



# The Appian Wayfarer

The United Methodist Church: Open hearts · Open minds · Open doors

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## Shirley A. Kille Memorial Scholarship Fund

Last year the scholarship committee awarded two \$1,500.00 scholarships from a pool of highly qualified applicants.

Now, it is time to think to 2020. Several people asked if they could donate to the fund, so we can award more than one scholarship. In response, I decided to match dollar-for-dollar any donations up to \$10,000.

If you are interested in donating in ANY amount, I will gratefully match it. Make checks to ESUMC, designated to Kille Scholarship Fund. If we receive enough to extend this to ten years, I will be 103. Wow!! Now that is something to look forward to!!

Thank you in advance for considering donating as you are inclined and able. God bless. Ken Kille.



- May 3 - Heide Oberg Pedersen
- May 14 - Jim Boyce
- May 15 - Greg Garcia
- May 16 - Lisa Dwiggin
- May 17 - Kristy Kinyon Jones, Betty Staley
- May 20 - Charlene Gamache, Megan Murdoch, Stephen Cutright
- May 27 - Ava Mainini
- May 29 - Nancy Kamb
- May 30 - Rossi Burke
- May 31 - Jack Tipton, Jr.



## Mark's Musings

Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

I think most of us think of Mother's Day as a recognition and celebration of all that we have received from our mothers: nurture, instruction, guidance – life itself. We celebrate with cards and flowers and candy, maybe some special gathering or event.

But I've always found the origins of this holiday to be most instructive, and worth bearing in mind. It all started with Julia Ward Howe. She and her husband were abolitionists; her husband Samuel had been a secret supporter of John Brown, the abolitionist who used violence in an attempt to overthrow the institution of slavery, most notably at Harper's Ferry. The Howes made a visit to Washington DC in 1861 just as the Civil War was gearing up. They even had an audience with Abraham Lincoln. Everyone they spoke with seemed quite confident that the war would be brief and the Union would prevail. They attended a parade of the troops smartly dressed out in all their gear, singing 'John Brown's body lay a moulderin' in the grave.' It was such a moving experience, it led her to pen the words of the Battle Hymn of the Republic to that same tune. She drew on apocalyptic images from the Bible to emphasize how life-changing the contest between North and South would be.

But by the time the war had ended, and unbelievable numbers of people, both soldiers and civilians, were killed, Julia began to have second thoughts. After the war, she became involved in the Suffragist movement and in 1872, in the wake of another war – this time between France and Prussia that killed hundreds of thousands more – she penned an "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world", later known as the Mother's Day Proclamation, which called women around the world to join together in abolishing war. It's worth repeating in full:

"Again, in the sight of the Christian world, have the skill and power of two great nations exhausted themselves in mutual murder. Again have the sacred questions of

international justice been committed to the fatal mediation of military weapons. In this day of progress, in this century of light, the ambition of rulers has been allowed to barter the dear interests of domestic life for the bloody exchanges of the battle field. Thus men have done. Thus men will do. But women need no longer be made a party to proceedings which fill the globe with grief and horror. Despite the assumptions of physical force, the mother has a sacred and commanding word to say to the sons who owe their life to her suffering. That word should now be heard, and answered to as never before.

“Arise, then, Christian women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, Whether your baptism be that of water or of tears! Say firmly: We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country, to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: Disarm, disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence vindicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of council.

“Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take council with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, man as the brother of man, each bearing after his own kind the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

“In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women, without limit of nationality, may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient, and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.”

Powerful words from one powerful woman, and perhaps even more relevant in our own day. She went on to

promote women’s rights for decades, founding organizations and conducting speaking tours all across the country.

The actual federal holiday of ‘Mother’s Day’ has, a somewhat different genesis. It started in West Virginia with Anne Jarvis, who wanted to honor her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis (a Methodist, by the way), who had been a peace activist and cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War; and after the war, went on to organize around public health issues. Ann Reeves Jarvis could have been a model for the call put out by Julia Ward Howe. Ironically, with her success at promoting the observance around the country culminating in the federal holiday, came what she saw by the 1920s was the trivialization of it by commercial interests, including Hallmark Cards, together with the candy and floral industries. She was even arrested for protesting at one of their conventions.

As we observe Mother’s Day and the Festival of the Christian Home, let us remember that our celebration isn’t just about thanking those who have loved us, nurtured us and sacrificed for us, but also about a commitment to peace and justice for all people in all walks of life around the world – truly a vision of the Kingdom of God.

‘See’ you in church!

