

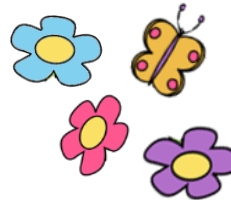


# Among Friends

MAY, 2021



## A FROM DIANE'S DESK



Greetings —

As I sat looking out my window today, it looked more like January than April. Snow covered the grass, the flowers and the buds on the trees. Isn't life like that? We think it should be sunny and 80, however it is snowing and 30!! This past year has been like that. But God reminds me that the snow will melt and the sun will shine again. And God reminds me that no matter what, I always have something to be thankful for.

In the book **“Learning to Dance in the Rain”** these words are written:

### THANKFUL

Your mother has Alzheimer's disease...*but your father doesn't.*

You were in a car accident...*but you weren't seriously hurt.*

Your broke your leg...*but you didn't break your neck.*

You're suffering from depression...*but you don't have cancer.*

You're broke...*but you're not homeless.*

Your house flooded...*but your family photo albums were undamaged.*

No matter how bad things are, they could always be worse. Start finding gratitude for what might have happened, but didn't.

You may not be thankful for everything—but you can always be thankful for something.

Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Pastor's Message
- 2 Look for the Sign  
Online Worship Link
- 3 Sunday School Update  
Missions Update  
Message from Wendi
- 4 Joys and Concerns  
Memorial Day Thoughts
- 5 Just for Fun



**JUNE**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**May 26**

## SPECIAL DATES IN MAY

- National Day of Prayer, May 6,
- Mother's Day, May 9
- Ascension Day, May 13
- Armed Forces Day, May 15
- Pentecost, May 23
- Trinity Sunday, May 30
- Memorial Day, May 31

*Worship  
With Us*

((( ONLINE WORSHIP )))

Click Here  
[www.friendshippresbyterianchurch.weebly.com](http://www.friendshippresbyterianchurch.weebly.com)

Deadline for  
JUNE  
submission of  
information is  
MAY 26

Submit to:  
Sue Datt via

"Snail Mail"  
324 S. Main St.  
Harrisville, PA 16038

E-mail:  
[suedatt70@gmail.com](mailto:suedatt70@gmail.com)

Phone:  
724-991-5863

## From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is  
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

And so, as I look out my window and see the snow...thank God that it is not April 2020. We made it through the last year thanks to God. I don't know what the rest of 2021 holds for any of us, but this I do know...God is good and for that I am thankful.

In His love,  
*Diane*



## LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**NAILS  
COULDN'T  
HOLD HIM**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**THE  
OLD RUGGED  
CROSS**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**ENCOURAGE  
THE  
DISCOURAGED**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**BE PART  
OF THE  
SOLUTION**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953



## CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OTHERS...

**Submitted by:**  
**Wendi Vukson**

*I am writing this to encourage everyone to keep praying. I think sometimes we don't realize that our prayers do make a difference, especially when we are praying for people on our prayer list that we don't know.*

*Prayers helped my Mom. They didn't bring the healing we hoped for but it meant so much to her to know that so many people cared and prayed for her.*

*The last time my Mom was able to go to the hospital, a volunteer that was helping to push her wheelchair, asked my Mom how she was feeling. My Mom would always answer "pretty good" to that question but that day she said, "Not good". The woman stopped and asked my Mom if she could pray for her. She prayed a short prayer and then wheeled my Mom into her appointment. That woman will never know how much her prayer meant to my Mom. It wasn't the words that she prayed, because my Mom didn't remember what she said, it was the fact that this woman, who had never met my Mom before, cared and took time with her to pray. My Mom told me many times how good that woman's pray made her feel.*

*So please keep praying. We may never know what a difference our prayers make in someone else's life.*

*Thank you for all the prayers for my Mom and our family.*



— Wendi

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

May finishes up our study of Old Testament Prophets by looking at some bold prophets: Micaiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Jonah. We will see how these prophets called people back when they strayed from their covenant with God. All are welcome to join us for this time of Bible study, discussion and sharing. We meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is comparing how a story is recorded differently in the four gospels. We meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.

## MISSION UPDATE



**DRESS FOR SUCCESS:** We are planning a delivery of clothing to Dress for Success in Butler for the end of May or beginning of June. Clothing should be clean, on hangers and suitable for a job interview. Please leave any donations in the church coat room.



**THE BLANKET CAMPAIGN:** Thank you for your generosity. Ninety-six hearts were purchased for a total of \$480 to be sent on the World Church Service for blankets to be sent to those in need around the world.



**ONE GREAT HOUR SHARING:** This year we collected a total of \$162.50 to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Thank you for your generosity!



