



# Hinsdale United Methodist Church

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The Flame

May 2016

## Memories of You on Mother's Day

The second Sunday of May is designated as Festival of the Christian Home month according to the Book of Worship of The United Methodist Church. However, the second Sunday of May is probably best known for the traditional observance of Mother's Day. Mother's Day is almost always included among the "high holy days" of the church (along with Christmas and Easter) in which attendance is obligatory. Few people will dare fail to attend church on Mother's Day out of fear of disappointing their mothers or, in the case of those whose mother is deceased, failing to appropriately honor their mother's memory. Red or white carnations seem to adorn every lapel and proudly proclaim 'I'll always love my mother!' A lesser-known aspect of the celebration of Mother's Day relates to the origin of this day that has become an international holiday.

Anna Jarvis sponsored the first ceremony to honor her mother and all mother's on May 10, 1908 at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis has been described as a social activist and the founder of Mother's Day Work Clubs. Much of what is known about Ms. Jarvis and her mother appeared in the dissertation of Katherine Anatolini "Memorializing Motherhood: Anna Jarvis and the Struggle for Control of Mother's Day". Ms. Jarvis struggled to avoid the over-commercialization of the holiday and changes to the original symbols of the holiday. For example, the carnation was initially selected as an emblem of Mother's Day because "its whiteness is to symbolize the truth, purity, and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying." Later, in addition to an increase in the cost of carnations around Mother's Day, red carnations became associated with living mother and the white carnations became associated with deceased mothers.

The celebration of mothers and the importance of loving, nurturing homes are the primary foci of these special services from the Book of Worship. These emphases also parallel one of the vision priorities of HUMC--Be the definition of a faith home. Dr. Ruth Duck, a professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, wrote the prayer for the Festival of the Christian Home. The second line of the poem beautifully intones a plea to God 'Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love.' In the Christian home, many children are first introduced to the stories of Jesus. From bedside tables to murals above bassinets, comforting scenes are portrayed in the calming cadences of parents' voices. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, godparents share the stories that will shape the lives and nurture the faith of our precious children.

Mother's Day is a day especially dedicated to articulating and demonstrating gratitude to your mother. Ms. Jarvis' mother was probably not unlike many mothers who may often feel that their sacrifices are not fully appreciated. Mrs. Ann Jarvis once ended her Sunday school class with the prayer 'I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it.' Perhaps the inaugural Mother's Day service in 1908 came too late for Mrs. Jarvis to hear the acknowledgement from her daughter. However, no one can deny that she planted and nurtured the seeds in her daughter's life that continually inspire millions to appreciate, honor, and remember the sacrifices of strong, determined, and dedicated mothers through the centuries.

For those who, like Anna Jarvis, may find that the opportunities to express their gratitude for their mother's love and sacrifice have passed, the lyrics of Eubie Blake's tune "Memories of You" seem to say it all.

*Waking skies at sunrise  
Every sunset too  
Seems to be bringing me  
Memories of you  
Here and there, everywhere  
Scenes that we once knew  
And they all just recall  
Memories of you  
How I wish I could forget those*

*(Those) happy yesteryears  
That have left a rosary of tears  
Your face beams in my dreams  
(In) spite of all (that) I do  
(And) everything seems to bring  
Memories of you*

For those whose mothers are still living and the catalog of precious memories continues to expand, there are probably other songs that accurately describe the strong bond between mother and child. The lyrics of "You and Me Against the World" by Helen Reddy proclaim a strong and loving bond that inspires perseverance--"and when one of us is gone and one of us is left to carry on, then remembering we'll have to do, our memories will get us through." "Sadie" by the Spinners inspires both gratitude and faith--"early one Sunday morning...she said to me 'hurry to Sunday school.'"

Among the ultimate lyrical expressions of appreciation for the dedication of mothers for the Christian foundations that shape the hopes of many is "Faith of Our Mothers." The lyrics powerfully proclaim, "Faith of our mothers living still, In cradle song and bedtime prayer, In nursery lore and fireside love, Thy presence still pervades the air." How many adults have precious memories from childhood of picturesque lessons and bedtime prayers as loving parents, often mothers, would fluff pillows and secure blankets to prepare for a restful sleep? In spite of the proliferation of modern conveniences, expanding resources, and endless specialized recreational opportunities, these simple evening routines are among the most critical to establish strong, lifelong bonds of faith.

