

# The Messenger



2023



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD, ESSEX MD 21221**



Join us as we celebrate and explore all that Pentecost means for us, on Sunday, May 28, 2023 and beyond.

## **What does Pentecost mean to you?**

“The Christian holiday of Pentecost is rooted in this historical event – an event sometimes called the “birthday of the church” because it marks the day that Jesus’ disciples began to share the story of Jesus and invite others to share in their faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

But Pentecost is more than just remembering a historical event. On Pentecost, we invite the same Spirit that filled the disciples that day to transform our lives. Even more important than looking backward and remembering what God did two thousand years ago, we look forward and invite the Spirit to pull us into the future. The Holy Spirit has a way of turning things upside down. The story of Acts is all about how the lives of the disciples got turned upside down – and by extension, how the world turned upside down by this new, Spirit-filled faith.

On Pentecost we invite this disruptive presence of God into our own lives. The fruit of the Spirit, says Paul, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are what we seek to live into, how we seek to transform the world, and the evidence of the Spirit at work in our lives and in the world.”

# Pastor Meheret's Corner

*Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two of them [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.*

*Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.*

*Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."*

*Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures." (Luke 24:13-27, NRSV)*

This story of the Risen Jesus appearing to his disciples as they make their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus is a favorite of mine. And this year, especially, the experience of Cleopas and the other unnamed disciple seems even more appropriate as God's people live into the reality of the resurrection in this season of Easter 2023.

Given all that we have going on around us, as wars continue, as relationships are strained, as God's people drift further and further apart, I feel in my bones the sadness and disappointment that those first disciples felt on that first Easter day as they lament, "But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel." (Luke 24:21) It seems as though the voices swirling around us, voices that divide, voices that give words to our anguish and grief for a past that isn't coming back, and voices that remind us that the reality of 2023 isn't what we had thought it would be as we looked forward these past few years might be overshadowing the hope of the resurrection as we join those first disciples and wonder, "But we had hoped ...".

In so many ways, we are more like those first disciples than we might have previously thought. For even though Jesus had told those closest to him that he would in fact be handed over, tried, crucified, and raised in three days, and even though that is exactly what happened, it seems that those first disciples didn't fully comprehend what Jesus' words meant. As they heard Jesus' words, as they heard the voices from the prophets and the scriptures, voices that always told God's people about the counter-cultural way God's love made real in the world as the kingdom of heaven came near, they did so through filters of all of those other voices swirling around them.

And Jesus seems to know this as, instead of shaming them, Jesus continues teaching them, and, in the end, opens their hearts to the earth-shattering reality that our Easter greeting, “Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!” brings to life: all those other voices do not have the final say. Instead, God does as God’s people are shown that there is nothing of this world that can stand in the way of God’s faithfulness to loving God’s people.

That’s the hope that was revealed that day on that road to Emmaus, a hope that was delivered, once again as we are shown that Jesus will walk with us, even as we might be sad and lament, that Jesus continues to teach us through the words of the prophets and scriptures, and that Jesus continues to reveal God’s kingdom of God among us.

And that’s the hope we live in today as well as, together, we live into those words of promise, during this season of Easter and every day: “Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!”

See you at worship,

~Pastor Meheret



**Join us on Sundays in the Sanctuary at  
10:00 am. for worship.**

We are currently offering one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sundays. We are alternating between our Traditional and Family Worship Service format each Sunday, with a children's message, Holy Communion and Children's Church/KBZone.

Please join us in-person or live on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

### **Mission Statement**

**“Why are we here as a people of God?**

**We are here to celebrate our faith, grow in faith and in God’s Word, and reach out in service to our community.**

# God Answers Prayer

Edgar Amos, Jr.	Cassandra	Matt Kretzschmar	Jeff Sanders
Gail Anuszewski	Fleckstein	Sharon LaBelle	Jeanine Schenning
Katilyn Floyd-Baier	Allen Fleischmann	Christina Lacko	Frank Schmidt
Connie Baker	Amy Folk	Leah Lane	Sarah Schnept
Gail Berry	Mike Gerald	Harriett Lloyd	Nancy Scott
Pat Berry	Russ Getz	Karen Louden	Tina Sharfe
Kathy Binas	Pierre Gibbons	Michael McCoy	Barbara Shelly
Mary Bodenschatz	Jim Gibson	Aiden McDermott	Donbna Shrouder
Ryan Boninu	Joyce Glovier	Ellen McKenna	Vivian Smith
Christie Booth	Cassidy Gore	John Melissari	John Stiemly
Ken Brazerol	Trudy Grauer	John Micklos	Eloise Stumpf
Aiden Brown	Corrine Guernsey	Marsha Millender	Mike Stumpf
Debbie Bryant	Barbara Hanke	Brian Miller	Phyllis Sult
Bill Brynes	Donna Hanke	Joanne Miller	Teresa
Brooke Burns	Dennis Hanke	Jim Nemec	David Vega
William Byrne	Shirley Harrison	Lauire Nemec	James Wallace, Jr.
Jim Caris	Juliana Hasson	Frank Neukam	Zach Wallace
Eric Carl	Beverly Hoffman	Terry Novak	Gail Wilson
Sharyl Clark	John Hoffman	Rick O'Dea	Norbert Wilson
Mary Jane Conrad	Karen Hoffman	Carol Ogle	Richard Wrobel
Ed Cornelius	Karen Holzopfel	Pat Owens	Susan Yelto
Shirley Cosgrove	Scott Hower	Deacon	
Chuck DeWitt	Leondra Jefferson	Robin Palmer	
Mary Ann Donnelly	Lillian Jones	Kathleen Patterson	
Austin Dowell	Kay	Judy Crockett-	
Lynn Eckels	Joan Kincaid	Peddiford	
Susan Enclade	Lynn Kincaid	Krista Pellegrini	
Lois Farber	Michelle Kincaid	Evelyn Porter	
Richard Fifer	Ed Klingenstein	Inez Rasinski	
Harry Fillion, Jr.	Irene Klingenstein	Cass Rayman	
Linda Fillion	Mickey Koontz	Yvonne Ryan	