**THE ARK PROJECT:** The children's Sunday School class continues fundraising to benefit the Heifer Project. The lofty goal is to raise enough to provide an "ARK" which supplies bees, sheep, cows, oxen, water buffalo, pigs, goats, ducks, alpacas, fish and a community ark vet kit. Among the money collected so far is Friendship Presbyterian Women's donation of \$100. You can support them through putting money in the jar on the vestibule table or putting a donation in the offering plate (please indicate that it is for the Ark Project.)



## MORE THAN A NAME

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It read:

*“I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me. Good-bye. Hello. Nancy.”*

*That’s a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simply names. They were living people who loved and were loved ... and are still loved.*

—Adapted from Homiletics

*“Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.”*

—General Omar Bradley

## Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”*  
James 5:16

Anne D.  
April and Todd  
The Alben Family  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
Candy Boulanger  
Kayla Brundige  
Martie Cooper  
Ruth Cooper  
Kay Curtis  
Heather Datt  
Jim Dickey  
Mark Doerr  
Blanche English  
Jennifer Gilliland  
Donna Grossman  
David Hall  
Kimberly Harrison  
Nancy Huntington

Timothy James  
Jennie Jamieson  
Rev. William  
Jamieson  
Graham Larimore  
Landry Lawson  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Will McCoy  
Kevin Michael  
Willard Morse  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Anna Mae and Jon  
Richards  
Bill & Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott  
Helen Taggart  
Joe Vivelo  
Seth Vogan

Our military at home  
and abroad  
Persecuted Christians  
around the world,  
Alpha Omega (SR)  
Pregnancy Center  
Feed My Sheep Food  
Cupboard  
Beaver Butler  
Presbytery  
Cooperstown  
Congregation

All those who have  
been impacted by  
COVID19



### BIRTHDAYS

Sandie Grosky, 5/8  
Jon Richards, 5/24  
Tiffany Sybert, 5/26  
Gail Kreuzer, 5/27  
Jeremy Whitehouse, 5/31

### ANNIVERSARY

Jeff & Cindy Cross, 5/21



### REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

Jessie Myers  
Grove Manor  
435 North Broad Street  
Grove City, PA 16127

Helen Taggart  
Orchard Manor  
20 Orchard Dr.  
Grove City, PA 16127



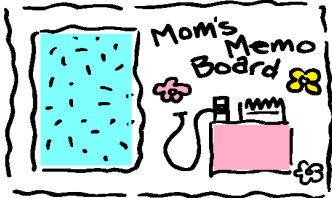
## JUST FOR FUN

### Make a Memo Board for Mother's Day

Make a memo board and give it to your mom on Mother's Day.

*What you need:*

- a canvas board approximately 14" x 10" (available at art and craft stores in various sizes)
- a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board (available in self-adhesive rolls or sheets at art and craft stores)
- permanent marker
- colored tissue paper
- 1 sheet of construction paper
- 2 pieces of string or yarn, each about as long as your arm
- glue ■ small notepad
- scissors ■ pencil ■ stapler



*How to make it:*

1. Cut a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board. Attach it to the left side of the board with glue (or the adhesive backing).
2. Write "Mom's Memo Board" on the top right side of the canvas board.
3. Cut the tissue paper into flower shapes and glue them onto the canvas board.
4. Fold the construction paper into a pocket big enough to hold the small notepad and pencil. Glue the pocket's side and bottom edges to the canvas board. Let it dry.
5. Tie one piece of string or yarn to the pencil and staple the other end to the board near the notepad pocket. Put the pencil in the pocket.
6. Staple the last piece of string or yarn to the back of the board as a hanger.
7. Write a special message to your mother on the first page of the notepad.

## Just for KIDS

### Famous Mothers in the Bible

Mothers are very special people. The Bible tells many stories about famous mothers.

Unscramble the letters to find the names of some mothers from the Bible. Look up the Bible verses, if you need help. Write the names on the blanks. Use the letters on the numbered blanks to fill in the message at the bottom.

VEE ( <i>Genesis 3:20</i> )	6	11		
NAHHAN ( <i>1 Samuel 1:20</i> )				14
BRAHEOD ( <i>Judges 5:7</i> )	18		3	
KREEHBA ( <i>Genesis 27:5</i> )	16			5
HELAL ( <i>Genesis 30:14</i> )				1
CHELRA ( <i>Genesis 30:22</i> )	7			12
MOIAN ( <i>Ruth 1:22</i> )			10	17
RAAHS ( <i>Genesis 17:19</i> )		8		
RAMY ( <i>Matthew 2:11</i> )			2	
ZEBLEHATI ( <i>Luke 1:13</i> )	9	15		4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

13 8 14 G 15 F 4 F 16 10 17 G 3 18 !

Answers: EVE, HANNAH, DEBORAH, REBEKAH, LEAH, RACHEL, NAOMI, SARAH, MARY, ELIZABETH. A MOTHERS LOVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.





**FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
877 Franklin Road  
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

**GOODBYE  
APRIL!**



**Welcome MAY**



**SUBMITTED BY  
HEATHER DATT**