

# May 2024



*Happy  
Mother's Day!*

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The United Women in Faith will be meeting Monday May 6th at 12 noon. Please bring a sack lunch. All the ladies in church are Welcome.




United  
Women  
in Faith



**God Knows Everything but...** Your church likes to support you, especially during possible turning points in your life. Since these often involve a stay in the hospital, please be sure to call, or have someone call the church (989) 225-2315 or the parsonage (989) 912-2187 to let us know about you.

Please include the name of the hospital. We want to be supportive so please let us know. *Be sure to call whenever you want to talk with the pastor—whatever the reason.*



**Just a reminder...**

**Our Church Council**  
Will be meeting on May 6th at 5:30pm.



*Pentecost 2024*  
SUNDAY, MAY 19

**WEAR RED**  
to celebrate the Holy Spirit

# Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we embrace the blossoming of spring and the gentle warmth of May, I am filled with anticipation for the rich spiritual significance that this month holds for us. With May just around the corner, I am writing to share some important dates and reflections that we will be celebrating together as a church family.

First and foremost, as we prepare to honor the remarkable women in our lives, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to join us for our Mother's Day service on May 12th at 9:30 am. Let us come together to express our gratitude and admiration for the mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures who have nurtured and shaped us with their love, wisdom, and strength.

Following this celebration of maternal love, we will soon be commemorating the wondrous event of Pentecost on May 19th. Pentecost marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them to spread the message of God's love to the ends of the earth. As we gather in worship, let us open our hearts to receive the same Spirit, igniting within us a renewed passion for serving the Lord and sharing His love with others.

As the month draws to a close, we will observe Memorial Day on May 26th. This solemn occasion provides us with an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Let us come together in prayerful remembrance, expressing our gratitude for their selflessness and reflecting on the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifice.

Finally, our Michigan Annual Conference will soon begin starting on, Thursday, May 30 - Saturday, June 1 • Clergy Session Wednesday, May 29th.

In the midst of these special observances, let us also remember the bonds of fellowship and community that unite us as a congregation. May our gatherings be filled with joy, reverence, and a deep sense of gratitude for the blessings that surround us.

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4 (NRSV).*

I look forward to worshipping with you all in the coming weeks as we journey together in faith and fellowship.

Blessings,

In Christ's love,

**Pastor Bob**

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor  
Cass City United Methodist Church



# Mother's Day

## History Of Mother's Day.

The majority of countries that celebrate Mother's Day, do so on the second Sunday of May. On this day it is common for mothers to be celebrated with presents and special attention from their families friends and loved ones. But it wasn't always that way.

The traditional practice of honoring motherhood is rooted in history, Ancient rites had strong symbolic and spiritual overtones, as societies tended to celebrate the Goddess and symbols of motherhood rather than actual mothers. From the 6th century B.C the ancient Greeks celebrated Rhea, as the Magna Mater: the Great Mother of everything including the Gods. She was the wife of Cronus (Saturn) and the mother of Hestia, Hera, Demeter, Poseidon, Hades and Zeus, her mother was Gaia (Earth) with whom she was often identified. In 205 B.C her religion was introduced into Rome, where she was celebrated as Cybele during the festival of Hilaria. Mother's Day started out as a day to honor Rhea.

The tradition was then brought to England where it is celebrated in March which was the festival of Hilaria to honor Cybele. No one quite knows when the day became to celebrate all mothers rather than the diety.

In the USA the first Mother's day was brought about by a woman called Ann Jarvis, who was a suffragette, She wanted a day when all women were celebrated. Having seen Mothering Sunday in Europe, she fought and protested for the day for a long time and it was finally granted as a public holiday by then president Woodrow Wilson in 1908, Setting aside the second Sunday of May to be a special day to celebrate Mothers.

Ann Jarvis became disgusted at the commercial way Mother's Day became and said she regretted fighting for the day. Ann started to Suing places advertising Mother's Day such as florists and chocolatiers. In the 1930s she was arrested for trying to prevent the sale of flowers at a Mother's Day event and disturbing the peace. In 1938 Ann Jarvis tried to Copyright Mother's Day so she had full control over it, in her attempt she failed.



# Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



A banner for a Spring Workbee event. The background shows a white building with "BAY SHORE PARK" written on it. A circular logo on the right contains the text "SPRING WORKBEE" and a cartoon bee. Below the building, the text reads "JOIN US MAY 3-4" and "GET READY FOR SUMMER, FREE LUNCH, COFFEE & DONUTS!". On the far right, it says "VOLUNTEER TODAY >".

**JOIN US MAY 3-4**  
GET READY FOR SUMMER, FREE LUNCH, COFFEE & DONUTS!

**SPRING WORKBEE**

**VOLUNTEER TODAY >**



A banner for a Catfish Tournament. The background is a sunset over a lake with a person fishing. On the left is a logo of a catfish with the text "Catfish Tournament". On the right, a dark green box contains the text "MAY 10th - 11th".

**Catfish Tournament**

**MAY 10th - 11th**



A banner for a Family Foundation Weekend event. The background is a collage of camp activities: a campfire, a group of people in life jackets, and a child on a zipline. A circular logo on the left features an American flag and the text "FAMILY FOUNDATION \* WEEKEND \* MAY 24-26". A blue starburst on the right contains the text "First-time camper discount \$5 Off/Night or \$15 Off/Weekend" and "CALL 989-883-2501".

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CALL 989-883-2501

## Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries

Premier East Michigan Area Camp serving Youth and Families for over 100 years! Christian Camping at its Best!  
(989) 883-2501 web: <https://www.bayshorecamp.org>

# Mission Moment

## May's Bucket Offering

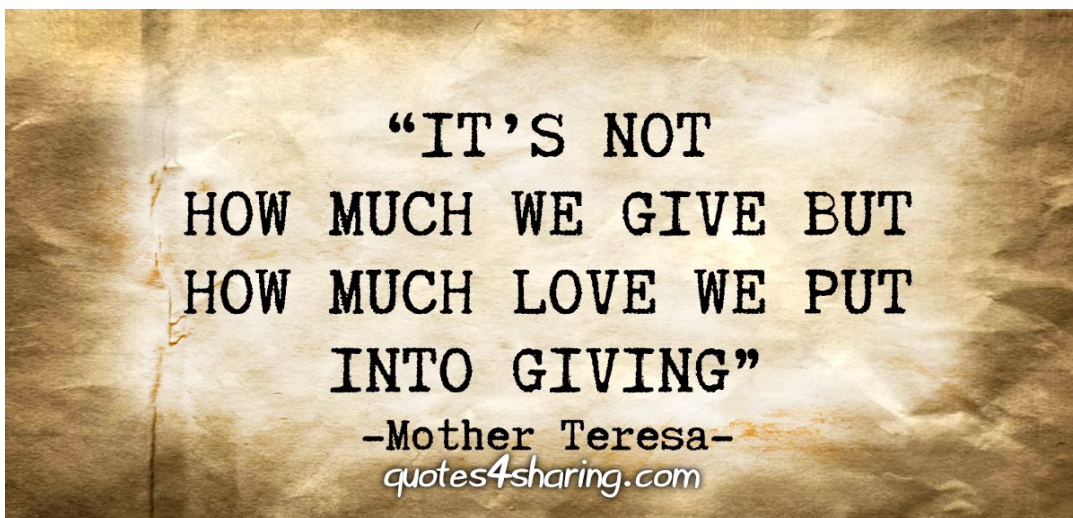
The mission committee will be collecting donations for camp funding during the month of May.

Bay Shore information is available in the narthex and on the Mission bulletin board at church. The office will have additional information concerning camp scholarships and who can be contacted regarding the upcoming schedules.

Bay Shore's mission has been to provide an invitation for all people to experience Jesus Christ and to nurture them in their relationship with Him.

We hope that you will continue to lend your support for our local campers. We help play an important role in sharing the Gospel, with people of all ages, who will attend events at Bay Shore.

Thanks again for your support and God's blessings to you always.



*"Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." Luke 6:38*

Mission Committee



# Poem for Mother's Day

FOR ALL THE THINGS I DIDN'T SAY,  
ABOUT HOW I FELT ALONG THE WAY--  
FOR THE LOVE YOU GAVE AND THE WORK YOU'VE DONE,  
HERE'S APPRECIATION FROM YOUR ADMIRING SON.

YOU CARED FOR ME AS A LITTLE TOT,  
WHEN ALL I DID WAS CRY A LOT,  
AND AS I GREW YOUR WORK DID TOO--  
I RAN AND FELL AND GOT BLACK AND BLUE.

