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A Little May Day History...



Since at least the 14th century, May Day participants have festooned the maypoles with garlands of flowers and leaves, and performed music and dances around the structure. Every village in the British Isles would set up their own maypole each year, competing for the tallest and grandest structure. The competition could get out of hand, however, sometimes leading to violence when people stole their neighboring village's maypole, or when the upper class had trees removed illegally from their estates.

During the Protestant Reformation, May Day celebrations in Great Britain were banned for idolatry, and most maypoles were destroyed. In Nathaniel Hawthorn's short story "The May-Pole of Merry Mount," he writes a fictional account of Puritans coming to chop down a maypole in a 1630's New England village. Around this time, most Scandinavian cultures began using maypoles during their summer solstice celebrations instead of May Day. After about a hundred years, maypoles were again tolerated in most European and American regions. New traditions emerged with May Day's revival, with some villages attaching ribbons to the top of the maypole rather than flowers, and performing elaborate dances while decorating the structure.

Other May Day traditions that have evolved over the centuries include the gifting of a May basket. Celebrated still even in some regions of the United States, children anonymously leave baskets of flowers or sweets on their neighbors' doorsteps, a nice version of "Ding Dong Ditch." Some celebrations crown a "May Queen," a young woman to preside over May Day parades.

While May Day is a holiday that has strongly waned over the years, especially in the United States, many towns and nature centers host popular May Day events to this day. Americans also continue to create their own modern spring festivals, yet the maypole still has an appeal that tells us that it may never disappear. Whatever your traditions are, feel free to use May Day as an excuse to get outside and celebrate nature!

Doorstep

We have recently seen a new flyer being handed out by Harvesters showing them as The Community Food Network, and the agencies it supports. Harvesters has many great programs, however, we need to clarify how Doorstep works with the agency. Doorstep signed up as a Harvester agency when Bimbo Bakery started donating their bread through them. Many agencies used to pick up bread individually. It was easier for the bakery to load a Harvester semi one time than have several pick-ups each week. Doorstep receives bread free of charge now through Harvesters. We could also receive perishable items such as fruits and vegetables for free for our clients. However, anything else we would choose to get through Harvesters would have a fee attached to it. Whether it is the “handling fee” per pound for items chosen, or a per case price, we would have to pay for it. If you donate food or money to Harvesters and think you are directly helping Doorstep, you are not. If you want Doorstep to receive your donations to help your neighbors in need, then you need to give directly to Doorstep. Our funding through community individuals was down in 2017. We have had to make hard choices in 2018, starting with eliminating a staff position to save money. We ask that you give donations to the agencies you want to support. If you want to support the community at large, you have several options for donating. Thank you.



Topeka Gives 2018 is Tuesday, June 5th at Fairlawn Plaza Mall from 7am - 6pm. Doorstep will be there again this year with a table. Please come by and see us and make a donation for Doorstep!

Donations must be made in person. You can donate \$25 - \$1,000 to Doorstep on this day at Fairlawn Plaza, and the Topeka Community Foundation will match it proportionately. This year there is \$65,600 available for the match. Last year Doorstep made \$17,404 from our donors to help with agency needs! Donations were down in 2017, and we have had to make some hard decisions this year. Please plan to attend

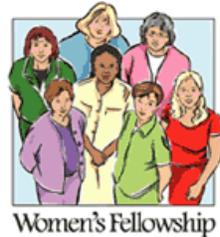
Topeka Gives on June 5th and **Give to Doorstep!** Save the date and come out on June 5th!

Topeka Gives – a fun day of giving is sponsored by the Topeka Community Foundation.

Men's and Ladies Groups



The Men's and Ladies' Groups met at Banjos on April 20th for lunch and fellowship. Our next meeting will be at Banjos on May 18th at 11:30. Let any friends or acquaintances know they are welcome to join us. Attendance has been good - keep it up.



Mexican Dinner



Our annual Mexican Community Dinner is Wednesday, May 9th from 4 - 7 PM. Our choir director, Mark Camacho, will be performing at the dinner from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. Suggested donations for the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Please put this on your calendars, let your family and friends know about it, and then come and join us for a delicious dinner.

Thank you,

Kathy Fuller

Fellowship Committee

Congratulations



Congratulations to Tom Luedke on his appointment by Gov. Jeff Colyer as the new district judge of the Third district, which includes Shawnee County. He has previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney for Kansas. He also served

with the Iraqi High Tribunal Liaison in Baghdad, Iraq, and with the United States Marine Corps. The governor indicated Tom's impressive background, valuable legal experience and strong character were qualities he would bring to the office and serve the people of Shawnee County well.

Shawnee Choral Society Concert

The Shawnee Choral Society will present its spring concert, *Broadway Favorites*, on May 21st at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be in White Concert Hall, Washburn University. Admission is free. A free will donation will be taken.



Stephanie Reynolds, Terry Coder, Matthew Reynolds and Don Newman are singing in this Chorus.

Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts



The annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts was held on Saturday, March 31st. There were 22 children from St. Andrews and the surrounding community plus volunteers. Thank



you to Stephanie and Matthew Reynolds and Jan Rice for the preparation and work in organizing the event. And thank you to the volunteers who spent the afternoon with the kids. This is always a fun event for the community.