The ministries of the church from Sunday school classes and book discussions; from parent's night out to mom's night out; from rebuild to the mobile food pantry; and many more are all intended to help strengthen foundations of faith upon which loving homes are built and families are sustained. What memories of the lessons of faith that your mother taught that are most unforgettable? What images of your mother's devotion and sacrifice are indelibly etched in your memory? While Mother's Day is an important and well-deserved day of recognition for the innumerable gifts that mothers provide, our gratitude to God for the perduring impact of the faith that our mothers taught should be expressed far more frequently than once a year. Thank God for your mother every day!

*Yours in Christ, Rev. Dr. Jon McCoy*

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## Welcome New Members

For Loretta and Greg Reasor, Hinsdale United Methodist Church was a natural choice.

"The Westmont United Methodist Church closed down and so when it came time to check out a new church we chose Hinsdale first because we knew people there. It's a beautiful church, and the people are friendly. It just seemed like a good fit, so we didn't feel the need to shop further," said Loretta.

The couple, who have two grown sons, Jeff, and John, started attending HUMC last November. They have lived and raised their family in the Westmont area and church since 1983 after graduating from Michigan State. "Before we had our first son, we just wanted to make sure he had some grounding in the church," said Greg. "We liked Westmont and the pastor. My wife had been very involved in the church since the very beginning." They joined HUMC in January and Loretta is now a member of the choir and has attended a few of the book club events.

Loretta is a computer programmer who works in the city and Greg has a brokerage firm that helps families smartly manage their money. (He's hiring, by the way!) They enjoy going to concerts, sailing and hiking in their spare time.

"We like to visit national parks. We're trying to hit them all and do one or two a year if we can. We go hiking and get away from the crowds. We just enjoy seeing nature," said Greg.



## Spotlight on Ministries

“Spotlight on Ministries” is a new feature for 2016. We will highlight a different work area of the church each month. In May, we are highlighting the Worship Committee.

### Worship Committee

The Worship Committee, along with the Pastor, oversees worship life of the congregation. It helps provide opportunities for worship celebrations that focus on God, helping people of all ages grow in their understanding of the Gospel, and to become better equipped for daily living as faithful disciples. There are eleven members who are responsible for specific areas plus six members at large. The assigned responsibilities are acolytes, baptism, communion, flowers, receptions, hospitality, liturgists, music, sound, weddings, and ushers. We plan services together along with many special services and special events. Our committee meets bimonthly.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shirley Steward and Polly Lathrop*

*Co-Worship Leaders*



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## From the Worship Committee

### Sunday, May 1

Confirmands will serve Communion

### Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day

Please join us in the Fireside Room after both services for “Muffins with Mom”, and enjoy our homemade muffins, juice, and coffee. The ushers will be handing out carnations to the women. Please take either a red carnation to honor a living mother or a white carnation to honor deceased mothers.



### Photos for Worship on Mother's Day

In celebration of Mother's Day, every church member is asked to submit one of their favorite photos of their mother interacting with their family, such as playing with their children, baking, driving, studying, reading, or teaching a skill. Photos will be shown in the Sanctuary during worship services. Please limit one photo per Mom and submit your photo **by Monday, May 2**. Photos can be submitted electronically to [cheryl.huetson@hinsdaleumc.com](mailto:cheryl.huetson@hinsdaleumc.com) or given to the office to be scanned.



### Sunday, May 15 is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Our 2015-2016 Confirmation class meets Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. with completion and Confirmation Celebration on **Sunday, May 15**. All are welcome to a catered luncheon in honor of our confirmands immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

### Sunday, May 22

Our next Membership Exploration Class is **Sunday, May 22 at 9:15 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Dr. Jon McCoy invites you to join him for an exciting "tour" to become more acquainted with the United Methodist Church and Hinsdale UMC in particular. Participation does not obligate anyone to become a member of Hinsdale UMC. The class is available to anyone interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church globally and locally. The class also provides an opportunity to meet new members and non-members. If you have questions, please call the church office at 630-325-1280.



### Sunday, May 29 Memorial Day Weekend

Our summer worship time of one service at **9:30 a.m.** begins on **Sunday, May 29**.

## HUMC Preschool News



The Preschool is excited to be enjoying a fun season with lots of springtime artwork and outside! Our Spring is full of exciting activities, including our “Playdate with Mom” evening (May 4), our year-end Wacky Wednesday Animal Show (May 18), our 4s/5s Preschool Graduation Ceremony (May 25 at 10:30 a.m.) and our annual Ice Cream Social (May 25 at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to close out the 2015-16 school year.

The Preschool is pleased to again offer our “Spring Fling” program, which runs May 26 to June 8 at 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. with no class on Memorial Day. If you or someone you know is interested in signing up for this program, more information can be found on the Preschool website or by contacting Meg Stone directly at [meg.stone@hinsdaleumc.com](mailto:meg.stone@hinsdaleumc.com).



