

Methodist History: The Founding Mothers of Mother’s Day



Statistics say that \$20.7 billion will be spent on moms in honor of the U.S. holiday that falls on the second Sunday in May: Mother’s Day. All that cash and commercialism goes against everything the women who originated the idea wanted. In this video, meet the Methodist mother and daughter team who worked to create a day to honor a mother’s love and to emphasize how important a mother’s role is in building a peaceful world.

Harriet Olson, Chief Executive, United Methodist Women: “When Ann Jarvis was working to establish Mother’s Day as a national event, and when her daughter picked up the mantle from her, they were not thinking about greeting cards and flowers.” Instead, the Methodist women who invented the idea in America wanted to honor mothers in a deeper way. Olsen: “They were thinking about the work of women and the significant testimony that women could give about the need for peace.”

Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women’s clubs in the 1860s to serve suffering mothers and children. Harriet Olson: “Women came together with their sisters in their locations to respond to the needs that they could see. For Ann, she was in a coal mining part of what is now West Virginia. And she could see the needs of women and children. And she could see the effect of the economy of her day on the people that she cared for most directly.” Donna Miller, Archivist, Historic St. George’s United Methodist Church: “She started mothers clubs. And she talked to them about hydration for fevered babies, about sanitation and nutrition. And then the Civil War came along and they put a field hospital right outside Grafton.”

Ann recruited nurses for military hospitals, and after the war formed friendship clubs to promote reconciliation. Harriet Olson: “Ann Jarvis was convinced that mothers, women, but especially mothers, had to work for peace because they could see the ravages of war in their husbands and in their sons, in a way that was so focused and so clear that their voices would be powerful. And that’s what’s at the genesis of the current Mother’s Day.”

Faith was always foremost. When she was older, Ann Jarvis and her daughter Anna became members of Philadelphia’s St. George’s Methodist Episcopal Church. Donna Miller: “Anna became a Sunday school teacher here at St. George’s. But she’s best known for the efforts she made to get Mother’s Day recognized as a national observance. She and John Wanamaker, who was a famous retailer here, are the ones that got Woodrow Wilson to sign the petition.”

Ann Jarvis died in 1905, before an official holiday was in place. But her daughter Anna (who was never a mother herself) stayed true to the purpose of the celebration. She envisioned Mother’s Day as a time to write a personal letter to your mother, a time to send her an inexpensive carnation (a flower in which the petals hold tight like a mother’s love) and a time to visit or attend church together.

Excerpt from UMC.org

JOIN US!	9:00 a.m.	All Ages Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship Time
SUNDAYS	10:15 a.m.	Worship

Our Mission
Our Vision

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ
To invite and reach out to our neighbors to encounter God, grow in faith and serve in Christ's love



Birthdays

- May**
 5th Tim Berkley
 8th Bonnie Courtney
 8th JW Courtney
 13th Melissa Koons
 16th Kevan Koons
 22nd Kimberly Ware



Anniversaries



- May**
 2nd Pat & Red Reese
 17th Matt & Dixie Ellis
 26th Ethan & Tabitha Houdeshell



A Great Place to Gather

2nd Sunday Snack continues each month. On May 12, which happens to be Mother's Day, and on June 9, which is Children's Day and time to honor our two high school grads, gather before worship to have a snack and interact with others. Even if you don't pick up goodies, take advantage of the opportunity to talk and engage in conversation and fellowship.

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| Thursday, May 2 nd | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus |
| Sunday, May 5 th | Cinco de Mayo |
| Thursday, May 9 th | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus |
| Sunday, May 12 th | Mother's Day
2 nd Sunday Snack |
| Tuesday, May 14 th | 6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting |
| Thursday, May 16 th | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus |
| Monday, May 20 th | 1:00 p.m. Pack food for the State Line Inn |
| Thursday, My 23 rd | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus |
| Saturday, May 25 th | 12:00 p.m. State Line Inn Cookout & Food Distribution |
| Monday, May 27 th | Memorial Day |
| Wednesday, May 29 th | Beginning of the Annual Conference |
| Thursday, May 30 th | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus |





Outreach Pantry Needs for April

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal
Canned Pasta, Cup of Noodles

Get Involved!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, May 20th – Pack bags of food for the Inn.

12:00 p.m. – **Saturday, May 25th** – Food distribution at the State Line Inn with the Cookout



Outreach Cookout State Line Inn

Saturday, May 25th at 12:00 noon, the Outreach Team and congregation will hold a spring cookout for the residents of the State Line Inn.

Lots of help is needed...

11:00 a.m. – Volunteers at the church to prep food & move items

12:00 p.m. – We need congregants to chat & make connections.

Post-cookout – Volunteers to clean up, pack up, distribute food bags

** Look for more info about help needed in the coming weeks.**

A Bug's Life Movie Night

Thank you to all who helped make our movie night a fun one! We had 23 guests in attendance and 21 church family serving and enjoying the night. We look forward to more fun coming in the summer and fall. Mark your calendars for the next movie nights!