Session members and committees they serve on:

Stephanie Reynolds - Treasurer, Christian Education, Stewardship and Finance, Administration and Personnel

Charles Franks - Stewardship and Finance, Mission and Outreach

Jan McPherson - Care of Members

Betty DeShazer - Christian Education, Care of Members, Mission and Outreach

Jan Rice - Worship, Christian Education

Claudia Hamer-Administration and Personnel, Care of Members, Fellowship, Mission and Outreach

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Jo Ann Miller - Fellowship

Kathy Fuller - Fellowship, Stewardship and Finance

Bob Bodenheimer - Mission and Outreach

Jan Schiesser - Mission and Outreach

Bill DeShazer - Clerk of Session, Care of Members

Please contact any session member if you have ideas, concerns or information related to the committee they serve on.

MAY 2018 LECTIONARY READINGS

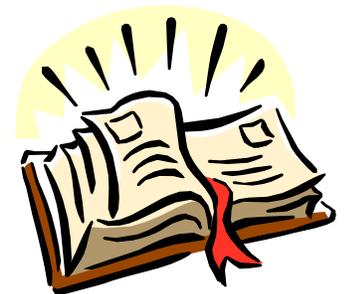
May 6- Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 10-Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 13-Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 20-Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27-Trinity Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



Communion will be served on Sunday, May 6th.



May Birthdays



Krystal Duer, May 11th
Rev. Paul Mitchell, May 13th
Mark Camacho, May 16th
Chris Serrat, May 22nd
Ainsley Jones, May 26th

Richmond & Sharon McDaniels	May 1, 1976
Alan & Stephanie Reynolds	May 11, 1985
Marvin & Kathy Parks	May 23, 1997
Brent & Cheryl DeShazer	May 26, 1990



Caring for our Members and Friends



Keep these folks in your prayers: Donna Robben, Dan Hamer, Charles Franks,

Virginia Bohn, Dick O'Neill, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, John Lucero, Don and

Olga Fluke, Mike Kelly, Rita Kelly, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer, Kelly Lindenmeyer, Landon Karcz, Jo Ann Lang, Annette Payne, Student of Pastor Stacey's, Wilma Lanning

Keep Marine 2nd Lt. Randy Luedke in your prayers, and the other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of violence in our country and the fires, floods and storms. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.

SESSION



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-April 15, 2018

[P]'20 Kathy Fuller

[A] '19 Claudia Hamer

[P] '18 Jan McPherson

[P]'20 Betty DeShazer

[A] '19 Jan Rice

[P] '18 Jan Schiesser

[P] '20 Charles Franks

[P] '19 Matthew Reynolds

[P] '18 Bob Bodenheimer

[P] '20 Bill DeShazer

[P] '19 Stephanie Reynolds

[P] '18 Jo Ann Miller

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer

[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

- Session will be meeting on Monday evenings at 6:30 during the Spring and Summer months, starting May 14th.
- No detailed financial report at this time. There was \$4,000.00 in the bank at the end of March. Funds sufficient to pay bills.
- There were 22 kids at the Easter Egg hunt and party. They were mostly from the surrounding area, and look forward to this event each year. All were appreciative.
- The choir's last time to sing this season will be on May 20th, which will be Pentecost Sunday. All are encouraged to wear red. The St. Andrews Quartet is looking at dates they can sing this summer.
- A few points regarding parts of the service. It is requested that people wait until Pastor Stacey has reached the back of the sanctuary before leaving, so she can greet everyone. It's understandable that there are times people have to leave early, and those handling fellowship time will probably need to leave early. The candlelighter should go out first following the benediction, followed by the pastor.
Also, the shutters should not be closed until the postlude is finished. Out of respect for the organist, activity in the sanctuary should be limited until the postlude is over. The postlude is actually a part of the service. People may exit during the postlude.
- Mexican dinner will be May 9th. Mark Camacho will be performing from 5:30-6:30.
- Carnations will be provided for the women on Mother's day, May 13th.
- Still determining location for the all church luncheon following worship on June 24th.
- Doorstep's Dovetail shop will be closed as of April 28th
- Communion will be celebrated on May 6th.

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30-Girl Scouts Richmond & Sharon McDaniels Anniv.	2	3 10:30-Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 Communion	7	8	9 4-7 Mexican Dinnerr	10 10:30-Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	11 Krystal Duer B'day Alan & Stephanie Reynolds - Anniv.	12
13 Mother's Day Paul Mitchell B'day	14 6:30 Session	15 6:30-Girl Scouts	16 Mark Camacho B'day	17 10:30-Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	18 11:30 Men's & Ladies Groups	19
20 Pentecost Last Sunday for Choir to sing	21	22 <i>Chris Serrat</i> B'day	23 Marvin & Kathy Parks - Anniv.	24 10:30-Bible Study	25	26 Brent & Cheryl DeShazer-Anniv. Ainsley Jones B'day
27	28	29	30	31 10:30 Bible Study		

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Mexican Dinner, Wednesday, May 9th, 4-7 PM
Worship-Sundays, 11:00 AM