All essential workers, people & families affected by coronavirus, local businesses and all businesses and people affected by this pandemic, our Congregation, All First Responders and all active and reserve members of our armed forces.





## PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Sunday beginning at 9:30-9:40 AM there will be an opportunity to shout, pray, sing, and give testimony & honor to God. Please join us in the sanctuary.

*Colin Eversley, Music Minister*

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### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Happy Spring! We want to start a Children's Choir at Hope Church! For more information and to sign-up see Colin Eversley, Music Minister. We would also need a director to lead and help organize children. No experience needed.



# *Spring Congregation Meeting Announcement*

It's that time of year! Our Spring Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 after the 10:00am Worship Service & Fellowship. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing and voting on:

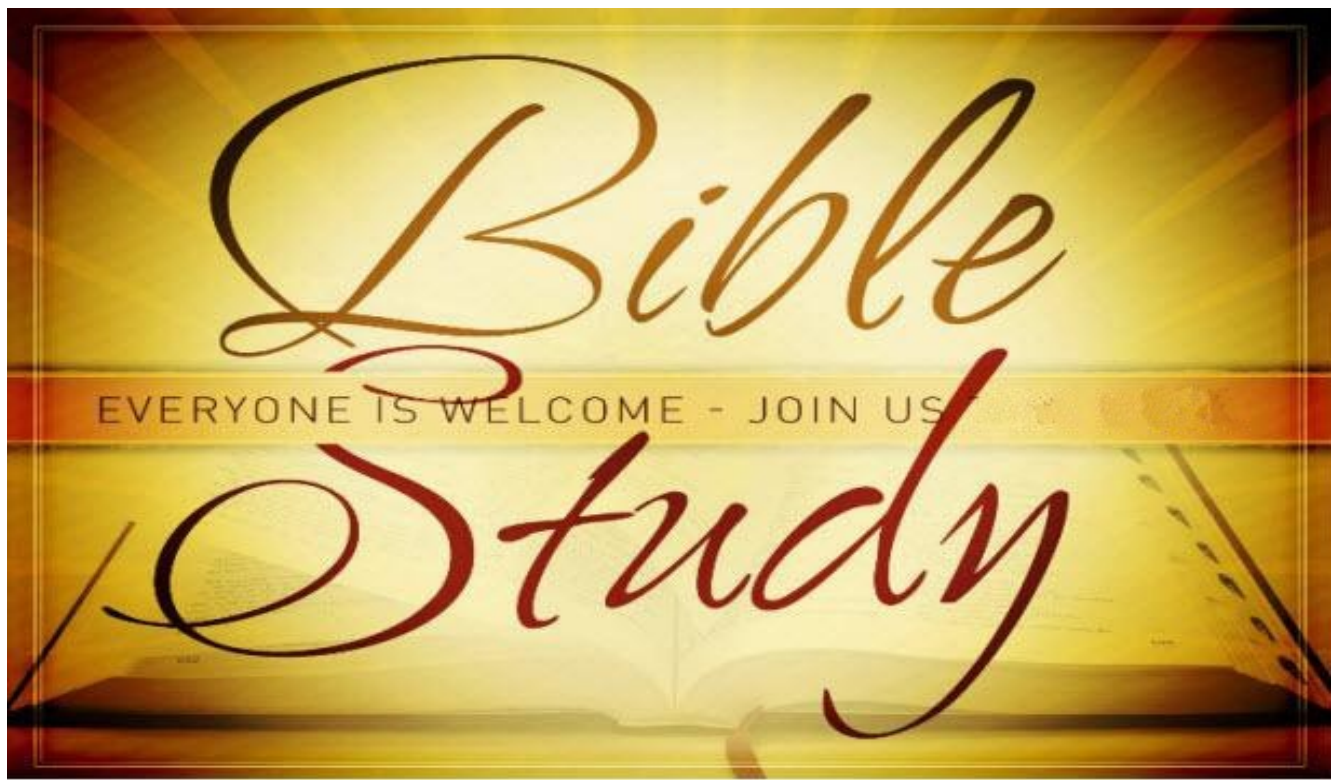
1. Approve minutes from December Congregation Meeting
2. HELC Treasurer Report
3. ASLC Treasurer Report

We need to have as many members as possible to attend the meeting, so we meet our quorum requirements. Please mark your calendars and make it a priority to attend the meeting.

God's Blessings,  
Colan Kahl, Council President



*Congregational Meeting*



## **Bible Study and Small Groups**

**At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group Bible study.**

**To register, call 410-686-7587 or email [hopelsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:hopelsecretary@outlook.com).**

### **Wednesday Night Bible Study:**

Zoom meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The theme for this Spring season is "Jesus Calls Us" from Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. Please Join Us!

