

# The Epistle

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FROM THE PASTOR



One of the big days in May is Mothers' Day, observed on the second Sunday of the month. The importance of mothers in our lives can never be minimized. They teach us so much, as affirmed by this cute little illustration, whose author is not known. It's called "What My Mother Taught Me":

My mother taught me **RELIGION**: When I spilled grape juice on the carpet, she instructed, "You better pray the stain will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me **LOGIC**: From her decisive words, "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me **IRONY**: "Keep laughing, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about **STAMINA**: "You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about **WEATHER**: "It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me **THE CIRCLE OF LIFE**: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION**: "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about **ENVY**: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have a wonderful Mom like you do!"

**THANKS, MOM!**

There is obviously a note of sarcasm in the above "Thanks, Mom!" But on a serious note, as we honor all mothers this month, keep in mind this quote from an anonymous 19<sup>th</sup> century (continued on page 2)

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source:

“There is no career more noble than that of motherhood at its best. There are no possibilities greater and in no other sphere does failure bring more serious penalties. To attempt this task unprepared and untrained is tragic, and its results affect generations to come. On the other hand, there is no higher height to which humanity can attain than that occupied by a converted, heaven-inspired, praying mother.”

Thanks, mom!

See you in church.

Jay



MAY HYMN OF THE MONTH - #374, “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

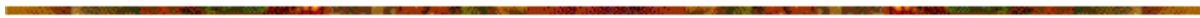
Many people are familiar with the so-called “Prayer of St. Francis” (“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.....”) This hymn text is a paraphrase of that prayer by Father James Quinn, a Jesuit priest. Quinn made the hymn inclusive by pluralizing the first person pronouns.

The tune *Dickinson College* was composed in 1962 by Lee Hastings Bristol, who was born into the Bristol-Myers family and for some time was associated with that company as director of public relations for its products division. He later became a composer of anthems, collections and organ works. *Dickinson College* is named for the school from which Bristol received one of his eleven honorary doctoral degrees.



**FOOD CART**

St. Paul members are the best supporters for Urban Ministry Food Cart. You continue to give each month and exceed out expectations. Thank you, thank you, thank you! May’s featured Food Cart item is canned meat.



**DON'T FORGET**

Our Sunday worship services are recorded each week on both DVD and CD. If you know of a shut-in or anyone who would like a recording, please let Pastor Jay know.

**ANSWER TO APRIL'S BIBLE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ**

In the Old Testament, who hid two spies but claimed not to know of their whereabouts when asked? Bonus questions: Who sent the spies and where were they sent?

According to the book of Joshua (Joshua 2:1-7), when the Hebrews were encamped at Shittim, in the Jordan valley opposite Jericho, ready to cross the river, Joshua, as a final preparation, sent out two spies to investigate the military strength of Jericho. The spies stayed in Rahab's house, which was built into the city wall. When soldiers of the city guard came to look for them, she hid them under bundles of flax on the roof. After escaping, the spies promised to spare Rahab and her family after taking the city, even if there should be a massacre, if she would mark her house by hanging a red cord out the window. Some have claimed that the symbol of the red cord is related to the practice of the "red-light district," as Rahab was reported in some traditions to be a prostitute.

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

	<u>Sermon topics</u>	<u>Scripture Readers</u>
May 5	“Plums or Pecans?” Text: John 14:23-29	Ron Lochbaum Reading: Acts 16:9-15
May 12	“Cutting Corners” Text: Acts 16:16-34	Jeannine Bailer Reading: Acts 16:16-34
May 19 (Pentecost)	“Laying It On the Line” Text: Acts 2:1-21	Kathy Carroll Reading: Acts 2:1-21
May 26	“Ask the Pastor” Gospel: John 16:12-15	Diane Hancock Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31

**TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE**

Who lied about the price they received for a piece of land and died as a result?



**Birthdays This Month**

- May 4 – Rosalee Brewer
- 5 – Michelle Saunders
- 7 – Bronda Coleman
- 12 – Margaret Tewes
- 15 – Jack Brewer
- 23 – Phyllis Watkins
- 27 – Paul Walker
- 28 – Jim Tewes
- 29 – Bob Berthold
- 31 – Myrna Stell



**Anniversaries**

- May 4 – Dale and Nita Holder
- 12 – Jamie and Sonia Metzler
- 31 – David and Gayle Lancaster
- 31 – Ben and Carol Parke

“Every good relationship, especially marriage, is based on respect. If it’s not based on respect, nothing that appears to be good will last very long.”  
-Amy Grant



