



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

May 2017 Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church

*Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.
Proverbs 31:28*

The month of May has so many wonderful things to celebrate. Graduations are planned and happening (we have two this year in our household), there are Memorial Day celebrations, and there is Mother's Day. I found this wonderful article on mothers (author unknown) and how to show our love to moms. I thought I would share it with you to use as you like.

5 Incredible Mother's Day Celebration Ideas

Mother's Day is one of the occasions when you can show your gratitude to your lovely mother. The oodles of happiness and bunch of jovial moments that she has given you indeed need a celebration. She is the one who first showed the world to you and now it's your turn to show her the world. A mother takes every pain simply for her child without uttering a single word of dissatisfaction. Nobody else can be as caring as a mother. And therefore, she deserves to be celebrated for the way she has made your life a celebration with her unspoken prayers and continuous efforts.

Here are few of the Mother's Day celebration ideas to rely on if you are planning to delight your mother on this mother's day and say your heartiest feelings of love:

1. **Delight your mother with breakfast in bed**

Plan something extraordinary for her! Since you were born you have seen your mother preparing breakfast for everyone in the family. Now that you can do it for her, let this occasion be a special one for her by preparing her favorite and delicious breakfast for her in bed. Make it a point that she does not have to work for even a while during the whole day. A week before Mother's Day start finding out about the favorite breakfast of your mother, so that you can plan it out on

2. **Mother's Day.**

2. Plan for a day out together

Make it an exclusive day just for your mother, keeping no space for any other plans. Make your mother feel as if she is the queen of the province for that day. Plan a day out together, probably to a place where your mother has been planning to go for a long time but could not because of other obligations. You can go to a favorite park, ocean or lake together with the whole family. What actually counts is spending quality time together. So plan for gardening, a bike ride, or go for a picnic or anything when you can spend some quality time.

3. A get together of the generations

Plan a celebration family party and make sure that all the generations of the family are present in the party. Gather great-grandparents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, and also all other members of your mother's side. If the weather is permitting then the most perfect location for the celebration would be a barbeque.

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Sunday Worship: Services @ 8:30am & 11am, Sunday School @ 9:45am

Pastor: Rev Dr. Matt Fowler **Associate Pastor:** Rev Curt Copple **Pastor of Congregational Development:** Rev Dr. Bob Folkers
Executive Pastor: Rev Dr. Cole Fowler **Children /Youth Director:** Becky McClanathan
Choir Director: David Galant **Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley **Accompanist:** Vicki Buras
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Mother's Day continued...

4. A whole day of rest for your mother

This would probably be one of the most loved gifts for your mother. You should also encourage everyone around to let their mother take rest on Mother's Day. She has worked non-stop for the family all these years. At least she deserves a day off from her duty. Let other members of the family prepare dinner and serve your mother her favorite one on Mother's Day.

5. Help other mothers in need

Mother's Day came into existence to honor all the mothers out there who sacrifice for their children. And, the effort of every mother is important! This Mother's Day, donate to an organization which helps children and mothers, so that you can, in a way, help a mother.

Grace and Peace

Matt

Mission Notes

On May 12th, **Dining for Women** will host Gharghashta Katawazai, a refugee from Afghanistan, who will tell her story and how it relates to the refugee crisis in our own country, as well as that in other parts of the world. She and her husband are close friends of JoAnn VanFosson and were guest speakers at Trinity last year. This should be a program that speaks to all of us.

We will be promoting **One Great Hour of Sharing**, or **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) **Sunday** on May 7th. One hundred percent of money donated supports UMCOR and will go directly to US Disaster Relief and Water for Life Projects. Envelopes will be provided during worship, and checks can be made payable to TUMC with UMCOR in the memo line. Together, we can reach and help children, families, and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.

Several years ago, our Mission Team made **sack lunches** for various programs in Omaha, including the after school program at Living Hope. We have begun meeting once a month to make lunches for the Stephen's Center again. They are always in need of the lunches, and also in need of bus passes for the residents who are job hunting.

The Ralston High School **Project Prom** was a success again this year. Ten students participated and thoughtfully sent thank you notes to the congregation. This is a project we hope to continue supporting in the coming years.

We have received word that the **Sienna Francis House** is in need of men's jeans and underwear and personal hygiene products. We will provide a list of needed items in the upcoming weeks and promote this ministry during June.

For those who donate items to **Heartland Family Services** in Papillion, here is a schedule when items can be received:

Mondays and Thursdays: 8:30-11:30am, **Tuesdays:** 10am-2pm, and **Fridays:** 8:30am-2:30pm

We frequently take our **boat donations** to the Heartland site and with school break coming, children will be home and in need of kid-friendly foods. Thanks to all who keep our boat filled.

Judy Dappen
Mission Chair

Graduating Seniors

We would like to recognize any Trinity members who will be graduating from high school or college. Please contact the church office if you have someone in your family graduating.

New Members

Trinity welcomed Jeff and Penny Holzbauer as new members on April 2nd.

