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



## What Does the Bible Say about Mothers?

- ❖ She is to be honored. *Exodus 20:12*
- ❖ She takes care of her household. *Proverbs 31:27*
- ❖ Strength and Dignity are her clothing. *Proverbs 31:25*
- ❖ She is to be trained by the older women to love her husband and children. *Titus 2:4*
- ❖ She is a comforter. *Isaiah 66:13*
- ❖ Her children will rise up and call her blessed. *Proverbs 31:28*
- ❖ She is to teach her children. *Deuteronomy 6:6 & Proverbs 1:8*
- ❖ She will have joy that a child is born. *John: 16:21*
- ❖ Her faith leaves a legacy. *2 Timothy 1:5*



## Every woman who has walked with God has a story to tell –

SARAH will tell you: *Nothing is too hard for God.*

HAGAR will tell you: *God sees you.*

RAHAB will tell you: *Your past doesn't define you, God can use anyone.*

HANNAH will tell you: *God answers prayers.*

RUTH will tell you: *It's not over until God says it's over.*

ESTHER will tell you: *Trust God! He will exalt you in His timing.*

The WOMAN with the issue of blood will tell you: *When all else has failed, God never fails.*



We celebrate Mother's Day to honor our mothers, grandmothers, (maybe even great-grandmothers) and women who are mother figures in our lives. Many roles of a mother go unnoticed and are under-appreciated. So today I want to encourage and acknowledge you. The Word of God holds mothers in high esteem, asking us to honor and love them. The first mention of mothers was when Adam named Eve: *"Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all living."* Genesis 3:20. **Biblical mothers show us how our trust in God, unending prayer, and obedience to His calling strengthen our families. A mother's faith leaves a Godly inheritance for her family that lasts for generations. God uses mothers throughout Scripture to show us their part in His plan. A woman's inner beauty does not fade with age! Peter describes a character trait that is precious to God and shows true beauty. "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children." Proverbs 17:6. (Busy Blessed Women blog)**

**Clerk's Corner:**

- Contemporary hymn for worship service is being considered.
- 'Hear our Prayer, O Lord' response will be added to worship.
- Four new members were received April 13, 2025 – Kristine Minor, Gail Jewell, Chuck and Linda Gibbs.
- There was a combined meeting of Elders, Deacons, Trustees to coordinate ideas and activities for the coming year.
- Removing downed trees and brush from the old cemetery was discussed. We are on a list of Mercer Historical Society for help.
- There is a Congregational Meeting – May 18<sup>th</sup> after worship service to vote on leaving PC(USA) and going to ECO.

-Connie Jewell, Clerk

**Treasurer's Report:**

**March 2025**

Beginning Balance 231-2025	\$ 5,400.38
Receipts: \$6,420.00	
Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	\$11,820.38
Less Expenses	\$ 5,223.24
Balance 3-31-2025	\$ 6,597.14
Balance Includes:	
Trustees Endowment	\$ 823.62
Missions Endowment	\$ 465.14
90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Fund	\$ 807.74
Deacons Fund	\$ 1,160.89
Missions:	
Designated:	
Local	\$ 125.00
Saunders	\$ 100.00
Schall	\$ 165.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
Grove City Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Available Undesignated Funds	
For General Use 3-31-2025	<u>\$ 2,864.75</u>

-Joan Coulter, Treasurer

**Coming up in May:**

May 4 – Taco Bar & Bingo after worship service. Join us for this fun event. There is a sign-up sheet on the table.

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Meeting –after worship service to vote on transitioning from PC(USA) to ECO. Members, please plan to attend this meeting – your attendance for this vote is vital.

**Mission Focus:**



The Mission Focus for May is Joshua's Haven City Mission. They are about the work of feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Birthdays:</b> 7 – Karl Hubenthal 11 --Brian Jewell				1	2	3
4 Taco Bar & Bingo after worship service 	5	6	7 Karl Hubenthal	8	9	10
11 Brian Jewell 	12 SESSION MEETING at 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17
18 Congregational Meeting after worship service to vote on transitioning from PC(USA) to ECO	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30	31

**Each morning remind yourself:**

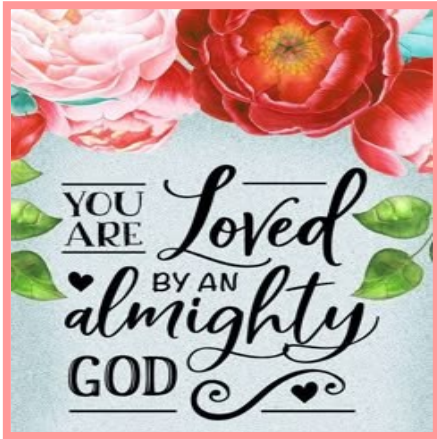
*“Every challenge I face makes me stronger, wiser, and more resilient.”*

*“I have unique gifts to share with the world.”*

*“I am created in God’s image and reflect His love and grace.”*

**Words to find:**

MOTHERS	SPRING
DAY	RESPECT
THOUGHTFUL	LOVING
MOMS	FAMILY
KIDS	HONOR
PARENT	GIVING
GRANDMOTHER	SPECIAL
CONSIDERATE	MAY
CARING	HAPPY
	CHILDREN



**MOTHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH**

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