### **Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study:**

Meets via Zoom 9:00 AM-10:00 AM every Saturday. We will be studying "Jesus Calls Us", same as the Wednesday Bible Study Group from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies.

Pease join us!

# "Summer Extravaganza"!

## All Stars Learning Center Summer Program

Please spread the word. Thank you.

### All Stars Christian Learning Center



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*Do you want your child to have an action packed and fun filled Summer?*

We invite your child to experience our  
"Summer Extravaganza"!

**Learn fun facts** about the USA, the 1980's, Zoo Animals, and the Wild Wild West!

**Other fun activities will include:** STEM, water play, biking obstacles, arts and crafts, spirit week, and special visitors!

#### Outdoor Activities

- Organized Sports
  - Soccer, Basketball, Baseball
- Sprinkler / Water Balloon Days
- Obstacle Courses

#### Special Events

- Cook-Out
- Beach Party
- Crazy Olympics

#### Arts/Crafts

- Make Americana Jewelry
- Decorate a Sun Visor
- Tie-Dye T-Shirts
- Decorate a Cassette Tape
- Make an Olympic Medal
- Arrange Edible Snacks

\*\*Our Summer Program covers nine weeks<sup>1</sup> of care, beginning June 26, 2023, and ending August 25, 2023. We offer full time care and part-time care. Tuition ranges from \$60.00-\$220.00 per week, with an additional activities fee of \$20.00 per week. Our Center provides breakfast, morning snack, and afternoon snack. Lunch must be provided by parents. For more information and to register your child for our Summer Program, please contact Nicole at 410-686-6060. \*\*

<sup>1</sup> You do not have to sign up for all 9 weeks, but registration is 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served.

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# IT'S A TEA PARTY

**Invited:** All Congregation family and friends

**When:** May 7, 2023 @ 12:30 to 2:00 pm

**Where:** Education Building Lower Level

**Dress:** Formal

**\*\*\*Bring your Tea cup & Saucer**

**Cost \$5 in advance. Limited seating 40**

*Any questions call Lynne Lake @ 443-854-0708  
Sponsored by the Youth Group*

## Menu

Chocolate Chip Scones (Vanilla )

Blueberries

Cuties (mini orange slices)

Strawberries

Cucumber Sandwich

Egg Salad

Ham and Cheese

Peanut Butter and Strawberry Preservative

Mini Blueberries Muffins

Mini Chocolate Covered Gram Cracker

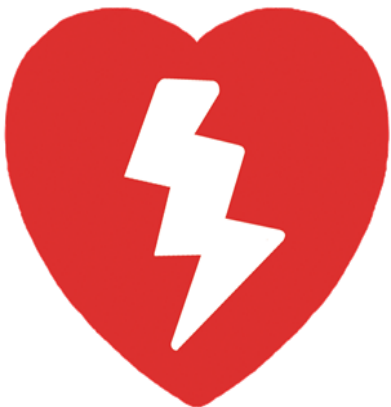
Mini Shortbread Cookies



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# AED TRAINING

*Tuesday, May 16, 2023,  
6:30–7:30 PM in the  
sanctuary.*



**You can  
save a life!**

1 hour of your time could save a life! Come to a FREE training on how to use the Automated External Defibrillators (AED) purchased for our church building. We encourage as many people as possible to get trained. Please join us.



Where flowers bloom,  
So does Hope.

Come celebrate the  
“Women Of Hope”  
May 14th—Mother’s Day

Following 10AM Service  
Enjoy the beauty of our garden,  
Stroll the courtyard, mingle  
Light refreshments will be served



# Getting ready to celebrate Easter 2023 at Hope Church





# *Easter Sunday 2023 at Hope Church*

**Through our Easter Worship Service, our risen Lord was well and truly praised by many in person and also via our livestream. And we had a tasty breakfast too! A huge thanks to all our staff and volunteers and who made it possible to feed body, mind and spirit Easter day.**

**Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**







“There’s no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.”

—JILL CHURCHILL

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To the world,  
you are a  
mother.  
To our family,  
you are the  
world.

Homemade  
GIFTS MADE EASY

“Life  
doesn’t  
come with a  
manual. It  
comes with  
a mother.”

*Mom's hold a special place  
in our hearts that  
last a lifetime.*

## *Happy Mother's Day*

*Mom, Wife, Grandma, Aunt,  
Sister, & All Women who  
make a difference in  
someone's life.*