**IN HIS SERVICE**

**MAY USHERS**

- Gayle Lancaster
- Louise Coble
- CF Houglan
- Pam Houglan

**MAY COMMUNION SERVERS**

- Sunday, May 5 – Gayle Lancaster
- Louise Coble
- CF Houglan
- Pam Houglan



**\* \* \* OUR APRIL RECORD \* \* \***

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
April 7	54	\$ 3,798.00
14	50	\$ 1,653.00
21	58	\$ 2,530.00
28	48	\$ 2,614.00



**PRESBYTERIAN MAGAZINE HONORED**

For the second straight year, *Presbyterians Today* has been named the best denominational magazine in the U.S. and Canada by the Associated Church Press. Check out the latest issue at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/>.



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Luke Finison, Barbara Carter, Marjorie and Jack Herndon, Tony Jones, Andy Bristow, Earney Walker, Lucy Smith, Aiden and Jeanetta French, Myrna Stell, the families of Beverly Long, Ron Hayden, Hillary Erskine and Nellie Glenn, Bob Berthold, Jamie Metzler, Katie Williams, Margaret Simmons, Myrna Stell, Georgia Giberson, Wendy Woods, Jim Farley, Reuben and Shirley Mercer, Sheila Taylor, Betty Lawson, John Patzsch, Ron Ervin, Dale Holder, John Perkins, Edith Taylor, Jane Christopher, Gary Houglan, Jean Shuford, Roger Coleman, Mark Griffin, Luke Neal, Carl Hollman, Becky Trollinger, Kevin Tewes, Chris Westmoreland, Joyce Myers, J. D. Hall, Jo Hall, Zachary Reavis, Joe Herndon, Tim Gard, and our own family members in the military: James Lochbaum, Andy Bristow II, Shane Finison, Brian Fountain, Rob Salka, Brandy Zehr, and all who serve in our armed forces.

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### OUR MONTHLY "REGULARS"



**Sunday School – Sundays, 9:45am**

**Worship – Sundays, 11:00am**

**Session meets at 12:15pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month (except July)**

**Good News Ringers – Sundays, 5:00pm**

**Men's Fellowship – Mondays, 7:30am**

**Bell Tones – Mondays, 6:15pm**

**Alanon – Mondays, 7:00pm**

**Circles normally meet on the 1st Tuesday, times and places announced**

**Gad-A-Bouts normally meet on the 4th Tuesday, times and places announced**

**BYO Bag Supper – Wednesdays, 5:30pm (through May 15)**

**Bible Study – Wednesdays, 6:15pm (through May 15)**

**Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays, 7:30pm**

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### THANK YOU

I want to say a well-deserved "thank you" for everything that all of you have done for me, since my Feb.5th fall. I am so very grateful for all of your thoughts and prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food, supplies, and offers of help. Thanks, too, to everyone who worked together to make the Food Lion Urban Ministry food drive such a success, even assuming my responsibilities, and for the teachers and those on the Session who have filled in for me.

I am grateful, too, for those of you who have been transporting me to Physical Therapy, doctor's appointments and church these past 2 weeks and to the others who have expressed their willingness to do so in the next few weeks. I am so very fortunate to be a part of such a loving, caring church family.

Love in Christ,

Janice



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY DINNER**

The Presbyterian Women Birthday Dinner is Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00pm in McCann Hall. Bring your favorite salads to share. The birthday offering will be received.



**FOOD LION FOOD DRIVE**

St. Paul members braved the chill on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, to collect 780 pounds of food and supplies, at the semi-annual Urban Ministry food drive. It's definitely one of the biggest St. Paul spring collections, and might be the biggest. St. Paul can feel good about helping to put at least a small dent in hunger in our community, by this drive and others, as well as by our weekly "Blue Cart" collections.

Thanks to all of our food collectors: John and Phyllis Watkins; Merrilou Williams; Emily Puckett; Louise Coble; Gayle Lancaster; Katie Lancaster; Gerry Burnside; Frances Koontz; Gwen Koontz; Karen Krone; and Diane Taylor.

Thanks also to Carole Parke, who took over from Janice to secure the remainder of the volunteers needed, to Phyllis and John Watkins for picking up the supplies and making another contact with the store Manager the week before the food drive, and to David and Gayle Lancaster for transporting all of the food to the Urban Ministry food bank.



**WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES GO THROUGH MAY 15**

May 15, will be the last of our Wednesday evening BYO suppers and Bible study for the summer. The schedule will resume on September 4. The Bible study group will continue our look at "Great Figures of the New Testament" at that time.