Pastor Mark

A minister decided to do something a little different one Sunday morning.

He said "Today, in church, I am going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach. Whatever single word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn that comes to your mind." The pastor shouted out "CROSS." Immediately the congregation started singing in unison, "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS."

The pastor hollered out "GRACE." The congregation began to sing "AMAZING GRACE, how sweet the sound.

The Pastor said "SEX". The congregation fell into total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other, afraid to say anything.

Then all of a sudden, way from in the back of the church, a little old 87-year-old grandmother stood up and began to sing "PRECIOUS MEMORIES".

**May Day** is a public holiday usually celebrated on May 1. It is an ancient spring festival in the northern hemisphere and a traditional spring holiday in many cultures.



It is also the date of the celebration of **International Workers Day**, chosen to coincide with the beginning of the 1886 Haymarket strike for an 8-hour day in Chicago.

**Mayday** is also a distress call in radio communications that started with a radio officer in London in 1923, when most air traffic with London was from Paris. "Mayday" is the English version of the French "m'aider" - help me!



### Meet Pastor Emily!



Pastor Emily received her B.A from U.C. Davis, where she majored in International Affairs and minored in Music. While at Davis she also worked in campus ministry. In 2017 she graduated with her M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. While at WTS and afterwards, she worked at the UMC's General

Board of Church and Society (also in DC) on the revision of the denomination's Social Principles. Emily comes from a double clergy family: her father, Alan Jones, who serves St. Mark's UMC in Sacramento and her mother, Susan Pickens-Jones, who retired from active ministry in 2010. Pastor Emily's appointment will be effective July 1, 2020.



# Happy Memorial Day!

Thank you to all our soldiers who have given of themselves for our freedom!

## From the Office of Supervisor John Gioia

### Free COVID-19 Testing for County Residents Testing now available for those without symptoms

Contra Costa County is the first county in the Bay Area to offer free COVID-19 testing to anyone even if they do not have symptoms. Previously, tests were only available for those with symptoms.

Increased testing will help us more effectively slow the spread of the virus and allow us to re-open businesses and get back to work sooner. Our Health Officer has said that we need 2,400 tests per day in Contra Costa to better monitor COVID-19's spread and be able to ease the stay-at-home order. Currently, only 400 daily tests are done.

Anyone living in Contra Costa can get tested at a drive-through site operated by County Health Services in San Pablo, Martinez, Concord, Pittsburg, Antioch, or San Ramon.

Residents can also get tested at state-run walk-in only sites in Pinole, Walnut Creek or Brentwood.

Results are available within 36 hours if sent to the County's Public Health Lab and 2-5 days if sent to a private lab.

There is no up-front cost for getting tested and you do not need medical insurance. However, if you have health insurance, your insurance will be billed.

While symptoms aren't needed to get tested, it is advised you get tested if you have symptoms including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, recent loss of taste or smell, or confusion.

Appointments can be made by calling 1-844-421-0804 from 8 am to 3:30 pm daily.

For more information.

**Stay in place, maintain your space, cover your face!**

More COVID-19 information: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					<b>11 AM Motion Class (online)</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 AM Worship, (online)</b>	<b>1:30 PM Motion Class (online)</b>		<b>10 AM Bible Study, (online)</b>	<b>10 AM Photo Club, (online)</b>	<b>11 AM Motion Class (online)</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>31</b>						
<b>10 AM Worship, (online)</b>						

## Prayer Concerns

Paulette Collins; Mort Weishahn; Morie Oberg; The family of Nancy Corl; Lee Hunt; Paddi Just and the family; The family of Pauline Webber; Teresa Berenger (Madeleine Trouerbach's daughter); Sherry Banks; The family of Judy Buhlis; Jerry Patterson and Dana Miller (brother and daughter of Bob Patterson); Robert Johnson (former colleague of Karen Jarrell); the family of Helen Holzinger (Joan's mother); the family of Clinton Pierce (the father of Sabrina Looney); the family of John Cecil Looney (father of David Looney); Annette Allan (Noel Stout's sister); the family of Parker Walker; Ron Driskell (Karen Jarrell's colleague); Gary Dwiggins; Hailie James; Leota Merrithew, family of Teresa Morin Stanton (friend of Lee Hunt); Victor Nozzolillo; the Fleming family (Darlene, Steve, Denise Roby, & Michael); Laureen Kelly and Linda Goodman (nieces of Darlene); Gary Spearie (Paula Hammond's brother); those who continue to be impacted by natural disasters and the COVID-19.

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