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Minute for Missions

OUR CALENDAR

Communion is normally celebrated during worship service on the first Sunday of the month.

MONDAY, May 2

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Happy Mother's Day!

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

MONDAY, MAY 9

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, MAY 15

In person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

May Friendship Day

May 6, 2022

May Friendship Day, a Church Women United initiative, is most often celebrated on the first Friday of the month of May around a theme of shared concern for Christian women and their communities. The predecessor to May Friendship Day, May Fellowship Day, began in 1933 after two Christian women's groups planned gatherings based on similar concerns: child health and children of migrant families. These groups united and over the years eventually became what we now know as Church Women United. The May celebration has been continually observed since 1933. In 1999, Church Women United changed the name from May Fellowship Day to May Friendship Day.

The 2022 Church Women United celebrations — including World Community Day and May Friendship Day — share the theme "It's Up to You in 2022." The focus for May Friendship Day is "A Call to Serve." In a world that cries out for healing and reconciliation, it's up to each of us to reflect God's generous love through prayerful advocacy and compassionate service.

Christian women's groups from many denominations (including Presbyterian Women, which encourages participation in and support of Church Women United) will participate in May Friendship Day throughout the United States during the first days of May.

Carissa Herold, Marketing Associate for Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, May 1, 2022, with social distancing. Welcome, Janie Inouye; Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Sue Morris; Scripture, Ella Morris (John 4: 1-26); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Greg Middleton, Ron Ota, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Sam Gin, Clyde Payne, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Ally Lee for leading us in Communion and for her sermon, "**He Told Me Everything I Have Ever Done**".

What Does Joy Mean to You?

New worshipping communities in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) take on new and varied forms of church in a changing culture. Primarily they are seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ in order to transform the world. How they put that into practice often involves creativity and out-of-the-box approaches.

The JOY Community in St. Joseph, Missouri, part of Heartland Presbytery, gathers in a beautiful sacred space that offers solace and restoration for body and soul. Its origin comes from a Laudato Si understanding of seeking equity through both social and environmental justice.

JOY — Justice, Outreach and Yoga — made the commitment to join the Matthew 25 journey in May 2021. Last year before the pandemic resurge, JOY hosted a gathering as part of honoring its Matthew 25 call for eco-justice and honoring God's gift of Creation.

The Go Green St. Joe! Planet Party was sponsored by JOY and organized by new worshipping community leaders Natalie Ward, Jan Storts, Emily Fite and Diane Waddell. Collaborating with several other local organizations, they offered music, TED-type talks, yoga demonstrations and informational booths on local food sources, climate change, etc.

"We are enjoying celebrating and worshipping in creative, diverse ways," said Waddell, NWC Matthew 25 contact leader for JOY. "And we are now officially receiving offerings for the four PC(USA) special offerings."

Recognizing the connection of systemic poverty to food sourcing, climate change and environmental challenges, JOY also hosted a Citizens' Climate Lobby with the Missouri Western State University Biology Department, where virtually all the faculty are doing research related to climate change and the environment.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s invitation to become a Matthew 25 church was issued in April 2019. There are now more than 1,060 congregations, groups and mid councils who have accepted that invitation and helping the denomination become a more relevant presence in the world.

Melody K. Smith, Organizational Communications Manager, Presbyterian Mission Agency

WHO'S MAILING

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May 16	Volunteers
May 23	Volunteers
May 30	Volunteers

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OUR THANKS

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Deacons

Tom and Tsuru Miyasaki

Easter

Dr. and Mrs. Robbin Okamoto

In Memory of Edna Matsumoto

Massie Fuji
Doreen Ono
Donna Wakano

In Memory of Their Mothers

Bob and Mae Uchida,
for Nami Shingu and Sayo Uchida

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MISCELLANY

For the next 3 Sundays, May 8, 15, and 22 Pastor Pete Morris will be preaching. He plans a sermon series that will focus on the important and notable actions of Jesus, after His resurrection and during His last 40 days here on earth. Also, Veronica Ota will grace our pulpit on May 29. Please join us!

A reminder, for the month of May we start a new flavor of the month.... cooking and baking items. Just think of those items that you need to complete a main dish or meal, or baking items. Cake/bake boxes, flour, sugar, canned fruit or vegetables, tomato or pasta sauces, pasta, seasonings... Drop your items in the marked box in the sanctuary foyer, our Deacons will be taking all items to the Friends In Deed Food Pantry.

CROP Walk 2022

Belatedly, we thank the many walkers who represented our church at the Pasadena CROP Walk 2022. Our church raised a total of \$1,270! We had both virtual walkers (Jon Maeda, Kelly Hokyo, Pastor Ann, Gini Ishida, Doug Lee, Kevin Hayashi & Colten, Ruby Andalon, Mark Sapp and his mother), and in-person walkers Bryce & Peggy Lew, Jake Matsumoto, Bob & Mae Uchida, Nancy Castillo, Paul Kawahara, Jean & Rick Osaka, Sue/Pete/Ella Morris.

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Worship with Us on Mother's Day

Next Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day! Our Board of Deacons will implement a long-standing tradition of honoring the mothers of our congregation with a beautiful plant for Mother's Day. So, start Mother's Day right, and bring your mom to church! Plants will be available immediately following Sunday worship. We also thank Bellefontaine Nursery for the donation of the plants. They have been able to provide these plants for many, many years.



Easter Coffee Hour!
Mrs. Gin, Mrs. Mikuni, and Mrs Hirashiki

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