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As we enter the month of May, the big topic is always Mother's Day. Like many of you, I have been thinking about my mother, as usual; but I have also been thinking about how Mother's Day will be different this year, because of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

This year I suspect many people's Mother's Day plans will be very different from past years. Because of the requirements for social distancing and quarantining, many people will not be able to be with their mothers on Mother's Day. My wife has a cousin in Florida, who is not allowed by their governor's restrictions to leave her county! She can't be with her father and sisters this week, following her mother's death last week, because of those travel restrictions.

On a more somber note, there are many folks who can't be with their mother, who is currently hospitalized with the virus, or quarantined at home, perhaps alone. Some of those folks will never see their mother alive again, because she will die in the hospital or nursing home under strict visitation restrictions. As always, there are many, but surely many more this year, who will be unable to celebrate Mother's Day with their mother because she died since last May.

Of course, this year there are also many women who will be unable to celebrate Mother's Day with their child and/or grandchild because their child and/or grandchild has died or is hospitalized or quarantined due to the coronavirus.

This whole coronavirus thing has made, and is still making, it impossible for many people to enjoy their mothers, and for many mothers to enjoy themselves and their families; and this Mother's Day is going to emphasize that very uncomfortably for many people.

Ironically, this year Mother's Day will likely benefit from the recent upswing in interest and involvement in social media, also precipitated by the virus crisis. Many mothers and grandmothers have no doubt been encouraged or even forced to learn how to use social media via electronic devices of one kind or another, when they wouldn't have otherwise. In fact, just as Mother's Day has annually been a boon to florists, bakeries, card makers, and the telephone companies, this year it may also boost electronics manufacturers and service providers as more mothers and grandmothers "get connected"!

What all this amounts to is that mothers are again adapting to changes in their lives and culture by accommodating circumstances that none of foresaw. We had little, if any, chance to prepare ourselves and our communities for changes that have overtaken us. But isn't that the way it has always been for mothers? As I think back across the memories I have of my mother, and those she shared with me of her mother and grandmothers, it seems they were always adapting to situations beyond their control for the good of their families. Surely it has been that way for ages as pioneer mothers encountered challenges which they could not foresee, but learned new skills in order to adapt.

For this reason, among others, I give thanks again this year for my mother and grandmothers with whom God blessed me; and at the same time, I lift to God those women who are trying their best to adapt to new demands amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

-Pat W.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Session (Governing Body) of Grace Presbyterian Church approved cancelling Worship Services which began on March 22, 2020. The Session has agreed to suspend ALL Church Activities, including use by Community Groups and the Mother's Day Out Program that meets at our Church.

The Session will continue to evaluate when we should resume Worship and Church Activities, but closure of the building and suspension of activities will continue until further notice. We ask you to join us in Prayer for God's Guidance and that His will be done. God Bless You!



COMMUNION – Communion is normally served on the 1st Sunday of the month. **We plan to have our next communion on Sunday, June 7th.** Communion will be done thru our virtual worship service as we did on Easter Sunday and on May 3rd. Rev. Pat will say *“The Body of Christ broken for you”* as the signal to eat your bread you have at home and *“The blood of Christ shed for You”* as the signal to drink you juice (any kind of juice). We know not everyone has a computer, so we are working out the details.



During the time we will not be having Worship at the Church, we ask that Pledges and Donations be mailed to the Church. Our address is ***518 Roselawn Blvd, Lafayette, LA 70503.*** Our Church Secretary is continuing to collect the mail, pay bills and make deposits. We are relying on our offerings to be able to continue to keep our Church Staff on payroll and to continue paying our bills at Grace. Thank you to everyone who has been making donations to your church during this pandemic. We rely on you!



If you have any non-perishable food items or paper products you would like to donate to UCO during the time we are not able to meet for worship, please drop these items off at Grace. We will gather these items and deliver them to UCO when we receive enough. Items are needed more now with so many people out of work and children are not in school. You can either drop these items off at the church or you can contact Sarah or Pat to schedule a drop off time. Thank you in advance!



If we do not have your birthday on our list, please let us know and make sure all your family members are included. We would love to have everyone's birthday included on our list so that we can wish you a Happy Birthday on your special day! Birthdays can be emailed to gracpreb@lusfiber.net or you can call the office at (337) 984-6400.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Gray Guillot**
 - 17 Jeff Elmore**
 - 18 Dave Severson**
 - 30 Charles Conner**
 - 31 Ellyn Macpherson**
 - 31 Mary Ann Daigle**
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If you need to contact us during this time, here is the numbers/emails you may need:

Church Phone # (337) 984-6400

Church Email: gracpreb@lusfiber.net

Pat's Cell Phone # (337) 781-1806

Pat's Email Adress: wadp1@lusfiber.net

Sarah's Cell Phone # (337) 652-5024

Sarah's Email: sldg2006@yahoo.com



SUNDAY SERMONS ONLINE

During the time we are not meeting "in person" for worship, Rev. Pat has been holding "virtual" worship service on Sunday mornings via Facebook Live. **Please join us on Sundays at 10:30am on our Facebook Site "gracelafayette"**

If you have not yet clicked "like" on our page, please do so today. Facebook will send you a notification when our service is beginning.

We will continue to use Facebook for our worship services until we are able to meet in person again which we hopefully be before the end of May.

Rev Pat Wadsworth is also posting daily devotionals on Facebook. You can find these on our facebook site "gracelafayette".

If you have not already clicked "like" on our Grace Facebook Site, please do so today so you do not miss anything



Grace Presbyterian Church wishes ALL Mothers a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10th!