Join us for a Memorable Cinco de Mayo Themed Mom’s Night Out! Get those play dates and summer camp plans organized without jogging through the carpool line. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors who can use a night out during the month of MAY-hem! \$30 covers all you can eat and drink including a Mexican-themed appetizer buffet and signature Margarita and Martini drink specials. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 4 with cash or check (made out to HUMC Preschool). RSVP to the Preschool office or contact Jen Dean with any questions.

There is limited availability in our Program for next year. Call Meg to find out more about availability for 2016-2017!

As always, feel free to contact Meg Stone at 630-323-3228 or check out our website ([www.hinsdaleumcpreschool.com](http://www.hinsdaleumcpreschool.com)) for updated registration information and more information on all of our programming.

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## Children’s Ministry



Hinsdale United Methodist Church proudly presents our Vacation Bible School 2016 program “**Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together**”.

Enjoy a “farm-tastic” week at **Barnyard Roundup VBS** where kids learn Jesus Gathers Us Together! Kids want to know they belong and to be connected with others. At Barnyard Roundup, kids learn how Jesus cares, provides, leads, forgives, and is our Savior. He gathers us together now and forever, no matter what! Through five biblical events in Jesus’ life, kids learn to step out in faith, confident in Jesus’ love for them. Kids also learn key Bible verses from Psalm 23 connecting to each day’s theme. View a preview [video](#).

**Our Barnyard Roundup VBS runs July 11 to July 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

We will have barn animals, music, crafts, snacks, songs, games, prizes, and so much more. Join us as we also raise money to help provide farm animals to families in need through the Heifer International program. For more information on what this organization is about, go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

Registration begins **May 1, 2016**. Visit our website for online registration and payment or [click here for a registration form](#) that can be printed, completed, and returned to the church office! Please be sure to complete **ONE form for each child attending**.

If you would like to volunteer, [please click here for more information](#).

Serving with gladness,  
[Jennifer Austgen](#)  
Director of Children’s Ministries



## Youth Ministries

This quarter has seen many opportunities to experience God. Thank you for all your support, and attendance. Things we have done: Chili challenge, Bagel Sale, Bishop's Bus Tour, Sunday night Youth Groups, Progressive Dinner, PADS and game night, WhirlyBall Youth Group night, and Covenant Church Youth Led Worship. We also hosted First Presbyterian Church's high school youth, which is the group we shared a cabin with at Deep Freeze. It has been an awesome quarter, and I look forward to the Summer and all that has in store for us!

Thank you so much to all!

Together in Christ,

[Maria Wilcox](#), Director of Youth Ministries

*WhirlyBall on March 6*



*Bishop's Bus Tour on April 16*



*Laser Tag on March 19*



*Progressive Youth Dinner on April 10*



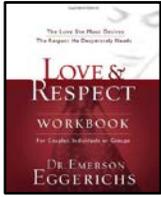


## Adult Education

Visit the [Adult Education page of our website](#) for a complete class listing and descriptions.



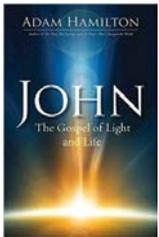
### For Sojourners



#### *Continuing Through Sunday, May 22*

All are welcome for “Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Needs”. This class is an in-depth study of why your communication styles are not wrong, just different. This revolutionary message cracks the communication code between husband and wife: that unconditional respect is as powerful for him as unconditional love is for her. This class will meet on **Sundays at 9:15 a.m. through Sunday, May 22**. Please contact Kristi Chadwick or [Rev. McCoy](#) for more information.

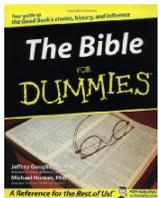
### For Common Ground



#### *Continuing Through Sunday, May 22*

Adam Hamilton’s new book, “John: The Gospel of Light and Life”, is the topic of the Common Ground class **continuing through Sunday, May 22**. All are welcome to join in at 9:15 a.m. in Room 109. The book is available for purchase at local book stores and online, or [contact the church office](#) to purchase a copy.

### Sunday Bible Class



#### *Continuing Sunday Mornings*

We continue to examine the book “The Bible for Dummies” as a church-wide project. The class is constructed so that each week stands on its own, so it’s never too late to dip your toe into the class. All are welcome on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Room 118** for lively discussion with Harry Sharp.