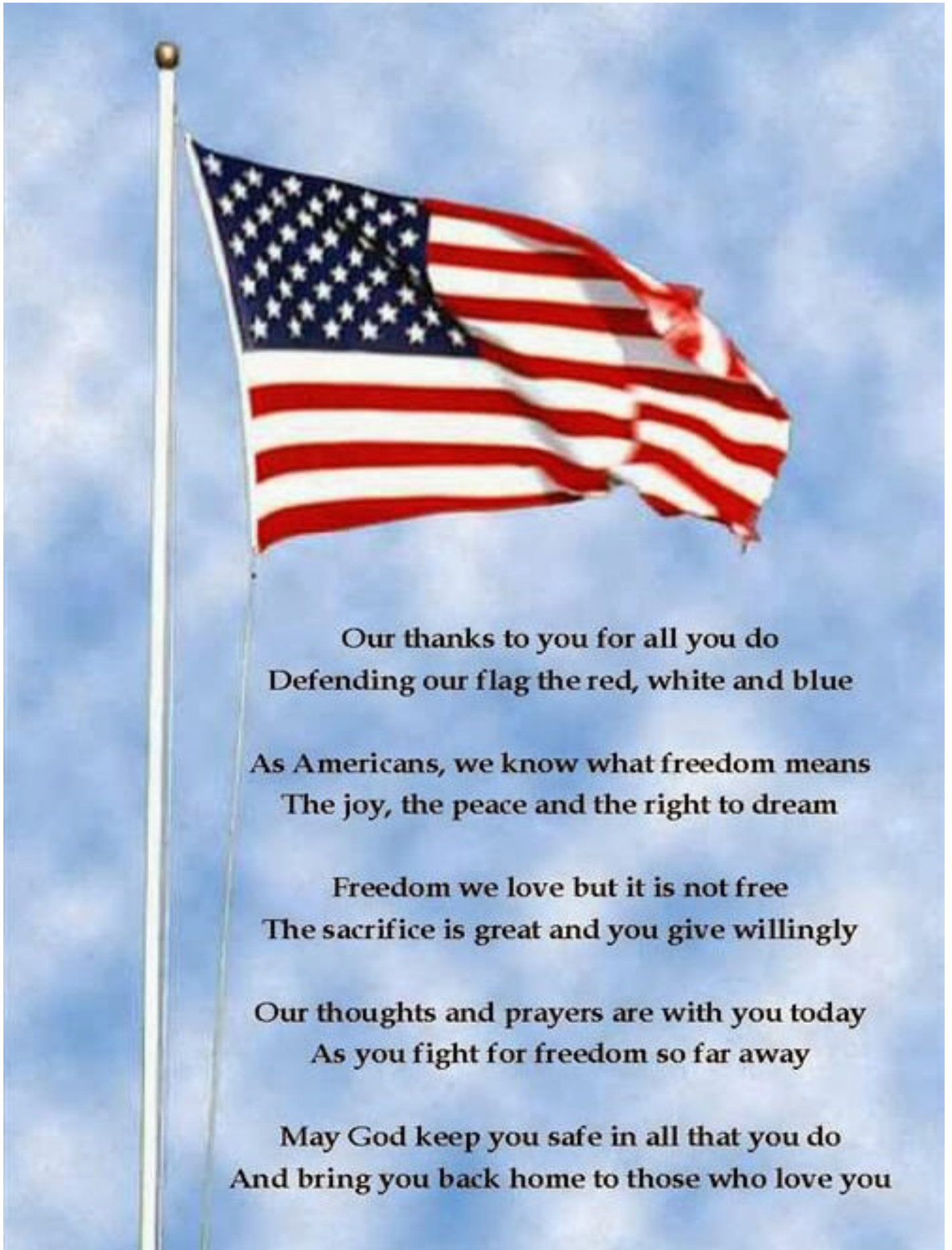
*"Best friends forever  
mom and me  
picking flowers and  
climbing trees.  
A shoulder to cry on  
secrets to share  
Warm hearts and  
hands that really care."*

*~ Unknown Author*



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Our thanks to you for all you do  
Defending our flag the red, white and blue