Education Notes



Dear Church Family, I'm so excited to share some thoughts about Easter and the children of Trinity! We had such a beautiful April full of activities. May is just around the corner with more exciting news!

Thank you for supporting this year's **Easter Egg Hunt** at Trinity. We had an amazing turn out! Counting over 70 children at the hunt, we then moved into the Community Center to take on crafts and the bounce-house. The crafts and activities included; coloring and creating a flowerpot, then proceeding to fill it with a flower and soil, creating a resurrection window with tissue paper, painting a "salt dough" Easter egg ornament and tying on a ribbon to take home. It was an amazing community and church family event. These events are so successful with the help of volunteers and donations. Thank you for all of your generosity as a church family! I really appreciate it and the kids had a great time!



May 5th-6th: **Box City** event at First UMC. Youth will check in on Friday, May 5th at 6pm, and finish on Saturday, May 6th at 8am. This is an overnight program dedicated to raising awareness and supporting the homeless and at-risk youth of our city. We will use boxes to create our sleeping area and participate in activities. Contact Becky with any questions at Becky.M@trinityralston.org. If you would like to participate, please contact the church ASAP! Thank you!

May 7th: **Teacher appreciation** & recognition will be at the I I am service.

Our **last day for Sunday School** class this school year will be May 14th. The kids will share two songs in both services that day, Psalm 55:22 and a Mother's Day song.

Youth will gather in the evening for fellowship on May 14th and 28th. Activities TBD.



Vacation Bible School 2017, Maker Fun Factory, is well under way with planning and decoration prep. If you would like to volunteer and help with preparations, please contact me and we will schedule time to work together. VBS is July 26th-28th and July 30th. Registration is now open! Go to our website trinityralston.org and register at the VBS logo or under the EVENTS tab.

Becky McClanathan
Director of children & youth

(pictures on this page courtesy of Becky McClanathan.)

Big Garden Spring Plant Sale

The Big Garden will be having a sale of high-quality vegetable, herb, and perennial flower seedlings on May 12th-14th and May 19th-21st from 9am-2pm each day. They are located at 5602 Read Street (three blocks north of 56th & Sorensen Pkwy). This is a non-profit fundraiser to support the Big Garden.

May

Birthdays

- 5/1 Delaney Richardson
Todd Zeller
- 5/5 Jim Birkel
- 5/6 Jaxson Babbel
- 5/8 Ron Siske
- 5/9 Betty Stafford
- 5/10 Samantha Dean
Charlie Lindner
Noelle Lindner
Amy Richardson
- 5/12 Matt Fowler
Asher Gonzalez
- 5/15 Carol Jack
- 5/17 Jerry Faller
- 5/18 Kiri Berray
Marge O'Reilly
- 5/20 Sharrie Craven
- 5/21 Debra Groesser
- 5/23 Leroy Richards
- 5/25 Kylie Conley
Mary Lou Morrissy
Theresa Zitterkopf
- 5/26 Becky McClanathan
Diane Rutherford
- 5/27 Connor Monzu
- 5/29 Olivia Lott

Thurs, May 4th

Naomi Ruth Circle @ Bellevue Summer Kitchen
Carpool from TUMC at 11am

Sat, May 6th

Esther Circle @ The Master's Hand
Carpool from TUMC at 9:15am

Tues, May 16th

Mary Circle @ Farmhouse Cafe 6pm

Thurs, May 18th

Bingo @ Hillcrest Shadowlake 2pm

Sat, May 20th

UMW Sunday Planning Meeting 10:30am

Tues, Jun 6th

UMW Executive Board 6:30pm

Esther Circle is in charge of kitchen cleanup in May.

Saturday Book Club

Saturday Sisters Book Club will meet on Saturday, May 20th at 9am in Room 205. This month we will be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. You are invited to join us at any time, even if you have not read the book.

Trinity Methodist Men

The Trinity Men's Group meets the last Saturday of each month at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Join them on May 27th for coffee, breakfast, and guest speakers as they build their faith together. For more information, please contact Steve Gage.

Lost and Found Clothing Center

The Lost and Found Clothing Center will be closed on Mother's Day, May 14th.

Ralston Archives

The Frank & Velma Johnson Ralston Archives Museum will be open on Sunday, May 18th from 1-3pm. New displays will feature miniatures of all kinds and information on the Optimist Club and other Ralston organizations. This event is free and open to the public.

Anniversary Reception

On June 4th, 1967, Sue Stewart and Ken Rood were married at the Methodist Church in Wymore, Nebraska. For fifty years their lives have been enriched by children, grandchildren, foster children, exchange students and the many church families across Nebraska where Ken served as pastor. Ken served Ralston Trinity UMC from 1985 to 1997. They would like to invite their church friends at Trinity UMC to join them as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception on June 11th from 1:30-4pm at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass in Omaha.

Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, May 28th from 11am – 5pm and the church receives 20% of your purchase.

Calendar insert

You will find inserted in this month's Beacon a copy of the current calendar for May. Please check the website (trinityralston.org) for the most up-to-date calendar available. Call the church office at 402-331-4054 for more information, or to schedule your event today.

