



# THE VISION

May 2018

Happy  
Mother's Day!

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”*  
**Amen. Matthew 28:19-20**

Summer vacation is on its way! I am excited about the Summer of 2018! This is the summer that Donna retires! Our goal is to travel and see our great God's blessed country. So, for me, Summer will be kicked off with our Church Family Picnic on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our W.M.U. Ladies will host some games for our children to play. I will attempt to host our Bible Jeopardy game for our adults. Amy Boykin has graciously agreed to lead us in a short devotion... then FOOD!

Naturally, summer is the time for family vacations, and rightly so. We all work very hard and our Lord has created within us the need to rest. I pray we find a meaningful way to rest and be restored. In this day and time, vacations are expensive! We will certainly need discernment on how to spend our money wisely.

I came across this timely article written by Rev. Rick Warren. His article has helped me to think before I travel.... I pray his words bless each of us....

### **The Best Way to Spend Your Money**

“The best use of your money is using it to get people into Heaven. **(Luke 16:9)** is a problem verse that most people don't understand. Jesus says, *“Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home”* (NLT).

Jesus is saying that just like the shrewd manager who made friends he could count on later, you need to use some of your money to make eternal friends that you will have forever in Heaven and who will welcome you when you get there.

He's not saying you can buy your way into Heaven, because you can't. Jesus has already paid the price on the cross. He's not saying you can purchase your salvation, because you can't. Salvation is a free gift by grace.

Jesus is telling you to use your money to build friendships that are going to go on and on for eternity. When you use your money to help other people meet Jesus, you make friends for eternity and you gain rewards for eternity.

One day you're going to die. Imagine that when you get to Heaven, there are a hundred people standing at the entrance, clapping and cheering and saying, “We've been waiting for you! We're here because you spent some money to tell us the Good News. We're your friends for life — no, eternity, because we're in debt to you. If you hadn't used your money that way, we wouldn't have heard how to get to Heaven.”

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**RAIN OR SHINE!**  
**ALL are Welcome**  
**Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Games at 5PM**  
**Dinner at 6PM**  
Come join us and bring a vegetable, salad or dessert, an appetite, your family & friends



# Deacon's Devotional

## A Mother's Love

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in West Virginia in 1912. Mothers were to be recognized as an important part of our culture and lives. The heart of a mother is like a rare jewel. They love their children during the worst and best of times.

Yet, all mothers are not the same. Author and speaker Patsy Clairmont says, "Normal is just a setting on your clothes dryer." We are all different, She shared that as women we may "struggle, fall, start over and celebrate." But we are mothers who can love unlike any other person.

A familiar mother's day poem written in the early 1900's is:

**M** is for the Many things she gave me,  
**O** means only that she's growing Old.  
**T** is for the Tears she shed to save me,  
**H** is for her Heart of purest gold.  
**E** is for her Eyes with love light shining,  
**R** means Right and Right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell MOTHER.  
 A word that means the world to me.

God created families and gave mothers a unique place in that unit. We can love, give of ourselves, cook, clean, wash clothes, put Band-Aids on scrapes...be the first one up in the morning or the last one down at night. We juggle a lot of things including raising children, working at jobs, managing a home and sometimes finding time for ourselves.

Each day is a new beginning of what lies before us. We have destiny, purpose and the power to do and be all that we are called to be. Nothing can stop us except ourselves. As mothers, we need to find the strength to face each day knowing that God loves us.

This scripture seems to be written just for mothers.

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of other."

Philippians 2:1-4

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## Deacon of the Week

5/6—Al West  
 5/13—Bill Breeden  
 5/20—Keith Martin  
 5/27—Keith Belvin

## Nursery Workers

5/6—L. Walton/G. Breeden  
 5/13—Alishia Milligan  
 5/20—Devan/Elyza Willard  
 5/27—Shannen Jenkins

## May Ushers

Barbara Mangrum  
 Chris Hutson  
 Keith Belvin  
 Leslie Belvin

# CHURCH WORKERS

## May Tellers

Helen Spence  
 Bill Breeden

## Older Children's Church

5/6—Paige Belvin  
 5/13—Jennifer//Lauren Hall  
 5/20—Madison/Seth Gandee  
 5/27—Charlene/John West

## Younger Children's Church

5/6—Tracy Williams  
 5/13—Sonya Anthony/Nancy Dyson  
 5/20—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner  
 5/27—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells

## Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

## HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John 14.

When men fail you, read Psalm 27.

When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.

When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.

When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.

When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.

When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.

For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.

(Taken from the bulletin of Memorial Congregational Church, North Quincy, Mass.)

Submitted by Linda Breaks

**YOUTH FUND RAISER FOR HELPING HANDS!**  
 There will be a Spaghetti Dinner after church on June 3, 2018. Please support your youth and the Helping Hands Ministry! Come fill your belly! Brownie Sundaes will be served for dessert!

**WMU MISSION PROJECT**

We are collecting money for Care Net Peninsula. This is a non-profit center on mission to bring practical help and hope in Jesus to women facing pregnancy decisions. Please pick up a baby bottle at the WMU counter in the Narthex and fill it with coins, cash or check. Bottles are due at the church by May 13th. You may also donate baby clothes & supplies that will be distributed to the mothers.

**SEASON OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS**

We will be accepting donations for the “George Kissinger” Offering Fund  
 May 20th—May 27th

Our goal is \$1100. Won't you please help us meet this goal?

Watch for more information and donation envelopes in your church bulletin

**WMU FUTURE PROJECT**

WMU will be supporting Standing Rock by collecting shoes, socks and underwear! They are making pillow cases this year for the

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“Are you using any of your money for that kind of thing? Is anybody going to be in Heaven because of you, because of the way you used your money?”

When you buy a Bible and you give it to somebody who doesn't have one, you've stored up treasure in Heaven. When you support a program that shares the Good News around the world, you have stored up treasure in Heaven. When you help build a church, you have stored up treasure in Heaven. That is the highest and best use of your money

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead by investing in people who are going to Heaven.

What are some of the things you spend money on that do not have an eternal impact?

What people has God already placed in your life with whom you can share the Good News?

What are some ways you can use your money to invest in eternal friendships?”



—Pastor Bud Goude

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Our children need that unselfish love of a mother. We as mothers need to love our mothers too. Long life is promised to all who show honor to them.

“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you and you will have a long life on earth.” Ephesians 6:1-3

Mothers make up a crucial part of our lives. So whether it is a Hallmark card, dinner out, hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care. It is so important to give our love to these dedicated women in our lives and don't take them for granted.

“Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.” 1 John 3:18.

By Martha Noebel

In honor of my mother who I miss very much.  
 Happy Mother's Day  
 by Pauline Littell