



Greetings,

This Thursday is the National Day of Prayer and I wanted to share a little bit about this holiday and encourage everyone to participate. This is a portion of an article found from Tanenbuam.org.

National Day of Prayer

On the National Day of Prayer, people of different faiths are invited to pray for the United States of America and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May and in 2023, it will fall on **Thursday, May 4th**.

History

The very first day of prayer was declared in 1775 by the Continental Congress, which asked people to pray for the fledgling nation. This initial declaration gradually evolved into two formalized events. In 1863 President Lincoln oversaw the naming of the autumnal observance of prayer and thanks as Thanksgiving Day.

Almost a century later President Truman oversaw the establishment of the spring tradition of prayer and thanks as the National Day of Prayer in 1952. The intent of the Day was to honor the history of public prayer in the United States by designating a day for Americans to come together and pray or meditate according to their own belief systems.

In 1988, President Reagan amended the 1952 resolution to designate that the National Day of Prayer would be on the first Thursday in May. Every year since then, the sitting U.S. President, regardless of party or denomination, has issued an official proclamation on the National Day of Prayer. Similarly, each of the 50 U.S. Governors issue annual proclamations. Many religious, interfaith, and community groups hold events recognizing the day.

Observances

While the U.S. government officially recognizes the day, it does not mandate or provide any guidelines as to how the day should be observed. Organizations and people from any tradition can create a National Day of Prayer observance, including interfaith groups. Anyone can organize an event, from a prayer breakfast to a food drive to a moment of silence.

In some places, a local Chamber of Commerce or service organization (e.g., Kiwanis) may organize a day of community service or similar type of charitable event to celebrate the day. Individual temples, churches, mosques, gurdwaras, or other houses of worship may hold their own events or come together for an interfaith event.

May this truly be an ecumenical and interfaith event.

Shalom,

Pastor Lindsey

Lectionary Readings

May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20 (UMH 790)

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May 21

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

May 28

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

Pentecost

Pentecost calls for celebration, for signs and symbols of a God who pushes through, who rushes in when it seems all is lost.



Vacation Bible School

Grace Episcopal Church

Monday, June 26 – Friday June 30

9am to 12pm.

Register as soon as possible as there are only 60 spots for attendees.

Partner churches include Grace Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, and St. Mark's Lutheran.

Volunteers Needed!



Decoration Day

Rabke United Methodist Church



May 7, 2023

12:00pm

Picnic Lunch



(Bring your own picnic basket and a blanket or chairs)

2:00pm

Worship Service

Leadership Council

Meeting



May 8, 2023

6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Financial Information April 2023

Revenues \$7,224.48	Expenditures \$6,564.95
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United Women in Faith



May 15, 2023

6:00pm meal

6:30pm meeting

L.I.F.F.T. Meeting
May 16, 2023 @ 2:00pm
Fellowship Hall

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FREDA NELSSON

Saturday, May 13

First Presbyterian Church

1:00pm - Visitation

2:00pm - Memorial Service

Light refreshments following the service in the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Please plan to come, honor, and remember Freda's life and service to our community.



C.A.M.AL. House
Community Fan Drive
Donate at the
Church Office



Church Office Closed

May 29, 2023

Memorial Day

THANK YOU!

May Volunteer Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Children's Sermon
5-7-23	Tom Cheatham	Sue Halbert Dorothy Brown	Pastor Lindsey
5-14-23	Sarah Ritchea	Mildred & Stayton Weldon	Colette Barth
5-21-23	Earl O'Connor	Bobby & Charla Jones	Sarah Ritchea
5-28-23	Bobby Jones	Mildred & Stayton Weldon	Rev. Wanda Ritchea



Birthdays

DeVonna Eldridge	2 nd
Leah Barth	3 rd
Desalyn Eldridge	13 th
Robert Barth	26 th
Levi Jones	31 st



Anniversaries

David & Betty Farris	10 th
B.J. & Jackie Drehr	19 th
Roy & Karen Zengerle	23 rd

C.A.M.A.L.
House
Collection for
May:
**Canned
Fruit**

Happy Mother's Day

May 14

