

# NEWSLETTER

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## This Day

**I'll never see this day again ... the seconds or the hours.**

**Now's the time to take the time to stop and smell the flowers. Today's the day to give that smile and happiness away that you were saving for a friend some rainy, gloomy day.**

**This day is golden, priceless God made this day for you. The deed you do for someone else may just come back to you.**

**So tough a heart, hold a hand call that lonely friend. Don't postpone the love you have This day won't come again.**

## Mother

**Whatever words we might use to salute our mothers, whatever phrases best describe MOTHERS, all can be best illustrated by the single word "love"! And when we look for a description of love, we turn to St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (Chap. 13) which is a renowned classic definition. What better way to salute our mothers on Mother's Day than to substitute "Mothers" for the word "love" in St. Paul's Epistle.**

**"Mothers" are always patient and kind; "Mothers" are never jealous; "Mothers" are never boastful or conceited; "Mothers" are never rude or selfish; "Mothers" do not take offense, and are not resentful. "Mothers" take no pleasure in other people's sins but delight in the truth; "Mothers" are always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. (I Corinthians 13:4-7)**

**We salute our mothers! May God bless them today and always!**

## All Over Again

**In every new situation we must start all over again like children, cultivate a passionate interest in things and events, and begin by taking delight in externals, until we have the good fortune to grasp the substance.**

## The Secret of Happiness

**If you want to be happy for an hour, take a nap.**

**If you want to be happy for a day, go fishing.**

**If you want to be happy for a week, take a trip.**

**If you want to be happy for a year, inherit money.**

**If you want to be happy for a lifetime, serve others.**



## Prayer Requests

Jim Kettlewell - continues rehab at Medilodge of Fort Gratiot

Jon and Sharron Lusher - health concerns and



Those in the military being deployed to the Middle east conflict

Those in our church family going through tests, surgeries and illnesses.

Those going through difficult times and suffering recent losses.



# MAY QUOTES

## Quotes About Inspiration

- "Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow's reality." —Malala Yousafzai
- "May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." —Fennel Hudson
- "As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer." —William Shakespeare
- "Motivation comes from working on things we care about." —Sheryl Sandberg
- "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." —Jimmy Dean
- "It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome." —William James
- "Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." —Ella Fitzgerald
- "We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us." —Joseph Campbell
- "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive." —Maya Angelou
- "It is never too late to be what you might have been." —George Eliot
- "Never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination." —Mae Jemison
- "Inspiration is some mysterious blessing which happens when the wheels are turning smoothly." —Quentin Blake
- "Don't count the days. Make the days count." —Muhammad Ali
- "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." —Maya Angelou
- "Every morning, you have two choices: continue to sleep with your dreams or wake up and chase them." —Arnold Schwarzenegger
- "Either you run the day, or the day runs you." —Jim Rohn
- "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." —Mark Twain
- "You'll never do a whole lot unless you're brave enough to try." —Dolly Parton

## Quotes About Perseverance

- "A champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall." —Serena Williams
- "Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye." —Helen Keller
- "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the *courage to continue* that counts." —Winston Churchill
- "When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go." —Carol Burnett
- "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." —Albert Einstein
- "It isn't where you came from. It's where you're going that counts." —Ella Fitzgerald
- "Life changes very quickly, in a very positive way, if you let it." —Lindsey Vonn
- "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." —Michael Altshuler
- "Life has got all those twists and turns. You've got to hold on tight and off you go." —Nicole Kidman
- "When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on." —Theodore Roosevelt
- "Once you face your fear, nothing is ever as hard as you think." —Olivia Newton-John

## Quotes About Happiness

- "Happiness is not by chance, but by choice." —Jim Rohn
- "You do not find the happy life. You make it." —Camilla Eyring Kimball
- "The most wasted of days is one without laughter." —E. E. Cummings
- "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." —Helen Keller
- "Stay close to anything that makes you glad you are alive." —Hafez
- "Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open." —John Barrymore
- "Inspiration comes from within yourself. One has to be positive. When you're positive, good things happen." —Deep Roy
- "Being happy isn't having everything in your life be perfect. Maybe it's about stringing together all the little things." —Ann Brashares
- "Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions." —Dalai Lama XIV

# MEMORIAL DAY

Amidst the holiday hubbub, the real meaning of Memorial Day can often get lost amidst the excitement of a three-day weekend. While many people are busy hosting barbecues or scouring Memorial Day deals, it's important to remember the real reason for the holiday.

Memorial Day was created to honor U.S. military personnel who lost their lives while serving our country. The holiday, which takes place each year on the last Monday in May, serves as a reminder of the sacrifices that have been made in service of our country. Across the country, people honor fallen U.S. military personnel by attending parades, decorating military gravesites, and lowering the American flag to half mast from sunrise to noon.

If you haven't read up on the history of our country and its heroes, Memorial Day weekend is the perfect opportunity to spend some time learning about the history of the holiday.