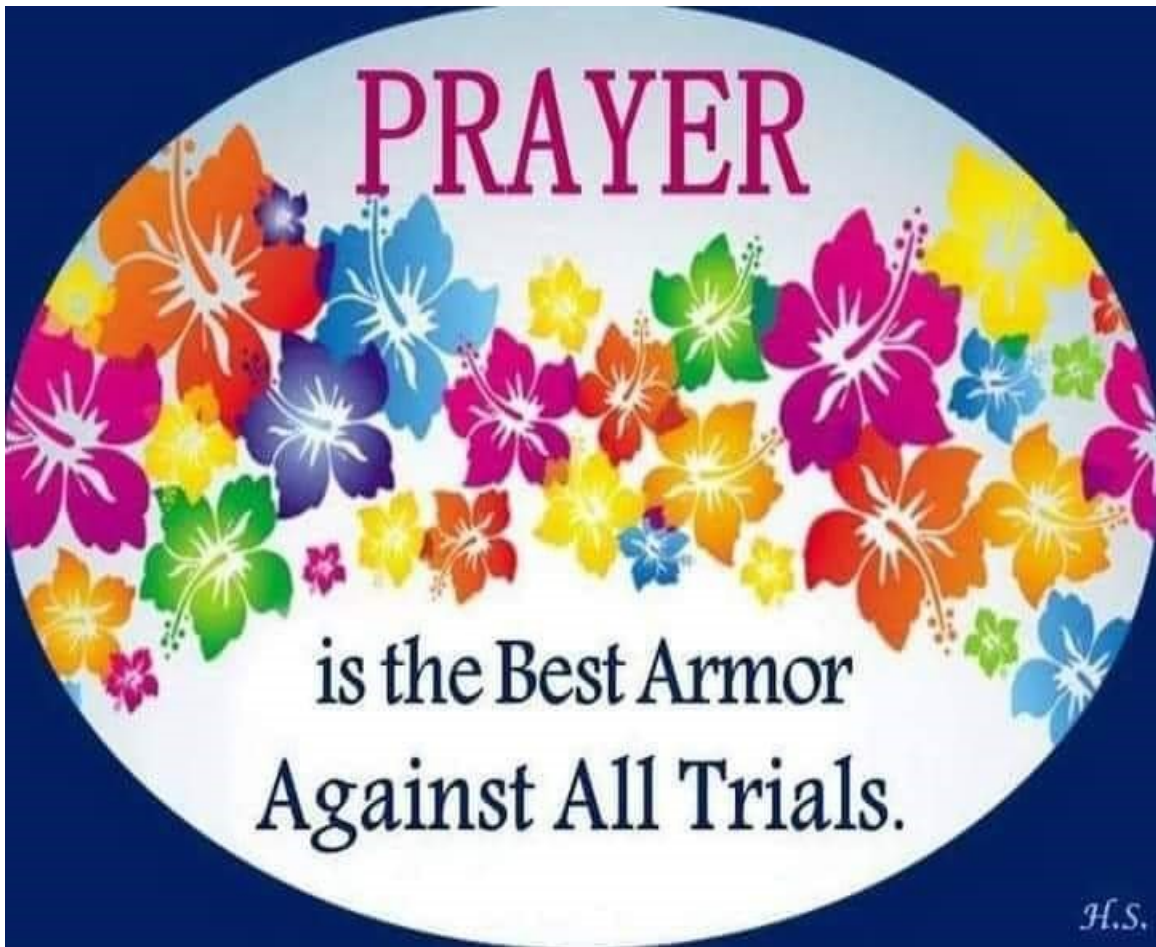
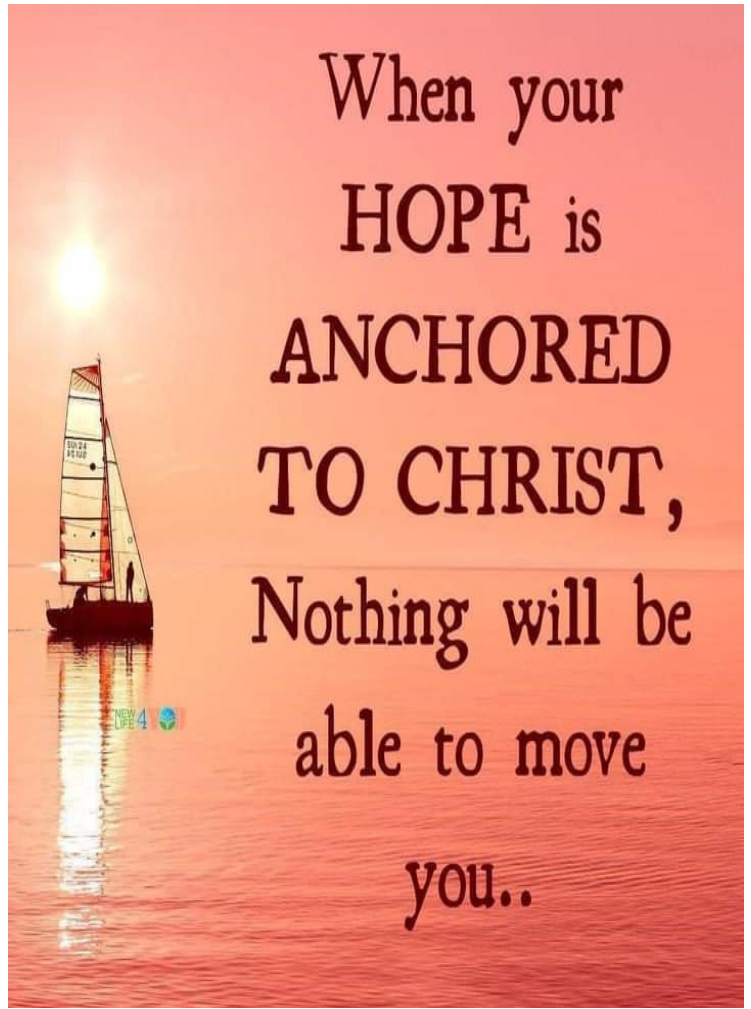
As Americans, we know what freedom means  
The joy, the peace and the right to dream

Freedom we love but it is not free  
The sacrifice is great and you give willingly

Our thoughts and prayers are with you today  
As you fight for freedom so far away

May God keep you safe in all that you do  
And bring you back home to those who love you