I GREW SOME MORE AND IT DIDN'T STOP;  
NOW YOU HAD TO BECOME A COP,  
TO WORRY ABOUT MISTAKES I'D MAKE;  
YOU KEPT ME IN LINE FOR MY OWN SAKE.

I GOT OLDER, AND THE STORY REPEATED;  
YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE WHENEVER I NEEDED.  
YOU GUIDED ME AND WISHED ME THE BEST,  
I BECAME WISER AND KNEW I WAS BLESSED.

SO, FOR ALL THE TIMES I DIDN'T SAY,  
THE LOVE I FELT FOR YOU EACH DAY,  
MOM, READ THIS SO YOU CAN ALWAYS SEE  
JUST HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME.

MOM, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

*Happy Mother's Day*

# Dorcas & Progressive

Dorcas Meal, Wednesday, May 8th  
at 12 noon.

The meal will be  
Porcupine meatballs, Herb Rice, Vegetable  
sticks, desserts. All Meals \$12.00



If you would like to help Please call:

For Desserts: **Suzie Chappel 989-574-8304**

**Doris Jones 989-912-0611**

For Meal prep Tuesday/Wednesday :

**Connie Schwaderer 989-872-2315**

For Delivery : **Ardis Monroe 989-798-6764**

## Progressive Class

The Progressive class met at Taco Bell restaurant for lunch April 18th. Those present were Constance Schwaderer, Chris Allen, Rita & Don Green, Judy & Dick Wallace , Keith & Jane Mitchell. We sent out 9 cards.

Judy Wallace offered the Blessing. We shared active communications. Time was spent on initial organization of the annual Christmas Banquet, Those present stated this annual festivity needed to continue in the Church. It has been a ritual activity in the Church for many years.

Devotions were offered by Jane Mitchell and were based on Philippians 4: 4-8. Philippians was written by Paul while he was in jail. It was a Thank You note & gift to strength believers in the church he had built. He was showing him that true joy comes from Jesus alone.

Our Next meeting is planned for May 16th at 12pm noon. It will be a pot luck at the Mitchell's home.

**Everyone is Welcome to attend.**

# *United Women of Faith*

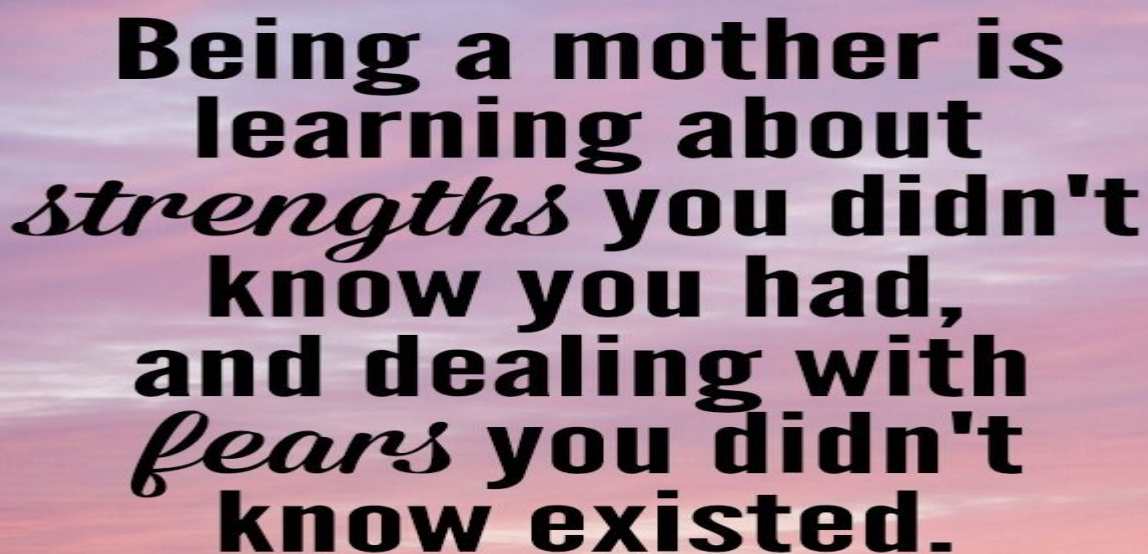
The UWF will be meeting on Monday May 6th at 12 noon. This will be a general meeting and final planning for our summer activities will take place, At the writing, we are planning to have lunch with our Northwood Meadows Ladies, having our Mystery trip and our August rummage sale.