June 15th & September 21st



Children's Day Lunch

A special Children's Day worship experience is being planned.

To show our love and support of the younger church family members, lunch will be served after worship.

Look for sign-up sheets mid-May which offer a chance to provide some of the kid-friendly menu items. It is hoped that everyone can stay to eat and feel like a kid again regardless of your age!

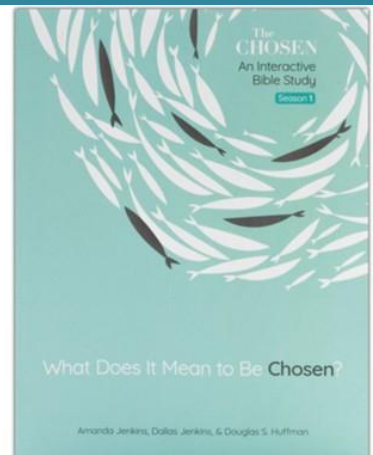


Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – John Allison Public House

It's never the wrong time to participate in Bible Study! The current study is of **The Chosen**. We are taking a deeper look at God's character, power, and promises using the framework of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

GROWING MINISTRY: 3 attending to 12 attending in 6 months!!





INDOOR YARD SALE

(by donation) TO SUPPORT THE ROOF FUND

Plans are being made for a new fundraiser venture that can involve everyone in the church family. Here are a few info tidbits:

1. Tentative dates for this venture are **June 21 and 22** with set-up in fellowship hall during the week prior. Being indoors means only one set-up and tear-down AND **a rain or shine event.**
2. Needed to be successful:
 - MANY items in great condition donated by everyone in our church family. Great time to clear out those unwanted but still useful items. Think all categories - household, tools, craft/supplies, kids stuff, holiday decorations, furniture - things you find at yard sales. Look around everywhere at home to see what you can find.
 - WILLING WORKERS to help in lots of ways. There will be set-up and tear-down jobs, help in a basic concession stand, minglers while sale goes on, makers of homemade sweets and there will be more opportunities to help as plans are developed.
 - PARTICIPATION by everyone as this is an all-church project to raise funds for our roofing project.
 - EVERYONE understanding that items donated but not sold will be donated to a ministry to be decided. An example would be New Hope Shelter thrift shop or Salvation Army. The plan is to have items out of fellowship hall ASAP after the event.

As more details are developed, they will be shared. Watch weekly announcement emails, special emails, newsletter, and announcements prior to worship. Keep in mind that no items will be priced. Yard sale and concession items will be paid for via donation. We are trusting God to help folks realize we are raising funds and to lead them to give with a generous heart. A tithe of the funds raised will be given to a worthy organization/area outside of the UMC connection. More about that later. The practice of offering a tithe from fund-raising dates back to a decision made by Ad Board during Pastor Mick Dawes' time with us.

Just think of the 'good stuff' you can be rid of while helping generate sales to benefit our roof fund! There's virtually no overhead cost to this project. If we don't soon get a new roof, our church home will have no overhead!!! All the more reason to PRAY about how you/your family can support this effort.

The concept was given Leadership Team approval at its March meeting. Ellen Avey is the contact person for this project, so please direct questions, ideas, and comments to her. Looking forward to an enthusiastic response with everyone on board with this new-to-us experience.

April Leadership Notes

The Leadership Team met on April 9th. The following are highlights from the meeting.

- After many roofer visits, quotes and inquiries, the team voted to narrow down all quotes to shingle roofing material.
- A roofing committee has been assembled to get the final quotes and make a recommendation on best company/quote with which to proceed.
- Minor electrical repairs were discussed. Gwenelle Trivette met with a few contactors. Since the meeting, one offered free labor and, in the end, had parts which he donated for the job!

Encounter God

Share God's love with our church family and invite friends and neighbors.

Grow in Faith

You must be intentional in growing your faith and in helping others do the same.

Serve in Christ's Love

Jesus gave us the example of helping others and charged us with sharing the faith.

Tithes & Offerings

Week of March 31 st :	15 – 3/27	\$665.00 (combined)
	41 – 3/31	
Week of April 7 th :	31 attend	\$2020.00
Week of April 14 th :	32 attend	\$1425.00
Week of April 21 st :	21 attend	\$905.00
Week of April 28 th :	28 attend	\$331.00



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Serving in Worship

	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
May 5	Elyssa Hevner	Rodger Kennedy	Bonnie C.
May 12	Matt Ellis	Gary Rhoe	Gwenelle T.
May 19	Ellen Kennedy	Tim Berkley	Tabitha H. / Gwenelle T.
May 26	Matt Ellis	Rodger Kennedy	Tabitha H. / Bonnie C.

Pastor Don is available by email, cell phone, or Monday mornings in the office. Please know that you can reach him and can discuss ideas or concerns with him directly.

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