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MOTHER'S DAY

May 14.....

Remember your mother on her Special Day.

A MOTHER'S LOVE

By Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

Her children arise up, and call her
blessed; her husband also, and he
praiseth her.

Proverbs 31:28

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

By Helen Steiner Rice

Our Father in heaven, whose love is divine,
Thanks for the love of a mother like mine.
In Thy great mercy look down from above
And grant this dear mother the gift of Your love,
And all through the year, whatever betide her,
Assure her each day that You are beside her.
And Father in heaven, show me the way
To lighten her tasks and brighten her day
And bless her dear heart with the insight to see
That her love means more than the world to me.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIENDS

POTLUCK BANQUET.....

Will be Monday, May 15 at the church at
6:00PM; meat, and drinks will be provided; and
the program will be a hymn sing led by Joy
Pletcher. Please plan to join us for good food,
uplifting music and lively conversation.

A BIG THANK YOU.....

Thank you for helping us Celebrate Jackie's
wonderful miraculous life. Everyone who donated

food, set up and took down tables, helped serve, park cars, and especially welcomed our friends and family at the service on April 15th are appreciated. I definitely felt the love being shared. People who had never been to our church were very impressed by the hospitality and warm welcome they received. Many also complimented on the lovely church building, beautiful property and the excellent upkeep and care of both. Even though I have been and still am serving God

through my gift of music at another church, St. John's, Stovertown will always be my home, I am thankful to all of you and the Saints who have gone before us, for shaping my daughters and me into the women we are.

Love, Janet Slack and family

THE PRODUCE MARKET/GIVE-A-WAY.....

The Market is asking for donations of boxes of macaroni and cheese, cans spaghetti or spaghetti O's and jars of peanut butter to be given out at the May 16th market. We thought this would help families with children home from school for the summer.

If it is easier for you to make a monetary donations, we will purchase the items for you. Just designate on your offering envelope, Produce Market.

Please bring your items to the church and place them on the table in the choir loft.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.....

- Birthdays:** May 9 -Robert Pletcher
- 12 -Jamey Brassfield
- 14 -Margie Tysinger
- 25 -Frank Dietz

Anniversaries: May 6 - Gary & Leslie Williams

WELCA MEETING.....

The WELCA will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at noon at the church.

Hostess will be Kathy Jenkins and Topic will be given by Susan Showers.

AN INVITATION.....

Bill Barrett will be featured performer at a free concert sponsored by The Thursday Music Club of Zanesville on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The concert will be held at Secrest Auditorium and begins at 7:30PM. Bill got his start in musical performance as our organist at St. John's Stovertown at age 13. Bill was valedictorian at Philo High School, receiving a degree in Music from Oberlin College and later a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary. He currently resides in California.

THOUGHTS ABOUT MOTHERS.....

-Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while but their hearts forever.

Unknown

-Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.

William Makepeace Thackeray

-There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.

Jill Churchill

-The one constant, faithful, inviolable, holy love of loves – the love of your life-is not your wife, or lover, it is your mother

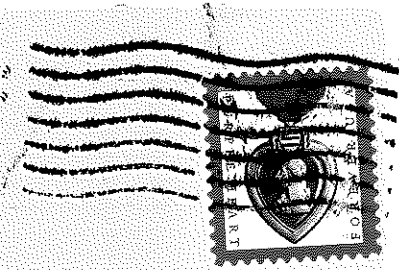
Sandra Cisneros

-The truth is that no matter how old we are, as long as our mothers are living we want our mothers.

Goldie Hawn

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Pastor Al 740-541-2823</p> <p>Church 740-697-0202</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6 Bill Barrett Concert 7:30PM
<p>Holy Communion Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection</p>	8	9 WELCA noon	10	11	12	13
<p>Worship-10AM SCS-9AM Happy Mother's Day!</p>	15 Mother/Daughter/ Friends Banquet 6PM	16	17	18	19	20
<p>Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection</p>	22	23 Produce Give-A-Way	24	25	26	27
<p>Worship-10AM SCS-9AM</p>	29	30	31	<p>Vicky Thomas Secretary 740-674-6814 cabinintheorchard@yahoo.co,m</p>		
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God, would like to invite all to share in the good news of Jesus Christ. As witnesses
of God's love and forgiveness we reach out to you".**