


Orchard Park United Methodist Church
WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves.
Romans 12:10

Mother's Day. It's a holiday that conjures up images of young children proudly presenting their moms with glitter-and-glue-globbed macaroni necklaces or handmade coupons for free hugs. Maybe you think of breakfasts served in bed, hand-picked bouquets of flowers, or special meals out with the whole family. These are tender and lovely examples of how many children honor their mothers on this very special Sunday.

But for many, Mother's Day is far from this ideal narrative. It is a day filled with complicated emotions, grief, and conflicting realities. Maybe you've lost your mother this year, or you are weary from years of struggling with infertility, or you are estranged from your adult child.

The sacrificial love Jesus talks about in our scripture readings this week is not exclusive to mothers, nor it is an automatic or instinctual response for those in that role. Maybe we have seen love from mothers and fathers, maybe from spouses and lovers, from brothers and sisters of blood and in Christ. But even if from none of these, we have been loved by God in the definitive sacrificial act of loving, which means that all the loving we are able to do is response. We've already been loved; all we can do is respond.

May 9 Worship Participants

Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Lay Speaker: Shannon Liggett

Music Director: Meiko Reigelman

Liturgist: Vivian Slocum

A/V Operator: Peter Slotman



The flowers on the altar on May 9 are given by Donna Varney to the glory of God and in honor of moms, aunts, and all women.

This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I
have loved you. No one has
greater love than this, to lay
down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:12-13

Upcoming Events

May 9 @ 9:30 AM:

Adult Sunday School

May 9 @ 10:30 AM:

Sunday worship

May 9: **Blanket Sunday**

May 10, 9:30 AM-1 PM:

Sewing Circle

May 11: **KY Gives Day**

May Birthdays

Carolyn Wrinn (5/12)

Scarlett Spinelli (5/13)

Rosalind Slotman (5/16)

Caleb Liggett (5/16)

Kathy Babcock (5/20)

David Marcus (5/21)

Magdeline Hayman (5/22)

Jordan Spinelli (5/30)

Thomas Stamm (5/31)

Alice, Jeremy & Mara Pugh
(5/31)



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Everyone who believes that Jesus
is the Christ has been born of God,
and everyone who loves the parent
loves the child.

1 John 5:1

Prayer Requests

- Pray for *Pastor Jennifer* who is out on medical leave.
- Pray for the friends and family of *Jeff Shaw* (Rosalind Slotman's brother-in-law) who passed away this week.
- Pray for Dan and Shannon's friend, *Christy*.
- Pray for Candy and Joe's neighbors Roger and Scott.
- Pray for Lurly Hunsberger.

Have a prayer request you'd like to share? Has God answered your prayer? Email opumc@verizon.net. We will include your prayer request or praise report in next week's NewsFlash.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

Thank you to this month's St. Pauly's Clothing Shed volunteers!

Art Cooper (5/2), George Slocum (5/9),
Dan Liggett (5/16 & 5/23), Ed Nuse (5/30)

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We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.