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Mother's Day, May 12th

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church" —the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.



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Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Fun Fact: Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37 percent.

What does your mother want for Mother's Day? For you to go to church with her at MCC!

Salad Luncheon, May 16th

MCC's Spring Salad Luncheon is on May 16th at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm



Pastor's Bible Study, Tuesday Evenings @ 6:30 pm

We'll be discovering the joy we have in Christ as taught by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament book of Philippians.

Paul thanks the Philippian Christians for their generosity and shares how they are all called to imitate Jesus' self-giving love.

In the book of Philippians, we read a series of short vignettes revolving around the Messiah Poem in Philippians 2. The poem retells the gospel story and in each vignette, Paul uses words or ideas from the poem to show how living as a Christian means seeing our own story as a living expression of Jesus' story. We are to imitate His way of life. Even in our suffering, we can be content as we mimic Him and draw closer to Him.

While our true citizenship is in heaven, we can enjoy a close connection to Jesus and an awareness of His love and presence now that gives us hope in the darkest hours.

Birthdays

Julie Guss, 19th
Joyce Dierikx, 23rd



Anniversaries

Rodney & Mary Millington, 4th
Chuck & Kim Dorsey, 31st

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Gathering
Every Tuesday @ 9:30 am

Pastor's Bible Study
Tuesday Evenings @ 6:30 pm

Crusaders' Potluck
Saturday, May 4th @ 6:00 pm

Ministry Leaders' Meeting
Sunday, May 5th after worship

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12th

Council Meeting
Monday, May 13th at 6:30 pm

Unity Circle
Wednesday, May 15th at 1:00 pm

MiGS Serving
At the Men's Shelter, Saturday, May 25th @ 5:30 pm



MCC's Prayer List

Breanna Allen, Brian Baker, Pat Baker, Lynette Cameron, Evelyn Day, Earl & Charlene Dreon, Bev & Jim Ducey, Bob Engelman, Kathy Johnson, MaryLou Johnson, Darry Kannenberg, Don & Donna Long, Dillon McDonald, Rodney Millington, Earnie Pannabaker, Julie Rind, Linda Roller, Bob Runge, Matt & Ava & Andy Simmons, Jerry & Barb Stinocher, Ella Williams, Charles York, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of our prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit," please contact the Church Office.