,
We know that underneath the storm
We have, always, their love.*

by Nicholas Gordon