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## Upcoming Events



### Men’s Group Lunch and Discussion

**Friday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m.**

The Men’s Group meets in the Fireside Room the first Friday of each month at 12 Noon. Bring a sack lunch and join in the conversation. Current events, community news, joys and concerns are discussed.

### Fireside Readers Book Discussion

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 9** in the Fireside Room at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee, and discussion at 7:00 p.m. Expand your reading horizons and join us for this different meeting. Since everyone is always looking for a good book, especially during the Summer vacation time, please bring one or two of your favorite books to tell the group about. A list of all the books will be compiled and emailed to everyone after the meeting. Look forward to discovering a new author or subject to enjoy! If you can’t attend and would like to have your books included, please [email the information to Mary Ann Darnaby](#).





### Stepping Stones Monthly Social Gathering

All are welcome **Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Mark Dvorak, a modern day troubadour, will entertain you with his mix of the familiar and the new traditional folk and standards from the America songbook. Enjoy background, anecdotes, and sing-alongs. Please contact El Lober at the church office with questions.

### Church History Trip to Rome, Italy: March 25 to April 2, 2017

Next spring, embark on a unique spiritual and educational journey to Rome and experience the history of Christianity through marvelous works of art and architecture: consider the very origins of Christianity as you descend into the catacombs...learn about the history of Christian theology expressed in the dazzling mosaics of early churches...contemplate the beauty of God as you marvel at Michelangelo's frescos in the Sistine Chapel. Bring a spouse or a friend and join other members of Hinsdale UMC on this exciting guided tour of one of Europe's oldest and most romantic cities. This trip is open to everyone, although Rome is a walking city so participants should be in good physical health. Groups are kept small to allow participants to get to know one another before and during the trip. Our small group also rewards participants with a more intimate and memorable experience of this beautiful city: no tour buses or garbled audio guides here! All tours and trip arrangements are provided by Daniel C. Cochran, a seminary graduate from Harvard University and a PhD student in Christian art and architecture at the UW-Madison. Please contact Daniel at



[ExploreChristianArt@gmail.com](mailto:ExploreChristianArt@gmail.com) with any questions or attend the **information session after the 10:30 a.m. service on May 15.** Visit [ExploreChristianArt.com](http://ExploreChristianArt.com) for more information, photos, and testimonials from past trips.



### Bike the Drive is Sunday, May 29

If you plan on taking part in this Chicago event or have already registered for it, please let Cheryl in the office know so that we can plan to meet up as an HUMC group. Visit [bikethedrive.org](http://bikethedrive.org) to register.

### Graduation Sunday

Calling all Graduates from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Grad School and beyond!

Please join us in worship on Graduation Sunday, **June 5 at 9:30 a.m.** Following the service there will be a reception honoring all of our HUMC graduates. *Parents: Please help us confirm that we have all students identified for graduation by calling the church office with your sons'/daughters' names. Thank you.*



### Annual Church Picnic



This year's Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 5** after the 9:30 service - rain or shine. We will, once again, be featuring our world famous **strawberry-ice cream cake** dessert. And, of course, we will have our delicious grilled brats and hot dogs, and chips. Just \$5 per adult, and no charge for those who are high school aged and under. There will be a moon-jump and buckets of water balloons. You are encouraged to wear picnic clothes to the church service including, sandals, Hawaiian shirts, and sun dresses.

Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. We want to show-off our beautiful church and friendly members. Or, is it friendly church and beautiful members? Either way it works!

## Missions



**HCSfamilyservices**  
EMPOWERING FAMILIES. CHANGING LIVES.  
**TOGETHER WE THRIVE.**  
Since 1937

This May we are asking for cash donations instead of food contributions for the food pantry at **HCS Family Services**. Every \$1.00 donated to the food pantry provides \$8.00 worth of food purchased by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Our money will go much further toward providing food than each of us purchasing and donating items. Please make checks payable to HUMC with the memo: HCS food pantry.

In addition, if you are interested, the below requested non-food collection is to provide items that HCS clients cannot purchase with their SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps). There will be boxes in the Narthex to drop off the requested items: paper products (such as paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, napkins), disposable diapers, baby wipes, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toiletries (such as shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap), plastic wrap, aluminum foil, and kitchen scrubbies (S.O.S. or Brillo pads).

HSC's low-income clients have access to the food pantry free of charge. Among these clients are residents from our communities: Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Hinsdale, Oak Brook, Westmont, and Willowbrook. Within the Village of Willowbrook, HCS services the Willowbrook Corner; this neighborhood came to be when some of the residents from Cabrini-Green and/or other public housing projects were relocated to this community in the 1970s and 1980s. Many of these families and senior citizens live below the federal poverty level. HUMC Youth have been participating with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to serve this area and distribute meat, fresh produce, and bread once a month.