Libba Hinson passed away at the age of 91 on Easter Sunday, April 12th. She is survived by her daughters Gail Rea and Cynthia Hinson. Libba was a long-time member of Grace Presbyterian Church. She loved music and had been a member of Sweet Adelines, where she sang baritone in the chorus and several quartets, and participated in many national competitions. Libba served as a previous Deacon at Grace Church. She was a very active member of her church. Due to the current coronavirus crisis there will be no visitation, however the family plans to have a memorial at a future date. Libba will be buried next to her husband Frank Hinson in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Please keep Libba's family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRESBYTERY GRANT TO HELP CHURCHES:

The Presbytery has established a Coronavirus Communications Grant Fund. Churches can apply for a grant of up to \$500.00 to help with communication costs related to worship, pastoral care, or other communication/subsorption costs.

We are in the process of deciding how we could best use this grant for Grace Presbyterian Church. One idea is to improve our communication ability for our worship services, especially for our online worship.



FACEMASKS - **Sandy Stewart** is making face masks for any of our congregation members and their family members that are in need of masks!

You can contact Sandy at (337) 278-7253 or at sandystewart@cox.net.

Grace Presbyterian Church thanks Sandy for doing this for your congregation!



GROCERY SHOPPING – Bob Hess has offered to grocery shop for anyone who is at risk or elderly that may not want to leave their house during the COVID-19. If you would like Bob to help you with your shopping, please give him a call at (225) 202-0526. Thank you Bob for helping our congregation during this pandemic.



Congratulations to Katherine & Donovan Self on your newest bundle of joy. Katherine is due with her 2nd child in October 2020.

Congratulations! Now, go out there
and change the world!!



Grace Presbyterian Church congratulates **Julia Montgomery** on her Graduation from Lafayette High School this May. Julia has been very active at Grace Presbyterian Church along with her family since she was young. Julia was involved in many activities, clubs & sports at Lafayette High. She played the Oboe in the Symphonic Winds, served as the Colorguard Captain, Ran Cross Country and was a member of the National Honor Society, Serteens & the Yarn Arts Club. Julia plans to attend LSU in the Fall. Grace Presbyterian Church wishes Julia the best in her future plans! Keep up the good work Julia!!

CAMP + AGAPE

When: June 7-13, 2020 (Sunday-Saturday)

Where: Feliciana Retreat Center

Who: 3rd – 12th grade

- Explorer Camp – those who have completed 3rd-5th grade (\$410)
- Pathfinder Camp – those who have completed 6th-8th grade (\$410)
- Adventure Camp – those who have completed 9th-11th grade (\$450)
- Senior Intern Program – those who have completed 12th grade (\$210)

****Fee of \$75 is due with registration form**

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



Our Mother's Day Out Program at Grace Presbyterian is not in session at this time. They follow the Lafayette Parish School System Schedule. They hope to reopen in May but all depends on when things will go back to normal and the "stay at home" order is lifted.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We would like to extend a warm thank you to all our wonderful teachers with our MDO program during the week of May 4th. The teachers work from 9-2 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Our teachers are:

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| -Stacey Bravos | - Cheryl Simpson |
| -Cindy LeBlanc | -Beverly Schilling |
| -Kim Menard | - Danielle Lege |
| -Donna Platt | - Michelle Packer |
| - Emily Cart | - Kelly Dowling |
| - Kassie Dulaney (music) | |



Synod Youth Workshop

When: July 13-18, 2020 (Monday-Saturday)

Where: University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK

Who: Youth going to 9th grade to Graduated Seniors

Website: synodyouthworkshop.com

****Early Registration until June 1st.**

Cost: \$396 for youth & adults

****ALL Registrations require a \$100 deposit**

*****Registration forms on the synod website**



Dear Friend,

Given the current events across the globe, we want to let you know that we are praying for you, our communities, our country, and people all over the world. Even in the midst of this unprecedented time, all of us at Our Daily Bread Ministries remember our mission—to make the life-changing wisdom of the Bible understandable and accessible to all—is crucial while at the same time being mindful of employee and volunteer safety.

With this in mind, we want you to know we are still working to provide you with the *Our Daily Bread* devotional. However, you could experience a temporary delay and may not receive your devotional at the regularly scheduled time. We are doing everything possible to have it delivered by the first day of the month that the booklet begins to ensure you won't miss a single day.

You will still receive your print devotional even if it is slightly delayed. To ensure you do not experience a delay in your devotional time, here are some alternative ways to connect with *Our Daily Bread*:

- Sign up at go.odb.org/devotional to have your devotional delivered by email
- Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/ourdailybread
- Visit our website at odb.org

As we all navigate this especially challenging time together, would you consider helping Our Daily Bread Ministries make God's Word available to more people who need His peace and comfort right now? If you would like to donate by mail, we have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. Or if you prefer, you can also donate online at go.odb.org/donate.

We are thankful for your trust and loyal support and prayers. May you experience God's peace and protection as you continue to put your trust in Him.

Sincerely,

Rick DeHaan
President



Our Daily Bread
Ministries.

MAY

	9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 6:30pm – Al-anon	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 9am – UL Writing Class 9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 6pm – Co-Dependence	9am-2pm MDO 5-6:45pm – AA 5:45pm – Baby Boot Camp 7-8pm – Al-anon	9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 1:30pm – Al-anon	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Communion Worship 10:30am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  Worship 10:30am	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 10:30am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 10:30am	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 10:30am						

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