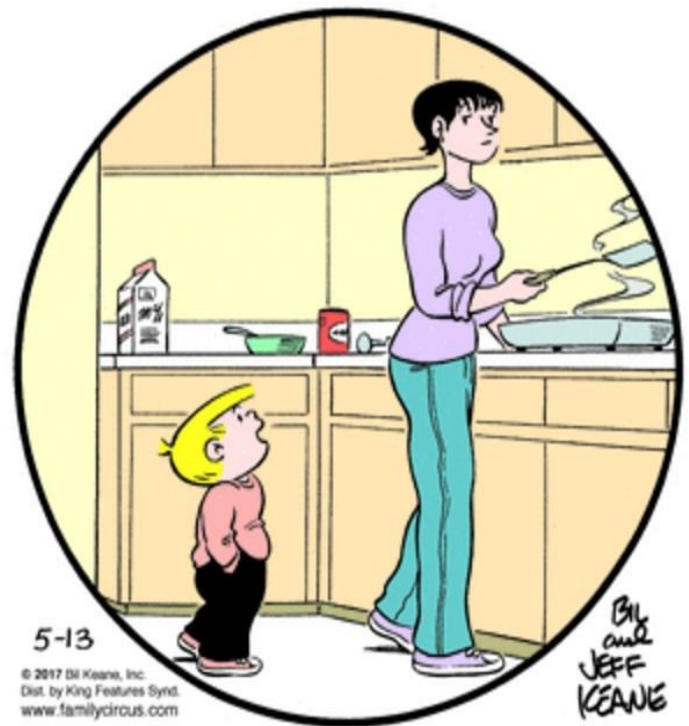
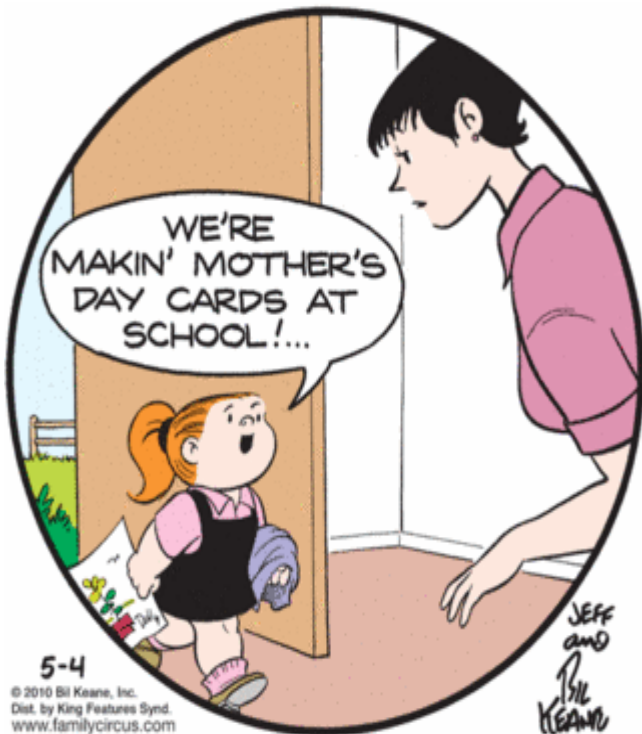
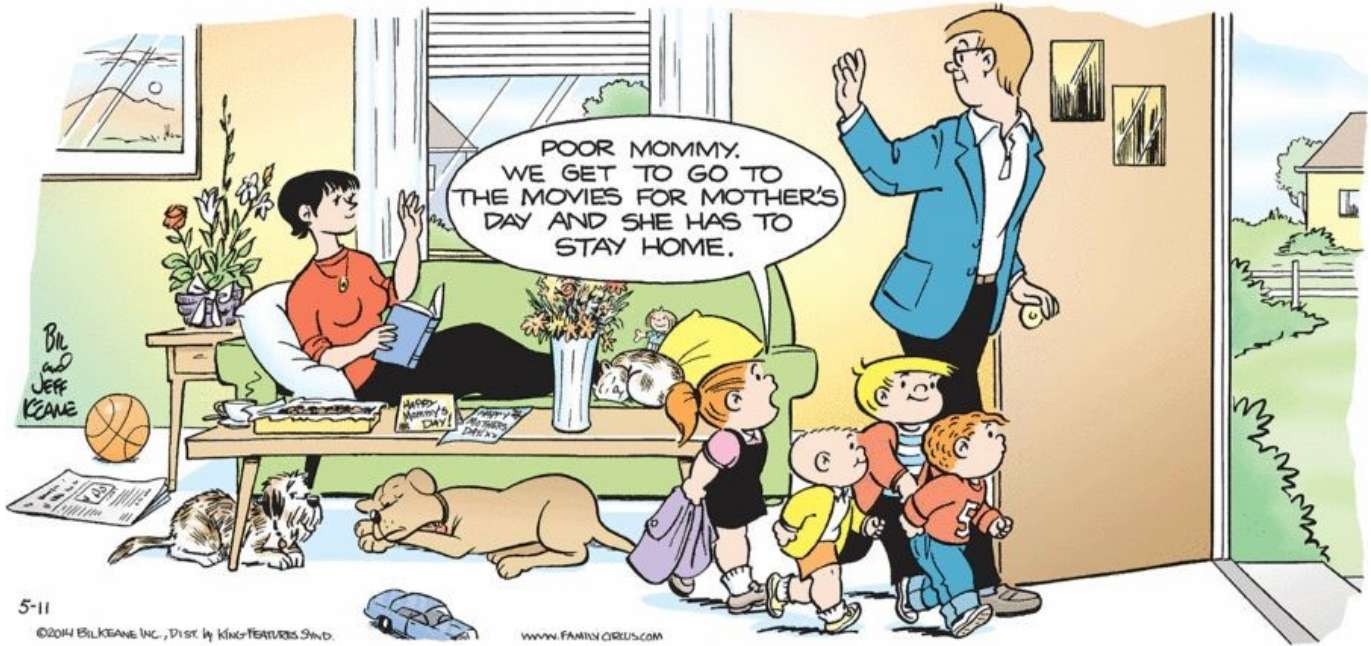






