

West Barre Witness

May 2022



Spring Blessings

Greetings,

Spring is a wonderful joyful time of new life and hope. In a world atmosphere where we could all use a little good news and some joy, I would like to share a little devotional by Tim Hansel that I read earlier this month.

In our society we can buy almost anything. Security, comfort, convenience, status and perhaps even momentary happiness can be purchased. However, true joy has a different kind of price tag. It always has been and always will be free. We do not have to move anywhere or change anything to find it. True Joy isn't found at the end of a rainbow. It isn't captured at the top of the ladder of success. Its price tag is faithfulness, endurance and perhaps sorrow. JOY has so much to do with how we see and hear and experience the world. It is not to be grasped, but given away. It is not to be contained, but shared. JOY has more to do with who we are than what we have, more to do with the healthiness of our attitude than with the health of our body. JOY, above all else, is a selfless quality which is magnified when it is shared and minimized when it is selfishly grasped. I've known people whose lives have "faced a blank wall" and yet they made it sound beautiful. Their courage was evidenced in little commitments they made every day, little acts of gratitude and wonder – in spite of their circumstance.

It's a fact of life that we can find the joy in life, and be joyful and thankful, or see mainly life's challenges and problems. When Robinson Crusoe was stranded on a desert island he wrote: "I learned to look more upon the bright side of my condition, and less upon the dark side, and to consider what I enjoyed, rather than what I wanted; and which I take notice of here, to put those discontented people in mind of it, who cannot enjoy comfortably and be joyful in what God has given them, because they see and covet something He has not given them."

Have a joyful spring and rejoice in God's goodness.

Pastor Jim



A MOTHER'S LOVE

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...

A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
Of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice



CALENDAR

- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Trustees meet 6:30 pm
- 13 Men's Group 7:00 pm
- 30 Memorial Day



Women's Bible Study every Monday @ 6:30 at the church or thru zoom.

A kind word is like a spring day.

Russian Proverb

Memorial Day

"If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for."

"All gave some.....some gave all"

*Here's some kid crafts to remember
and honor our hero veterans*



VANILLA MUFFINS

Nonstick cooking spray for the muffin tins

4 cups	all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon	baking powder
2 cups	granulated sugar
½ teaspoon	salt
2 cups	milk
2 large	eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup	unsalted butter, melted
1 tablespoon	vanilla extract



Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Coat several mini-muffin tins with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

Sift the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt into a large bowl.

In a separate large bowl, whisk together the milk, eggs, butter and vanilla.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry and stir until just combined.

Spoon the batter into the muffin tins and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until browned on top.

Jan Karon's Mitford Cookbook

(Would be great for a Mother's Day brunch or a summer brunch)

*When our actions are based on good intentions,
our soul has no regrets.*

Prayer Requests

PRAISE/JOY

Jim Peglow's godchildren
God listens to everybody
Anna
Bowling activity
Sunny weather
Mary Shuler
Spring Gala
Pastor Eddie & Sister Rose English

PRAISE/CONCERN

Max
Ashton Preston
Joy & Reed Markle
Joe
Karen Markle

CONCERNS

Family of Charles Walter
Ukraine situation
Dick & Connie
Linda (friend of Huffman's)
Stacie and her daughter
Bert & Merri Mathes
Alice Mathes
Judy Durrant
Virginia Davis
Karen Markle's friend Bill
George & Sharon Schlegel
Doris Antinore
Jann Mack
Jann Davis
Karen Dibley
Elsie Boring (Sue Boring's mom)
Good friends of Lanor Markle (Ann & John)
Jann (& David) Davis
Sidney (granddaughter of Cheryl Maxon)
Bob Collins Logging gentleman



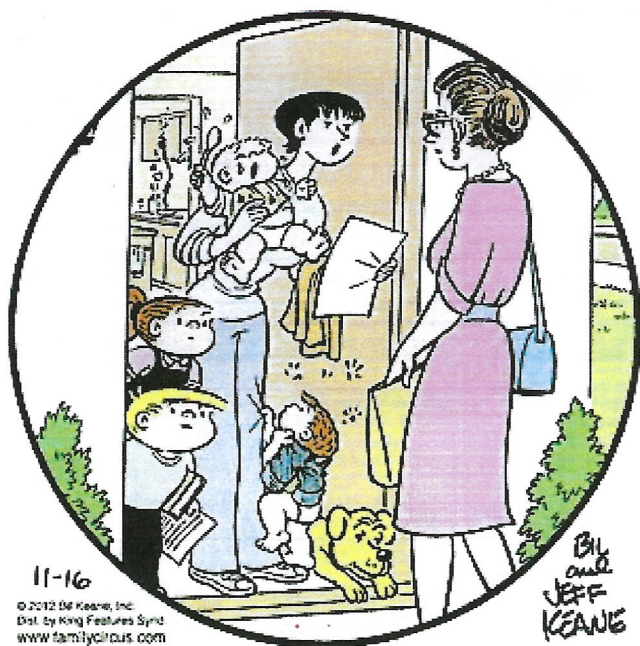
Happy May Birthday & Anniversary*

- 6 Bob & Roberta Call*
- 7 Ben Hickman
- 10 Dan & Lee Preston*
- 17 Dean & Karen Dibley*
- 27 Melissa Dibley



*The loveliest masterpiece of God
is the heart of a mother.*

St. Therese of Lisieux



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"Well, YES, I'd like to be the ideal mother. But, frankly, I'm just too busy raising my children."