



# The Connection

May 2025

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**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to  
Make Him Known**



## May Scripture Readings

- 1 Psalm 30
- 2 Isaiah 6:1-4
- 3 Genesis 18:1-8
- 4 Luke 14:12-14
- 5 Psalm 121
- 6 Ezekiel 1:26-2:1
- 7 Luke 5:1-11
- 8 Ezekiel 20:29-44
- 9 Revelation 6:1-7
- 10 Luke 12:29-32
- 11 Ezekiel 37:15-28
- 12 Psalm 100
- 13 Acts 9:32-35
- 14 Jeremiah 50: 17-20
- 15 Revelation 10:1-11
- 16 Daniel 7:13-14
- 17 Daniel 7:27
- 18 Psalm 133
- 19 1 Samuel 20:1-23
- 20 2 Samuel 1:4-27
- 21 Leviticus 19:9-18
- 22 Proverbs 2:1-5
- 23 Psalm 67
- 24 Proverbs 2:9-15
- 25 Luke 19:1-10
- 26 1 Chronicles 12:16-22
- 27 2 Chronicles 15:1-15
- 28 Luke 2:25-38
- 29 2 Chronicles 34:20-33
- 30 Psalm 97
- 31 Exodus 33:18-23

## National Days for May

- 1 National Loyalty Day
- 2 National Play Outside Day
- 3 National Textiles Day
- 4 National Weather Observers Day
- 5 National Astronaut Day
- 6 National Nurses Day
- 7 National Tourism Day
- 8 National Coconut Cream Pie Day
- 9 National Sleepover Day
- 10 National Dog Mom's Day
- 11 National Twilight Zone Day
- 12 National Limerick Day
- 13 National Frog Jumping Day
- 14 National Dance Like a Chicken Day
- 15 National Bring Flowers to Someone Day
- 16 National Classic Movie Day
- 17 National Armed Forces Day
- 18 National No Dirty Dishes Day
- 19 National Devil's Food Cake Day
- 20 National Streaming Day
- 21 National Wait staff Day
- 22 National Solitaire Day
- 23 National Luck Penny Day
- 24 National Brother's Day
- 25 National Brown Bag-it Day
- 26 National Grape Day
- 27 National Cellophane Tape Day
- 28 National Flip Flop Day
- 29 National Paperclip Day
- 30 National Creativity Day
- 31 National Smile Day

- 2 Ashtin Giddings
- 2 Trenton Robinson
- 6 Cody Roselles
- 11 Jackson Henderosn
- 12 Bill Colosky
- 13 Marci Stohon
- 14 Willie McCall
- 15 Jonathon Mason
- 16 Pat Burns
- 16 Bristol Trato
- 17 Carleigh Parker
- 18 Ethan Buccaneer
- 22 Greta Bolton
- 25 Grace Henderson
- 26 Kay Hemingway
- 30 Trisha Love

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## Pastor David's Corner

I was walking into my gym one April morning getting buffeted by a cold north wind. I thought, "Ah, springtime in Michigan!"

Well, it is now late April. The wind is STILL blowing, and it is still not very warm. But we live in Michigan, and God is still in control, and He still loves us.

May is a month filled with memories. Mother's Day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. My mother lived to be 100 years, 7 months. She once told me that she didn't want to live to be 101. Close, but not quite.

I recognize that sometimes mothers are hard for children to understand (but usually so much easier than fathers are). They are so loving for some, so stern for others. Yet everyone has one. Maybe not always the sort of woman that God would love for us have, but at some point, the woman who gave you life was the woman God intended.

I still marvel at the words God spoke to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

And to Mary, "...the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. **For with God nothing will be impossible.**"

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."

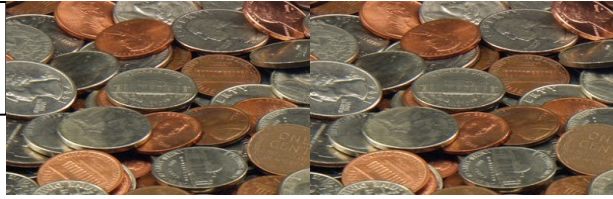
These days our society seems to be all concerned about reproductive rights and birth control and sexual disease prevention – and we think nothing about God's intention and God's purposes. I shudder to think about what we will face when we stand before God and answer for all the deeds of our lives. Perhaps we need to consider more about asking God before we put our own wants ahead of His will.

So, as we remember our own mothers on the 11th of May 2025, consider that God is in control of our universe – but often only as far as we allow Him to work in our portion of it. He chose your mother. Give Him the praise due Him and thank God for your mother. Often praising God releases His grace on us all – even (or perhaps, especially) when we don't deserve it.

Blessings in Christ,

*Pastor David*

# Finance



# Moment

The word, “GRACE” comes from a Greek word, “Charis.” It forms the root of our words, “Charismatic,” “character,” and “charity.” It literally means, “GIFT.” It specifically relates to God’s gift to you and me of love, salvation and eternal life. Because grace is a “gift,” it is free. It is without condition, and when we receive it we may not deserve it. How do we respond to a gift? Don’t we want to give in return? When we realize God’s incredible and eternal gift, how can we respond?

One way is by giving sacrificially and generously to God.

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If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life. 0319 **Billy Graham**

## Mission and Outreach Notes for May

One of our ministries for this time of year supports the Crisis Pregnancy Center, Positive Alternatives. This is located in Caro, and they minister to young women/couples who find themselves with undesired or unplanned pregnancies and give to them and encourage them to realize that there is a positive alternative, which is to carry the pregnancy to full term and either keep or adopt the baby out to a family. They need and appreciate our support.