The 2024 program booklet are completed and are located on the table in the Narthex. If you have not picked yours up, please do so. If more copies are needed , please contact Julie Czekai or me.

On Mother's Day which is Sunday May 12, the UWF will be giving flowers out to all women of the church.

All women of the church are welcome to participate in any of the our activities.

Sincerely  
Melinda Kirn, UWF President



**Being a mother is  
learning about  
*strengths* you didn't  
know you had,  
and dealing with  
*fears* you didn't  
know existed.**



# Support the Homeless

## Support the Tuscola Homeless Coalition

The Tuscola Homeless Coalition serves local families at risk of homelessness. Your contribution would directly support the prevention of homelessness in Tuscola County, Michigan.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to support the mission of the Tuscola Homeless Coalition

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Amount of support

\_\_\_\_ Money Order    \_\_\_\_ Check

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email:



Please Make Checks payable to

"Tuscola Homeless Coalition"

Payments can be mailed to:

Tuscola Homeless Coalition

429 North State Street Ste. 205

Caro, MI 48723

# Birthday & Anniversary



May 1 Jan Kritzman  
3 Rita Green  
5 Heather Czekai  
Doug Monroe  
9 Max Wilkins  
12 Barbie Tilt  
21 Judy Profit  
Dave Block  
29 Dan Dickinson  
30 John Frankowski




May 18th Eric & Terra Thick  
May 19th Ed & Susan Stoutenburg  
May 20th Brian & Leslie Seeley



# Calendar 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Church Cleaning 9-12
5 Worship 9:30am	6 UWF 12pm Church council 5:30pm	7	8 Dorcas 12pm	9	10	11
12  Worship 9:30am	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Noisy Bucket Worship 9:30am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:00	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	

**Wishing Everyone a Blessed  
Month of MAY!**

May this Month be  
awesome, blessed,  
beautiful and filled with  
wonderful moments,  
because you  
deserve it.



# Sharing the Word of Christ



## ATTENDANCE

Worship  
Attendance &  
Views

Online & Church  
& Parking Lot

Jan 2024     9601  
Feb 2024     8098  
March 2024  10201  
April 2024    9710

The above counts  
come from our  
five worship  
platforms  
Facebook,  
YouTube,  
LinkedIn, our  
website  
and Twitter.

154 of our  
church families  
receive our  
letters and  
updates by mail  
or email.

# Happy Mothers Day



APPRECIATION

BEAUTIFUL

BREAKFAST

CANDY

CHARMING

COMFORT

DEVOTED

FLOWERS

FORGIVING

GIFTS

GUIDANCE

HUGS

JEWELRY

JOY

KISSES

LAUGHTER

LOVE

MATERNAL

MOM

MOTHER

NURTURE

PERFUME

PROTECTIVE

SHARE

TELEPHONE

TENDER

THE BEST

WARM

WISE

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.



# *In our thoughts and Prayers*

## **Please keep in your Prayers and Thoughts**

Pastor Fred Bowden  
Linda & Dailey Parrish  
Linda & Roger Marshall  
Lorraine Bowden  
Dick & Judy Wallace,  
Opal Schneeberger  
Kathy & Phil Nichols  
Harlin Tuckey  
Janis Seeley  
Ed & Judy Profit,  
Barb Tuckey  
Gerald Auten  
Floy Arnold  
Jack & Lois Gallagher  
Morris Powell  
Charles Tuckey



Leslie Seeley  
Rick Tait  
Rick Dillon  
Thomas Troise  
Connie Schwaderer

## **Our Family Members at:**

**Northwood Meadow 6086 Beechwood, Cass City 48726**

Jan Kritzman                      Evelyn Whitaker  
Ellen Stoutenburg              Barb Stickle                      Eleanor Truemner

## **Those Serving us spiritually :**

Pastor Bob Demyanovich, our ministry here in Cass City and beyond, East Winds District Superintendent Rev. Margie Crawford, Bishop David A. Bard, and The United the Methodist Area Conference and all churches.

## **In Service to Our Country**

Ethan Damm  
Jeremy Klinkman  
Brent Robinson



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