



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

## May 2018 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, there are Memorial Day celebrations, and there is Mother's Day. I found this wonderful article on mothers and how to show our love to them. I thought I would share it with you.

### **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 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. *No one 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 a 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 show 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, delicious breakfast and delivering to 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 your mom's favorite breakfast, so you can plan it out on her special day!

#### **2. Plan for a "Day Out" Together**

Make this outing an exclusive day just for your mother, allowing 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, going to a place where your mother has been planning to go for a while, 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. Plan to garden, bike ride, or go for a picnic, anything to spend some quality time together.

#### **3. A Get Together of the Generations**

Plan a family gathering, making sure all the generations of the family are present at the party. Gather great-grandparents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, and all other members of your family. If weather is permitting, the most perfect location for the celebration may 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:** Dr. David Galant   **Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley  
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**Mother's Day Ideas** continued...

#### **4. A Whole Day of Rest for Your Mother**

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

#### **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 you can help a mother in another way.

Grace and Peace ~Matt

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### **Mission Notes**

It has been quiet in the missions' arena this month.

We will continue collecting toys for the **Birthday Box** another week or so. Hopefully, the items will be things that a number of children can enjoy. Thanks for your donations.

Carolyn Elledge has faithfully distributed **prayer shawls** to people at Papillion Manor. She says the administration has been very grateful and enthused about the shawls. Each month a patient is selected to receive the shawl.

**Dining for Women's** meeting in April with Fran Moore was a great success. The ladies said they learned a lot about the living conditions that Zambian women have to face on a daily basis. Next DFW will be May 11<sup>th</sup>, and the topic will address women's and girls' need for education and support by setting up Girls Clubs in Benin, Africa.

Watch for the latest on **donations to the boat**. We think that by having a specific theme each month, we are receiving a greater quantity of donations.

#### **Dates to remember:**

Mission meeting-- second Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Dining for Women--second Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Sack lunches--third Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Judy Dappen, Chair

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#### **Birthday Blast Potluck**

To kick off our summer project of getting to know members of Trinity, the Congregational Development Committee invites you to a Birthday Blast Potluck on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 3pm. The Community Center will have twelve tables set up for each month of the year. You will have the opportunity to meet other members who have the same birth month by sharing lunch together and playing some games.

If you could help us decorate a certain birthday table (or two), please call Dianne Fowler at 402-604-1820. Later, we will be sending invitations with RSVP's so we can have the correct tables set for our birthday guests.

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#### **Proposed Daycare Vote**

Due to some revised information that went out by email, the vote on the proposed daycare has been moved to Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, between services at 9:45am.

## Education Notes



**Kids will share a song in both services on May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Youth gathering:** May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday from 5-7pm

We will be participating in Omaha Gives (Back) Cleanup + Celebration  
Hosted by: Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. at Elmwood Park, 808 S. 60<sup>th</sup> St.

May 6<sup>th</sup>: **Teacher Appreciation Sunday** at the 11am service. Please plan on attending to help us honor and thank our teachers who spread the Word of God, and open their arms to our kids and adults through their journey with Christ. Email me at [Becky.M@trinityralston.org](mailto:Becky.M@trinityralston.org) with questions.

May 9<sup>th</sup>: **Last Kids for Christ** (KFC) class for the season. It will be a potluck dinner, bring a dish and join us!

May 13<sup>th</sup>: **Last day of Sunday School**, and we will **honor graduates** at both services.

~Graduates, please email me (see above for address) information about your graduation and future plans, as well as a picture that we can share with the congregation. **Due by Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the latest.** Thank you!

**Summer Sunday School will begin on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Kids will go to service with their families, join in on children's time and then proceed to Fellowship Hall to have Sunday School. We take attendance, hear a short lesson, do a craft or hands-on activity and have some fun. I will be incorporating Science lessons into the summer lessons!

June 17-23<sup>rd</sup>: **Youth mission trip** to Colorado Springs, Colorado



July 18-20<sup>th</sup> is **Vacation Bible School** (VBS) with the 22<sup>nd</sup> being VBS Sunday Fun Day and presentation. Information will go out when registration is open.

Let your light shine!!  
Becky McClanathan

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### Just Friends-Summer Small Group

Want to join a movie review group, play cards or board games, share in a dinner group, golf buddies, or relax with a coffee talk group?

Just Friends is a small group of four to six people who agree to meet once a month, starting in July through October. The group decides what activity they would like to do to get to know each other. Please fill in the Trinity Friend sign-in sheet at the information table in Fellowship Hall with your name, address, and activity of interest.

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### Single Service

There will be a single worship service at 10am on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Memorial Day.

## May Birthdays

5/1 Delaney Richardson  
Todd Zeller

5/5 Jim Birkel

5/6 Jaxson Babbel

5/8 Ron Siske

5/10 Charlie Lindner  
Noelle Lindner

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 Declan Evers  
Debra Groesser

5/22 Harlow Gonzalez

5/23 Leroy Richards

5/25 Kylie Conley  
Theresa Zitterkopf

5/26 Becky McClanathan  
Diane Rutherford

5/27 Conner Monzu

5/29 Olivia Lott

## UMW Notes

**Thurs, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Naomi Ruth Circle  
@ Garden Café in Rockbrook

11:30am

**Tues, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Circle  
@ Farmhouse Café

6:30pm

**Thurs, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Bingo @ Hillcrest Shadowlake

2pm

**Sat, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

UMW Sunday Planning Meeting

11am

**Tues, Jun 5<sup>th</sup>**

UMW Executive Board Meeting

6:30pm

**Sun, Jun 10<sup>th</sup>**

UMW Sunday

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### Saturday Book Club

You are invited to join us in Room 205 at 9am on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, for fellowship and discussion. This month our selection is *Pavilion of Women* by Pearl S. Buck.

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### Trinity Methodist Men

The Trinity Men's Group will meet on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am. If you are interested in learning more about this group, then contact Steve Gage.

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### New Member

Trinity welcomed Gloria Rosenkrantz as a new member on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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### Thank You

Jan and Roger Brown appreciate the thoughts, cards, and prayers they have received as they continue to recover from their recent health issues. And Jan says, "We love you all!"

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### Grant Proposals

The Grant Writing Committee has a form if you would like to submit an idea for a grant. The form is available in the folder in Fellowship Hall on the events bulletin board. Thank you from the Grant Writing Committee.

~Diane Adams, Michelle Christensen, Janis Dwyer, and Dianne Fowler

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### Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 5pm and the church receives 20% of your purchase.

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### Ralston Archives

The Frank & Velma Johnson Ralston Archives Museum will be open Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm with new displays on the Ralston Schools, the Ralston Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, and more.

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### 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](http://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.