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Articles and information for the next month due the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.



## God's Prescription for Mother's Day

by  
Shari Abbott

In addition to celebrating our mothers who are with us this Mother's Day, I want to remind all of us to take the time to remember our mothers (and grandmothers) who dwell only in our hearts.

I often write about the importance of remembering God – remembering who He is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Christ. Mother's Day is a special day set apart for remembering our mothers and calling to mind all they have done for us, all they mean to us, and who we are because of them.

Our mothers were an instrument in God's hand to bring us into this world. What a joy and blessing it is for a mother to cradle her newborn child for the first time at birth and then to hold her child's hand throughout life.

Mothers are a gift from God to the child, just as much as a child is a gift from God to the mother (and father). There is a bond in the parent/child relationship that should never be broken. Just as God loves us and gave us spiritual birth, we should honor and love the one who gave us physical birth.

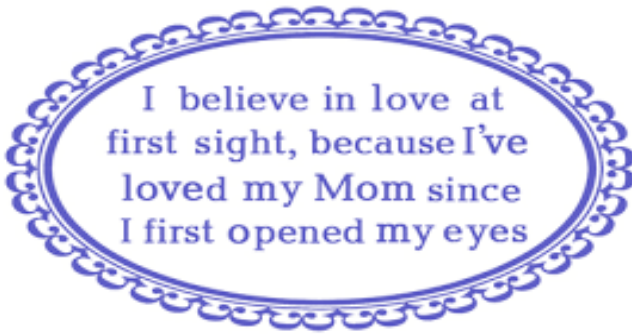
Remembering our mothers is important, and how we remember them is crucial to a loving relationship that honors God.

There's no perfect mother, and there's no perfect child. All relationships need good forgivers ready to give grace to each other. As Christians, we're to love without conditions and give all that we have because in Christ, we already have all that we need.

If like me, your mother has passed on from this life, make Mother's Day a special day to remember her. Keep the memories of her alive in your heart. If you still have your mother, give thanks for her presence in your life. Make Mother's Day a grace-filled day and take captive every warm and wonderful memory of Mom. Hide those memories in your heart.

Honor God by honoring your mother in your mind and with your actions, and the love that God has given you will pour forth in love for others.

There are free copies of OUR DAILY BREAD devotional booklets on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Please take one to help you spend time with God and His Word every day.



### Remembering M-O-T-H-E-R

**M** reminds me of her **Marvelous** love,  
**O** reminds me I have **One** mother,  
**T** reminds me of her **Tender** care,  
**H** reminds me of her **Heart** of gold,  
**E** reminds me of her **Endless** service,  
**R** reminds me to **Remember** her....

Not only on Mother's Day, but every day throughout the year.

On this Mother's Day, whether your mother is by your side or far away, still on earth or passed into eternity, give thanks to God for the gift of her life and the life He has given you through her.

-Shari Abbott

### Affirmations for Women

I am at peace, resting in the assurance of God's everlasting love and faithfulness.

I am grateful for every year that adds to my life's journey.

I welcome the new day with open arms and a heart full of gratitude.

I am deeply loved by God who created me.

I am filled with joy and gratitude for the wisdom that comes with age.

I am blessed and highly favored, a daughter of the King.

I am a perfect blend of experience, wisdom, and beauty.

I face each new day with optimism, courage, and an unwavering faith.

I am a child of God, chosen, cherished, and loved unconditionally.

I walk in faith not in fear, trusting in God's plan for me.



*A mother's love knows no boundaries, no limitations, and no conditions.*

*These special teachers of much, are in us, still - reminding, loving, comforting, helping.*

*A mother who loves her God and lives her faith is a blessing to her children.*



# Mother's Day Word Scramble Puzzle

1. TRIHB
2. GUEADRHT
3. NSO
4. OMERTH
5. LAYMIF
6. HEMO
7. DAYL
8. OTREOMDHOH
9. PEERTSN
10. NAPETR
11. ARIIONDTT
12. OANWM
13. AICNGR
14. OILGVN
15. ODOF
16. TRECTOP
17. SEIAR
18. ECHAT
19. SENTIL
20. POTPRUS

## COMING UP IN MAY:

- May 2 - National Day of Prayer
- May 5 - Luncheon after worship service to honor Mothers
- May 5 - Lakeview Area Helping Hands "Night of Praise":  
4:00 p.m. at Calvary Tabernacle, Jackson Center, PA
- May 13 - Session Meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- May 19 - PC(USA) Informational Meeting after worship service &  
Lunch
- May 20 - Deacons Meeting at 9:30 a.m.