Your support is critical to meeting the needs of hungry families in DuPage County. No family should go hungry simply because they cannot afford to buy food. Please consider helping HUMC support HCS Family Services.

Hinsdale Junior Women's Club has partnered with HCS Family Service for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 philanthropy years. HSC is planning to expand their operation and open a new food pantry at Hinsdale South High School. The pantry will operate after school and serve family with children in the Hinsdale High School District 86 and its feeder districts.



**DuPage PADS**

The Solution to End Homelessness.

### DuPage PADS

April 16 was Cajun night at PADS as we served 16 people for dinner. Chef Craig Fisher and his master chef volunteers out cooked themselves last night as guests feasted on Jambalaya, hoppin' John, black-eyed peas, fried okra, homemade biscuits with honey, and brownies for dessert.

**May is a month off for PADS Volunteers. Watch for more information from Lennox Iton of the summer session of PADS starting Saturday, June 16.** PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) is an Interim Housing program. HUMC volunteers provide dinner, breakfast, a bag lunch, sleeping space and support activities.

### Save the Date!

HUMC will host our Bridge and Rebuild Auction on **Saturday, November 12**. This fundraiser, held every three years, supports all our local efforts which provide safe housing, mentoring, tutoring, job coaching, community programming – all the tools needed to build a better, brighter future for our Bridge Communities client and repairs to homes of elderly, disabled and/or low-income residents so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence for our Rebuild Together clients. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information!



## United Methodist Women



HUMC's local unit of *United Methodist Women* is comprised of three "CIRCLES" that meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, September through May. Circles are a time for spiritual growth, mission & service activities and food & fellowship. We would love to have you join us! For questions, please call Mrs. El Lober or Mrs. Betty Drucker or read more on our [HUMW page](#).

### May Calendar

**5th** - 9:30 a.m. UMW Board Meeting in the Fireside Room

**12th** - Circles meet. May is the month for our Annual UMW Circle Potlucks. Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food.

**9:30 a.m. Mary Circle:** Brunch at Lisa Cosgrove's home. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. **Program:** Writing congratulations letters to our HUMC graduates. For questions, contact Jennifer Planson.

**12:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle:** Salad luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at church. Please bring a salad to share. For questions, contact Joyce Hahn or El Lober.

**6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle:** Salad Supper at Oak Trace Retirement Community in Downers Grove. Please bring a salad to share. For questions, contact Hazel Zimmer or hostess, Vivian Miner.

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## Administrative Council Highlights

The Ad Council met on April 5. Key points of the meeting included:

- Communications reported that the church's website has passed a review required to show compliance with website payment standards.
- There was a discussion regarding the readership of the church's publications, namely the monthly Flame and the weekly E-news. Several people expressed a desire for all the publications to be read more than it appears is occurring. Some suggested the Flame is too long causing people to have less interest in reading it. A suggestion was made that the Flame be published less frequently, perhaps bi-monthly or quarterly. Its production is a labor-intensive effort; we want to be sure that readership is sufficient to justify the work. The conclusion was to continue to evaluate the publications using the data analysis tools that are now available with the objective of concluding the most effective mix of publications and the content of each.
- Trustees are still working to understand the extent of the parsonage basement and foundation issues. It seems significant work and expense will be required to rectify the problems.
- The high school youth will be traveling to ASP the week of June 11 for the summer work tour. Middle school youth will go the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL June 22 to 24 to help paint and fix up the center facilities.
- Rev. McCoy reported the following:
  - It appears about 10% of worship attendees are visitors. The Sheparding Program for visitors proved to be ineffective and has been discontinued. Ways to measure how to engage visitors are being investigated.
  - An exchange with Olivet UMC is planned for May 22. Their pastor and congregation will join us at HUMC for the 10:30 worship service.
  - The United Methodist Church has issued a 2014 Vitality Report. Rev. McCoy thinks HUMC compares well to the information in this report.
  - Nominations still need to select a second Lay Leader, several Youth Committee members, and one Staff-Parish Relations Committee member.
  - Including Girl Scouts in Scout Sunday was a good improvement.
  - He thinks the January 31 Table Talk session was good.

The Chair of the Administrative Council, Carole Cartwright, wants everyone to know that ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the even numbered months of the year. They are held in Room 109, the Conference Room. The next meeting is scheduled June 7. However, the possibility of canceling the June meeting was discussed with a decision to be made and announced closer to the date.