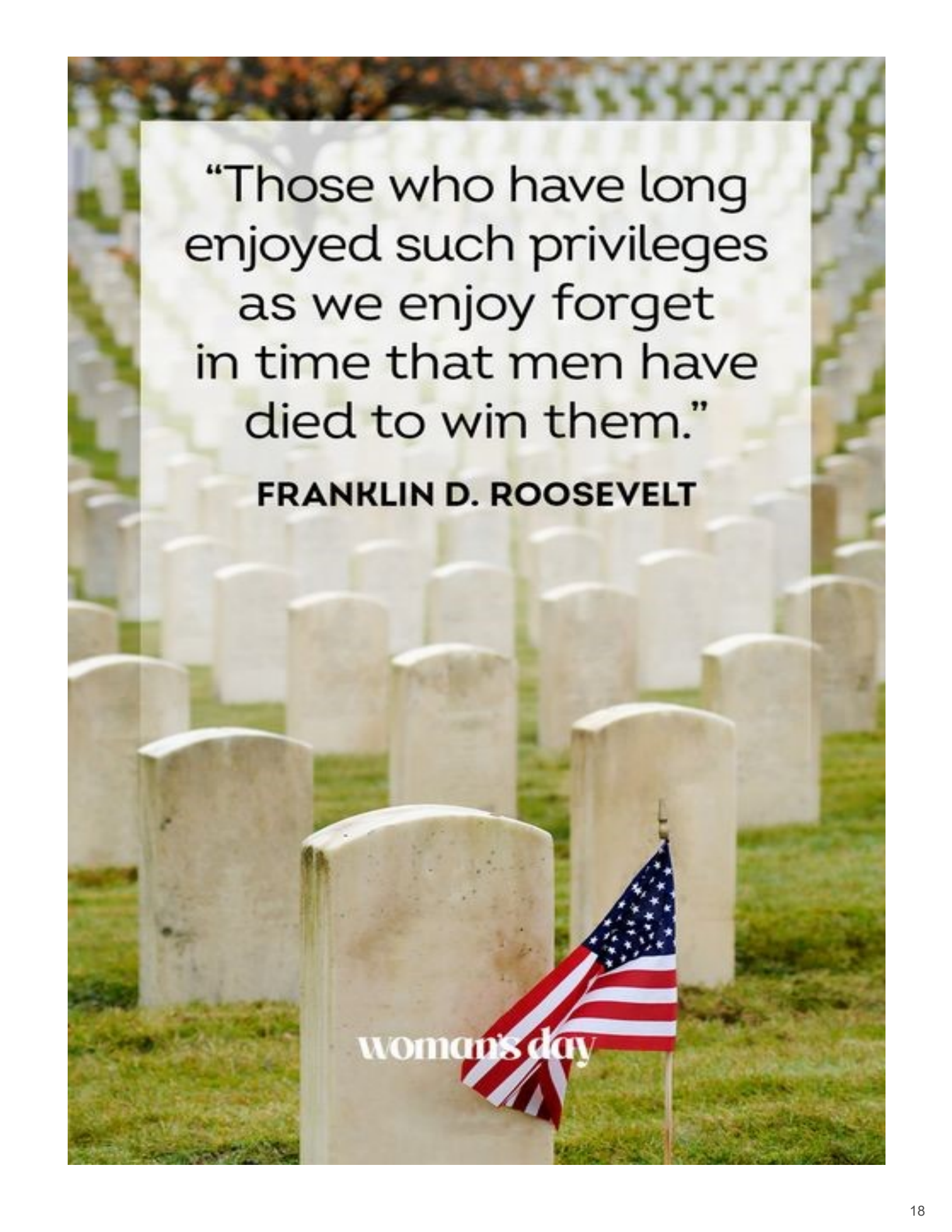


By **BIL KEANE**



"...But we're not to tell a soul, 'cause it's a secret!"

"Hope you've been good, Mommy. Tomorrow IS Mother's Day."

A photograph of a cemetery with many white headstones. In the foreground, a small American flag is planted in the grass next to one of the headstones. The background is slightly blurred, showing more headstones and some trees with autumn-colored leaves.

“Those who have long  
enjoyed such privileges  
as we enjoy forget  
in time that men have  
died to win them.”

**FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT**

woman's day



# Hope VBS 2023

**Twists & Turns:** is a fantastical celebration of how following Jesus changes the game. Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Kids will have fun with games while learning that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. In the end, they'll find that even when they mess up it is never "game over."

Please spread the word. Thank you.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 17-20, 2023**

**Dinner | 5:30 -6:00 PM**  
**VBS**  
**Mon-Thurs | 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

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**TWISTS & TURNS**  
FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 25:4



*Hello, May!*

Bring us new hope  
and make our lives  
beautiful like spring  
flowers.



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*May you follow  
your Dreams  
and always  
Believe in yourself.*