Ebenezer Church will sponsor a COMMUNITY YARD SALE on JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 – 2. Rain date will be June 29<sup>th</sup>. This Yard Sale will be open to church members and members of this community. A space for your sale will be assigned to you. There is no charge for a space but you **MUST** provide your own tables, chairs, or whatever is needed for you to complete the setup. Contact Bev Sloan or Paul Bengs for further info.

**Clerk’s Corner:**

- Pulpit Supply is in place through June 2024.
- Approval given for the Sew and So Quilt Guild to meet at Ebenezer.
- The next PC(USA) Informational Meeting will be May 19 following worship and lunch. Packets will be distributed before the meeting.
- Security Cameras are still being discussed, but progress is being made.
- Upcoming Mission feature will be on Bible Camps. There will be more info featured on a bulletin board.
- Possible parking lot Yard Sale will be held in June.
- Family Picnic is June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On motion, Session moved to raise the amount trustees can spend without congregational approval from \$750 to \$1250 upon Congregational Meeting motion and approval.

-Connie Jewell, Clerk

**Treasurer’s Report: March 2024**

Beginning Balance 3/1/2024	\$ 2,992.54
Receipts: \$10,028.75	
Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	\$ 13,021.29
Less Expenses	\$ 3,833.92
Balance 3/31/2024	\$ 9,187.37
Balance Includes:	
90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Fund	\$ 807.74
Trustees Endowment	\$ 2,059.89
Missions Endowment	\$ 965.14
Missions:	
Local:	\$ 125.00
Saunders	\$ 155.00
Gardners	\$ 355.00
Grove City Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Dan Schall	\$ 40.00
Available Undesignated Funds for General Use 3/31/2024	\$ <u>463.96</u>

-Joan Coulter, Treasurer

Mother’s Day Word Scramble answers: 1. BIRTH, 2. DAUGHTER, 3. SON, 4. MOTHER, 5. FAMILY, 6. HOME, 7. LADY, 8. MOTHERHOOD, 9. PRESENT, 10. PARENT, 11. TRADITION, 12. WOMAN, 13. CARING, 14. LOVING, 15. FOOD, 16. PROTECT, 17. RAISE, 18. TEACH, 19. LISTEN, 20. SUPPORT

**Mission Focus:**

The Mission Focus for May is **Pine Valley Camp**, 504 Chapel Dr., Ellwood City, PA 16117. Their motto is: Faith is our Foundation.

Pine Valley Camp has broken ground on February 9<sup>th</sup> for their new dining hall. It will be named the Legacy Dining Hall. Ebenezer has helped with giving money towards some of the expense - mission contributions at work. This new dining hall will serve as well as for food – it will be a gathering place for fun activities and meaningful conversations. There is dining space for 300.

Please check out Pine Valley Camp for a family camping experience.

Some information has been posted on the back bulletin board.

-Joyce Steele, Mission Chairman



# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Luncheon after worship service  Lakeview Area Helping Hands "Night of Praise" 4:00 p.m.						Brian Jewell
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Session Meeting 1:00 p.m.	Joyce Steele				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
PC(USA) Informational Meeting after worship service and lunch						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						<b>Birthdays:</b> 11 – Brian Jewell 14 – Joyce Steele

## **MEMORIAL DAY:**

"May we never forget our fallen comrades. Freedom isn't free." - Sgt. Major Bill Paxton

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me." – Lee Greenwood



"A mother is she who  
can take the place of all  
others, but whose place  
no one else can take."

—CARDINAL HERMILLOD



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