How ever you plan to spend the long weekend, take a moment to pause and reflect on the incredible sacrifices that have been made on America's behalf.

## **What is the meaning of Memorial Day?**

Originally created in 1868 to honor fallen soldiers of the Civil War, Memorial Day has since expanded to honor all U.S. military personnel who have died in service. Several events and ceremonies that take place during Memorial Day are intended to encourage people to reflect on the holiday's true meaning. In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, which designates 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day as a time for prayer and reflection.

An archival website stated that the inspiration for the National Moment of Remembrance came from a 1996 anecdote: “The idea of the 'Moment' was born when children touring Lafayette Park in Washington, DC were asked what Memorial Day meant and they responded, “That’s the day the pools open!” In light of this, the National Moment of Remembrance was created “to put the ‘memorial’ back in Memorial Day.”

## **What is the origin of Memorial Day?**

Memorial Day was officially established as a federal holiday in 1971, but the tradition of honoring fallen soldiers began over a century prior. Originally deemed Decoration Day, the first Memorial Day event occurred on May 30, 1868.

John A. Logan, a politician and former U.S. Army general during the Civil War, advocated for the government to create a National day of remembrance for fallen Civil War soldiers.

The first Decoration Day ceremony took place at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. James A. Garfield, a future American president who was an Ohio congressman at the time, gave a speech to mark the occasion. Since then, Arlington National Cemetery has hosted a remembrance ceremony every year on Memorial Day. Fallen soldiers are honored with flags at their gravesites, and a wreath is placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The U.S. president also traditionally gives a speech at Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater.

Today, Americans still attend Memorial Day parades and decorate the graves of fallen soldiers — just like they did on the very first iteration of the holiday



## From your little Library in the corner....

“Do you feel the Christian life is just too hard? If so, you need this book. In this 9-week study, Kay Arthur leads you to the amazing truth that the grace of God is available for every situation – no matter how difficult. She writes: ‘Grace frees us from religion and brings us into relationship with God.’ Through this study, you will discover that grace will preserve you in the darkest night of your failures. Grace calls you to get up, throw off your hopelessness, and move on.” From Lord, I Need Grace to Make It, by Kay Arthur. (Golden Beige – Self Help)

“After six consecutive losing seasons, high school football coach Grant Taylor believes things can’t get any worse. He’s wrong. With fear and failure defeating him in football and in life, the downtrodden coach and husband turns to God in desperation. Trusting that God can somehow do the impossible, Coach Taylor and his Shiloh Christian Eagles soon discover how faith plays out on the field...and off!” From Facing the Giants. NOTE: This is a DVD. (Orange Dot)

“Newly orphaned Raimundo lives a life of poverty and danger in a country fractured by civil war. But little does he know that a faraway friend has packed a shoebox just for him—a shoebox that will help to change his life. Raimundo soon finds new hope, new faith, a new home in a peaceful village. Based on Franklin Graham’s film Last Flight Out, this uplifting story reminds young readers to ‘Trust in the Lord with all you heart...and He will make your paths safe’.” From A Wing and a Prayer, by Franklin Graham. (Yellow Dot – Children’s)



Happy  
Birthday



3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Holbrook  
8<sup>th</sup> Yvette Messner  
11<sup>th</sup> Scott Lusher  
12<sup>th</sup> Barbara Pabst  
Ron Messnert  
21<sup>st</sup> Andy Young  
25<sup>th</sup> Scott Bales  
27<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Hurley  
29<sup>th</sup> Paul Holbrook

1<sup>st</sup> Bill & Pam O’Connor  
8<sup>th</sup> Gerald & Audrey Warner  
10<sup>th</sup> Dustin & Sarah McClelland  
25<sup>th</sup> John & Ann Matthews

# SPECIAL DAYS IN May

## May 1

Discuss Your Wage Day  
Hug Your Cat Day  
May Day

Mother Goose Day

## May 2

Learn To Ride A Bike Day  
National Play Outside Day  
World Tuna Day

## May 3

World Laughter Day  
Lemonade Day  
Lumpy Rug Day  
National Two Different Colored Shoes Day

## May 4

National Day of Reason  
Petite and Proud Day

## May 5

Cinco de Mayo Day  
Cartoonists Day

## May 6

Great American Grump Out Day  
National bike and Roll to School Day  
No Homework Day

## May 7

National Day of Prayer  
National Day of Reason

## May 8

No Socks Day  
Free Trade Day

## May 9

Alphabet Magnet Day  
National Sleepover Day  
Stay Up All Night Day  
World Scotch Pie Day

## May 10

Clean Your Room Day  
Hostess Cupcake Day  
Mother's Day

## May. 11

Eat What You Want Day  
Hoarding Awareness Day

## May 12

Limerick Day  
National Nutty Fudge Day  
Limerick Day

## May 13

Frog Jumping Day  
CROUTON DAY

## May 14

National Chicken Dance Day  
National Decency Day

## May 15

International Day of Families  
National Chocolate Chip Day  
National Slider Day  
National Pizza Party Day