*Keep your Eyes  
on the Stars  
and Hope  
in your Heart.*

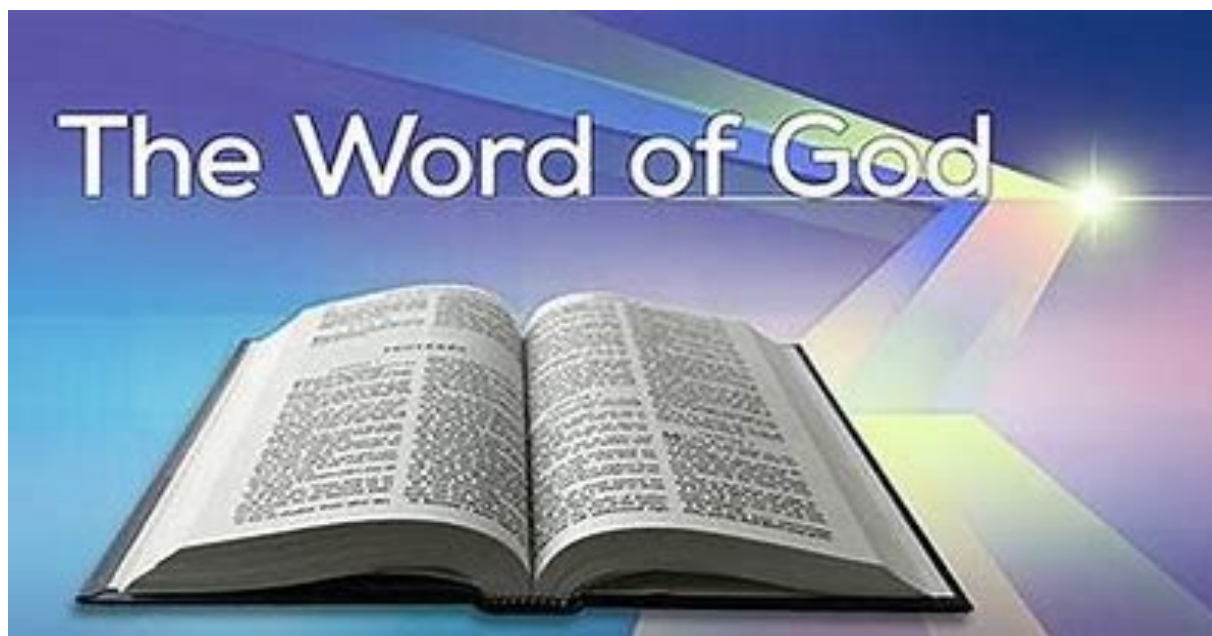


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## Worship Themes for May 2023

Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
<b>May 7</b>  <b>Easter 5</b>	Acts 7:55-60  Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  1Peter 2:2-10  John 14:1-14	The martyrdom of Stephen  Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit  God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts.  Christ the way, truth, and life
<b>May 14</b>  <b>Easter 6</b>	Acts 17:22-31  Psalm 66:8-20  1Peter 3:13-22  John 14:15-21	Paul's message to the Athenians  Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.  The days of Noah, a sign of baptism  Christ our advocate
<b>May 21</b>  <b>Easter 7</b>	Acts 1:6-14  Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  1Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11  John 17:1-11	Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure  Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds.  God will sustain and restore those who suffer  Christ's prayer for his disciples
<b>May 28</b>  <b>Day of Pentecost</b>	Acts 2:1-21  Psalm 104:24-34,35b  1Corinthians 12:3b-13  John 20:19-23	Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds  Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.  Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit  The Spirit poured out



## May Duty Schedule 2023

10:00	May 7	May 14 Mothers Day	May 21	May 28 Memorial Day Weekend
Assist	John Kelly	Bob Schweitzer	Joan Schweitzer	Robin Palmer
Lector	Jess Kahl	Marge Carl	John Kelly	Jeff Patten
Serve if needed	Thea Melton	None	None	Bob Schweitzer
Ushers	Carolee Calo Frank Schmidt	Sandy Cincinnati Eric Eszes	Donna Jacob Denise McLaughlin	Lynne Lake Linda Moler
Counters	Colan Kahl Denise McLaughlin	Bob Schweitzer Thea Melton	Donna Jacob Steve Kahl	Linda Moler Joan Schweitzer
Flowers	Jeff and Kate Patten Ruth Kraeger	Jeff and Kate Patten Steve and Sharyn Kahl	Open  Open	Carolee Calo  The Caruthers Family
Sunday School	Denise McLaughlin	Ruth Kraeger	Carolee Calo	Rachel Morgan



### Planning ahead...

Pentecost Sunday is May 28th.....  
Planning the Lord's Prayer to be prayed in  
various languages.

Anyone speak a language other than  
English

Willing to take part in this?

This is an experiment, no doubt!! But I'm  
willing to give it a try! Please shoot me an  
email or text if you are willing to take part  
in this and let me know what language you  
will be speaking. — Pastor Meheret



# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Happy Mother's Day</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM &amp; 4:30 PM</b> All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>JOIN A STUDY GROUP</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person and online</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Spring Congregational Meeting</p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>12:30 PM-2:00 PM</b> Tea Party</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM &amp; 4:30 PM</b> All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>JOIN A STUDY GROUP</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person and online</p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b> 🌸</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM &amp; 4:30 PM</b> All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>JOIN A STUDY GROUP</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person and online</p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> Choir Rehearsaal</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council Meeting</p> <p>COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM &amp; 4:30 PM</b> All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>JOIN A STUDY GROUP</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person and online</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study via Zoom</p>			







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04	Edward Klingenstein
06	Bobbie Hershey
06	Raymond Mulbah
12	Bobbi Floyd
14	Mitchell Bigham
14	Zegbeh Kpadeh
14	Kate Patten
15	Jennifer Jewell
19	Linda Neewary
19	Buddy McLaughlin
19	Brittany Ouimette
20	Dylan Talbott
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**Articles for the June Messenger are due by May 24th. Mark your calendars!**

**We will be having a July/August combination issue of the Messenger, articles due**

**by June 22nd, so please plan ahead!**