Another part of this ministry is Baby Bottle Boomerang. We will have baby bottles available on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Mother’s Day. We encourage you to take one or two home with you, put your change (Coin of paper) in it and return them on June 15<sup>th</sup>, Father’s Day.

They also help these families in a material way also. These are some things that can be done to provide to these families:

Car seats: they do not accept used car seats (for safety reasons). If anyone desires to donate car seats, gift cards to Walmart of Meijer are the best way.

### Books

Christian Novels for the parents

Story books for children

### Baby Items

Gently used and new baby clothes up to size 3T

Cloth Diapers

If you find you are able to help with this ministry in any way, it will be greatly appreciated.

## District Superintendent Announced

### Rev. John Kasper named to East Winds District

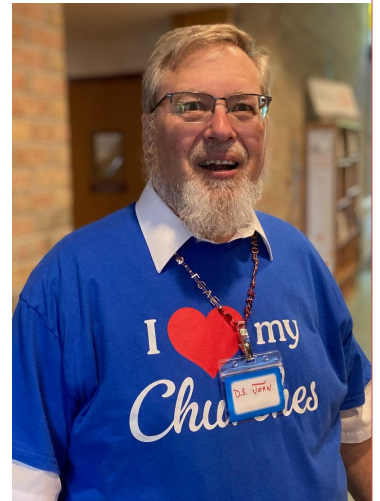
LANSING MI...Bishop David A. Bard announces to the Michigan Conference the appointment of the Reverend John Kasper as district superintendent of the East Winds District, effective July 1, 2025. Rev. Kasper is currently serving as the district superintendent of the Central Bay District. He will follow the Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford, who has been a district superintendent since 2018. Rev. Dr. Crawford has been appointed as pastor of Northville United Methodist Church, effective July 1.

With Rev. Kasper serving as superintendent of two districts, Bishop Bard also announces the appointment of the Rev. John Hice as half-time assistant to the East Winds District Superintendent, effective July 1. Rev. Hice is being appointed as a retired elder. Immediately preceding his retirement, Rev. Hice served as district superintendent for the East Winds District. It is expected that this appointment will continue through the end of 2025.

Bishop Bard is making these appointments in light of likely changes to the Michigan Conference budget. Bishop Bard: "Even though finances play a significant role in these decisions, I am pleased that our current cabinet is willing to think creatively about superintending moving into the future. We will continue to think and imagine new ways of fulfilling our Disciplinary responsibilities while helping the churches of our conference explore unique ways to grow in vital mission and ministry. I am very grateful to Rev. Kasper and Rev. Hice for their willingness to assume new responsibilities."

Bishop Bard said: "Making a new appointment to the cabinet is always a joy, and always also means a loss. The Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford has served as a district superintendent faithfully and well. Her ministry in both the Western Waters and East Winds districts has been deeply appreciated. She has served with her keen mind, out of her deep faith and love for the church. She has cared deeply about the congregations and clergy under her care. Her cabinet colleagues and I will miss her."






The 2026 budget proposal, if approved, will provide funds for five district superintendents for the Michigan Conference. Bishop Bard will work with the cabinet and other conference leaders on a plan for superintending and districts to be proposed to the 2026 annual conference session. "We will want to think in new and creative ways about how our annual conference provides support for and supervision of our clergy and how we can encourage and provide resources for local congregations and ministries as they seek to be vibrant places for the ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



## Reflecting on resurrection

In *Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig*, poet Joyce Rupp finds in spring flowers the proclamation of the gospel: "we who have died / are alive today." In another poem in the same volume, she writes: "A green shoot grows / out of an old tree stump, / announcing to the world / that power lies within death."

As you move about outdoors these springtime days in the northern hemisphere, where do you see nature testifying to resurrection? Where is evidence that what seemed dead — bare branches, dry grass, inactive seeds — was not in fact the final word? What encourages you to believe in renewal, second chances, life that blossoms from death? In what ways are you, who had died, alive today? Part of your life that felt like an old stump might be sprouting green shoots after all!

May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  National Day of Prayer	2  May Friendship Day	3  M-15 Miles of Smiles Garage Sales 9-5
4 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  3rd Sunday of Easter	5	6 8:30am Women's 4th Day	7	8	9	10
11 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  4th Sunday of Easter	12	13 8:30am Women's 4th Day	14	15	16	17  Armed Forces Day
18 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Potluck 11:30  1-3 Open house for Maury & Dorothy Chapin  Heritage Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter	19	20 8:30am Women's 4th Day	21	22 MHS Commencement   12 to 5:45pm	23	24  Aldersgate Day
25 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  6th Sunday of Easter	26  Memorial Day	27 8:30am Women's 4th Day	28	29  Ascension of the Lord	30	31

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## A Note from Barb...

May always reminds us of warmer weather, spring flowers, and Memorial Day. But for me May reminds me of Mother's Day and of course my mom. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, it will be 2 years since my mom has passed into her heavenly home. I remember her last morning on earth, I was listening to the radio on my way to work and they were saying "May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you". It's a phrase in the movie, Star Wars IV, "May the force be with you!"

When I got the call that mom would not be here on earth much longer, and I was on the way to see her, that phrase kept going through my head. May the force be with you, mom. And by force, I did not mean what Obi-Wan Kenobi said to Luke Skywalker in the movie. I meant "May the force (God) be with you mom!" It gave me peace to know that soon she would be with God in Heaven, and with dad, too.

Even though there are many times that I wish I could talk to her, I am so thankful that God picked her to be my mom for as long as we had her. And I am so glad that she is now with her maker.

Happy Mother's Day in Heaven, mom!



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