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# Pardeeville United Methodist Church

May 2020



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP IN MAY**

As we continue for now to be “safer at home” our worship services will continue to be available online with Facebook live or YouTube as they have been throughout April. We currently make and deliver CD’s to five people who do not have internet connections. If there are others who would be able to participate in our worship services by listening to a CD, and who can’t access the internet, please let us know in the office (429-2514).

**May 3** – The focus for this service has already changed three times as COVID19 continues. So maybe a message that looks at Mary and Martha (Luke 10) or at Jesus’ words about overcoming tribulation in John 16:33 or however God’s Spirit will lead!

**May 10** – Mothers’ Day! A good day to think about gardening! I’ll tell you why that morning! We all want and need to grow our Christian faith. Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 has Jesus’ parable of the sower and we’ll be thinking about the different soils and the seed that the sower is scattering.

**May 17** – Ascension Sunday (the Sunday before Ascension Day which is 40 days after Easter and so falls on Thursday, May 21 this year). Jesus’ Ascension is important and relevant to our daily lives as several Scriptures tell us – see Acts 1:1-11 for one example. This is a day we would, under more normal circumstances, be honoring the high school graduates that have ties to our church. We will do this even if they can’t be physically present. Are there tech school or university graduates connected to our church family that we need to recognize? Please contact the church office if you have a name for us!

**May 24** – Why is May 24<sup>th</sup> an important date for all United Methodists? It was on May 24, 1738, that John Wesley had his “heart warming” experience that changed his life, the lives of those who heard him preach, and the lives of all those who participated in the Methodist small groups of his day. Pastor Kerry will be sharing from some of Wesley’s sermons about Wesley’s teaching on the Holy Spirit (as we await the Day of Pentecost!). This Sunday is also the day before Memorial Day and so we will also be mindful of the significance of that as we give thanks to God for our freedom and democratic ideals.

**May 31** – The Day of Pentecost!! The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all the believers assembled in Jerusalem 50 days after Jesus’ Resurrection! So will we be able to assemble in person together? Will everyone want to? Should some stay home for another week or two? Will we be celebrating CONFIRMATION SUNDAY this day or not? (Confirmation parents need to let Pastor Kerry know soon what their thoughts about that are!!) **WE WILL WORSHIP! WE WILL PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE CHURCH! WE WILL OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING AND THE OUTPOURING OF THIS LOVE AND HOLY SPIRIT FOR TODAY!** Will we do so gathered together in our sanctuary or as we are in our homes sitting in front of our computers and smart phones? Time will tell! Remember: God is not limited by the wise decisions we may need to make, or by the technology available, or by social distancing!!!!



In the midst of the chaos, confusion, and corralling of COVID 19, the Lord brought this passage of Scripture to me via a daily email that promotes The Passion Translation (TPT) of the Bible:

*Who could ever separate us from the endless love of God's Anointed One? Absolutely no one!  
For nothing in the universe has the power to diminish his love toward us.  
—Romans 8:35 TPT*

I was already thinking about the words of one of our treasured hymns of the faith when I read the Scripture above. As we face daily changes in our lives, our routines, our possibilities, our EVERYTHING – the words of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” came to mind. Sometimes it’s good to read/say the words of a familiar hymn. It’s good to think about and meditate on the words and not focus on the tune. Sometimes, as I sing, I am so focused on the notes that I’m not really hearing the message of the words. (Yeah, yeah, some of you are thinking, “Really Pastor?! You should be focusing even more on the notes you’re trying to sing or play.” :) But here they are without notes or chords; let them sink into your heart.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS "Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

May you know, really know, the faithful love and mercy of God this day, and every day ahead!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Kerry



## BIBLE STUDY

Join us on FaceBook Live at 1:11 p.m. daily.

Beth Gallagher is teaching on having Victory in Jesus even during this time of being “Safer at Home”. People are joining us from all over Wisconsin and many other states. Search for Victory in Jesus Bible Study on FaceBook and join us for a great 20—30 minutes of Bible Study.

## THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Books will be available Monday - Friday 9:00-Noon by the sliding glass door. Come in grab your devotional and take sometime to pray in the sanctuary if you would like or just continue on with your day.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

There are many Bible reading plans available on the internet. This is perhaps a good time to make Bible reading a part of your “new normal.” Maybe on the front porch or in the back yard as the days get warmer and more inviting. If you need a place to start, try using the “Roman Road” that was in the April 19<sup>th</sup> bulletin you received by email. Or, plan to read one New Testament book each week in

May: Starting May 3 – Ephesians

Starting May 10 – Philippians

Starting May 17 – I Peter

Starting May 24 – I John

You can read one chapter a day, or read the book a couple of times using a different translation each time. May the Lord bless you as you read His Holy Word and draw closer to Christ Jesus!

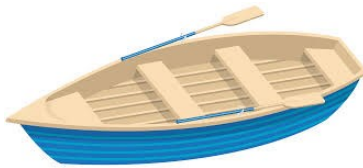
# RUMMAGE SALE

## ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The Memorial Day Weekend Rummage Sale has been postponed until Labor Day Weekend.

If you can keep your items that would be great, but if there is a need for storage please contact Doug Hare at 608-429-3221 or 608-617-9240 and other arrangements can possibly be made. We also want you to know that you do not need to price your items. Those working the sale will take care of that for you.

Thanks for your understanding in this matter.





## FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

An intimate message from God to you.

*My Child,*

*You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15 My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32*

*Love, Your Dad...  
Almighty God*





## May Birthday's

1. Debbie Wopat  
Cole Pulver  
Adam Vrbsky
2. Dorothy Brown
8. Emily Gallagher
9. Jim Stilson
10. Sara Ott
12. Mark Smith
14. Elias Smith
15. Stuart Barden  
Terry Ott
23. Haley Ott
24. Marge Trumbower
26. Tammy Williams
28. Connie Knapp
29. Andy Moll



1. Terry & Sandra Ott
3. Mike & Kathy Freye  
Michael & Kim Sieber
30. Mike & Teresa Hengst  
Marcus & Shauna Paul



# Pardeeville United Methodist Church Calendar

Victory in Jesus Bible Study at 1:11 p.m. on FaceBook Live Sunday - Saturday



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**PRAY FOR YOUR  
PASTOR**  
**He Has Never  
Pastored A Church  
Through A Pandemic  
Before**

**BE AN ENCOURAGER  
TO YOUR PASTOR**

*Kelly's Treehouse*

***Rev. Kerry J. Wilson, Pastor***  
***Office Hours: Monday - Friday***  
***9:00 a.m. - Noon***

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