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Wildflowers

Mother's Day is the day when most professionally grown, cut, and arranged flowers are sold and given as gifts of celebration and love. St. Valentine's Day follows at a close second, especially as roses proclaim love and deep affection. "April is the cruelest month," for T.S. Eliot, "breeding. lilacs out of the dead land, mixing. memory and desire, stirring. dull roots with spring rain."

But May is the month for wildflowers. April rains have fallen here and there, unbidden, unannounced, releasing unbridled, ecstatic splashes of the earth's inner joy.

When one considers all the earth is seemingly destined to absorb—tears of confused, wounded children, home-seeking half-memories of mind-slipping elders, and all the blood of the innocent, because all blood is innocent—one wonders where the earth finds reserves of tenderness and simplicity sufficient to burst the bonds of earth.

They make no sense, grow out of row, with colors unrestrained in overflow.

It caught me up short from my dazed, distracted, grumbling trudge toward yet another meeting about what we could not do to address something or other, something simultaneously tragic and pathetic, some perfectly avoidable whine that no one thought avoid and now everyone must try to evade: another meeting to hear the status of how little we are willing to do about something or other that spells the end of institutions and the continued rise of indifference.

There! Precisely there! On the downturn in a gently rolling, perfectly manicured lawn pretending to be a putting green, an all but unnoticed explosion of pink, and purple, and blue! If caught it would be treated like a weed. It had no grass-thick field to protect it. It had no larger batch in which it could grow without special attention. A group of three (I think) utterly wild flowers!

We would see it as an error of some sort: a failure of herbicide, evidence of poor planning, a mistake of which we must take account precisely because it is a mistake. It marks the limit of our planning, the edge of our skill, the end of our power. It isn't supposed to happen. There will have to be meetings.

But God insists.

Mother's
Day

Happy Mother's Day!

Don't Forget - This Sunday, May 5th is Pot Luck.
Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Meat and
drinks provided.



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

5-1 Shirley Morris
5-8 Alysa Thornberry
5-10 Brenda Dom
5-19 Patrick Harris
5-20 Stan Shively
5-21 John Ward
5-26 Jeffrey Wolf
5-28 Betty Bennion
5-29 Terry Felten
5-30 Doug Bowne
5-31 Charlie Burdette

Happy Anniversary to:

5-9 Duke & Martha Schneider
5-25 Scott & Mary Jakab



May Events Calendar

5-1

6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

5-2

9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery

5-5

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Pot Luck lunch

5-8

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

5-9

9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery

5-12

Mother's Day

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship

5-14

5:30 PM Finance Committee

6:00 PM Administrative Council

5-15

9:30 AM Elizabeth Circle to Lavender & Lace

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

5-16

9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery

5-19

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Dine Abouts to Cheddar's

5-21

6:30 PM United Methodist Men

5-22

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

5-23

9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery

5-26

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship

5-27 Memorial Day observed

5-29

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal



Elizabeth Circle to Lavender & Lace

The Elizabeth Circle will be having their end of year outing on Wednesday May 15th. Meet at the church for a short meeting at 9:30 AM and then go to Lavender and Lace for lunch followed by a visit to The Barn.



Dine Abouts to Cheddar's

The Dine Abouts will be having lunch at Cheddar's on South Florida Ave., Sunday May 19th, following worship. All women (single or single for the day) are invited to join us. Contact Brenda Dorn (644-5250) or Frances Mundy (646-1300)

Genesis Class - New Bible Study

The Genesis Sunday school class will be starting a new study on I Corinthians Sunday, May 12th..Please join us. We meet at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room.