## May 16

National BBQ Day  
Do Dah Day  
International Learn To Swim Day

## May 17

National Walnut Day  
Ride A Unicycle Day  
Stepmothers Day

## May 18

I Love Reeses Day  
Mother Whistler Day  
International Museum Day

## May 19

May Ray Day  
National Scooter Day  
Boys Club Day

## May 20

Blue Jeans Day  
National Juice Slush Day  
National Streaming Day  
Reduce Your Lawn Day  
World Bee Day

## May 21

I Need A Patch For That Day  
International Tea Day  
National Memo Day  
National Waitstaff Day

## May 22

Dandelion Day  
Don't Fry Day  
International Being You Day  
National Road Trip Day  
National Wig Out Day  
Walk Safely To School Day

## May 23

National Taffy Day  
National Best Friend0in-Law Day

## May 24

Brother's Day  
Neighbor Day

## May 25

Cookie Monster's Birthday  
Towel Day  
National Tap Dance Day

## May 26

National Paper Airplane Day  
World Linday Hop Day

## May 27

Joe Cool Day  
World Otter Day

## May 28

National Brisket Day

## May 29

Put A Pillow On Your Fridge Day  
National Alligator Day

## May 30

International Day of the Potato  
Memorial Day (Traditional)

## May 31

National Smile Day  
What You Think Upon Grows Day

### Weekly

Wk 1 Toad Suck Wk  
Children's Book Wk  
Wk 2 Universal Family Wk  
Wk.3 Mudbug Madness Wk  
Mule Days Wk  
National Polka Wk  
Wk.4 National African Violet Wk

### Monthly

Adopt a Horse Month  
Better Sleep Month  
National barbeque Month  
National Hamburger Month  
National Smile Month  
National Family Month

# Dates to Remember



MAY 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3. 10am Worship Elder Lisa Naveen	4	5.	6.	7. National Day of Prayer	8.	9.
10. 10 am Worship Communion Rev. Kim Strunz 	11	12. Deacon's Mtg. 6:00 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm	13.	14.	15.	16.
17. 10 am Worship Rev. Linda Fuller	18.	19.	20.	21. Food Give-away, 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	22.	23.
24 10 am Worship Karen McMillan 31 Rev. Linda Fuller	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29.	30.

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# KIDS CORNER

## I Spy With My Little Eye

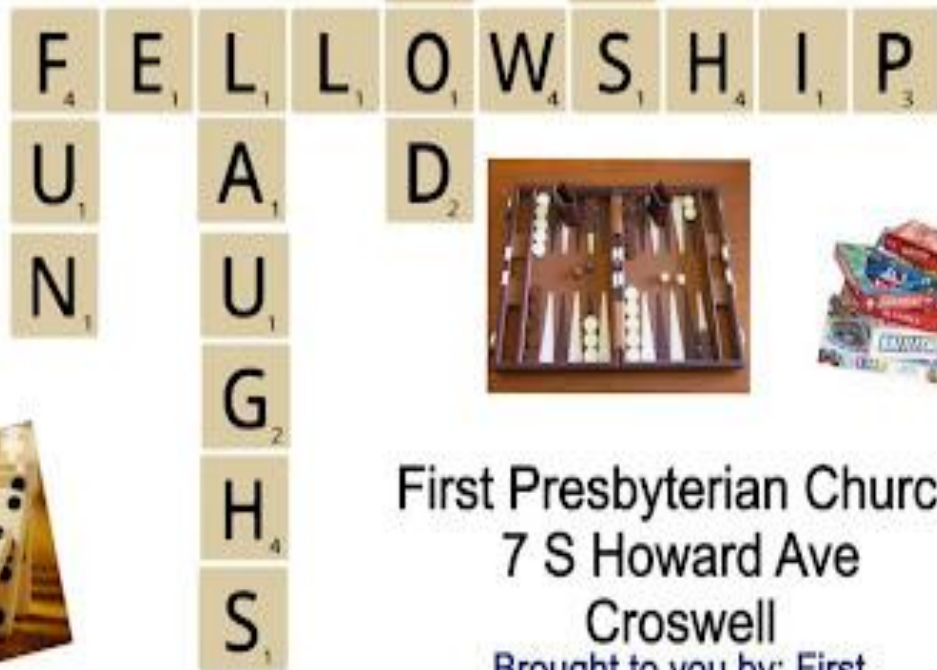


**CAT    JAM    TOP    BEE    FROG**  
**BALL    BELL    CUP    FISH    STAR**  
**SUN    PIG    MOON    DOLL    FLY**

# GAME NIGHT

LAST GAME NIGHT UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

**May 9, 2026**  
**5:00 p.m.**



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