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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

MOTHER'S DAY

Anna Jarvis, a Grafton, West Virginia native, is credited with conceiving and launching the campaign that resulted in the creation of a national day honoring mothers in the United States. Legislative actions and annual Congressional proclamations documented in the *Congressional Record* praise her tireless efforts to create a lasting commemoration to her mother, Anna Reeves Jarvis, as well as to all mothers, living and deceased.

After her mother's death on May 9, 1905, Anna Jarvis was determined to fulfill her mother's hope that a Memorial Mothers Day be established to recognize the important roles that mothers play in the family, church, and community. Anna Reeves Jarvis embodied the attributes of many

nineteenth-century women who believed that mothers, and in fact all women, could be a powerful force in their communities. Mrs. Jarvis acted upon her beliefs and created Mothers Day Work Clubs that



tackled local problems such as poor sanitary conditions and epidemic diseases. When the Civil War came to Grafton, these clubs turned to nursing soldiers on both sides of the conflict and trying to stave off division in the community.

Other women appealed to the organized force of mothers for various causes—for example, Julia Ward Howe, who had worked with the widows and orphans of Civil War soldiers. When the Franco-Prussian War erupted in 1870, Mrs. Howe issued her declaration, Appeal to Womanhood throughout the World urging mothers to unite for the cause of peace. Woman suffrage was another important cause of the time. Mothers such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Elizabeth Smith Miller, as well as Julia Ward Howe, were pivotal in organizing women to rally for their right to vote.

Anna Jarvis' efforts to honor her mother's accomplishments encompassed all of these women, as step by step, from local recognition in Grafton in 1908, to the state of West Virginia's proclamation in 1910, the national holiday became reality.

*The moon never beams without bringing me dreams
Of that wonderful mother of mine;
The birds never sing but a message they bring
Of that wonderful mother of mine.*
Walter Goodwin, music, and Clyde Hager, lyrics, 1918

[President Woodrow Wilson](#) issued a proclamation on **May 9**, 1914, asking Americans to give a public expression of reverence to mothers through the celebration of Mother's Day. Carnations have come to represent the day as they were distributed at one of the first commemorations honoring the mother of the founder of Mother's Day.

NEW GROUP FORMING/WOMEN'S REUNION GROUP

A women's reunion group is forming. A women's reunion group is ladies who gather to lift up and support one another and help each other stay or become close to Christ. It is based on Rev. John Wesley's class meeting format AND the order of reunion from an Emmaus Walk.

You do not have to be a member of our church to attend. Invite a friend on the second and fourth Monday of the month. We meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are working on two agendas right now, as we are still trying to determine if we are just going to be an Emmaus Reunion group or a prayer group focusing on that aspect of our lives. Please come and participate and tell us what your needs are and how we as Sisters in Christ, can help one another and our Brothers in Christ. For more info contact Terry Ann Moore.

Stained Glass Project

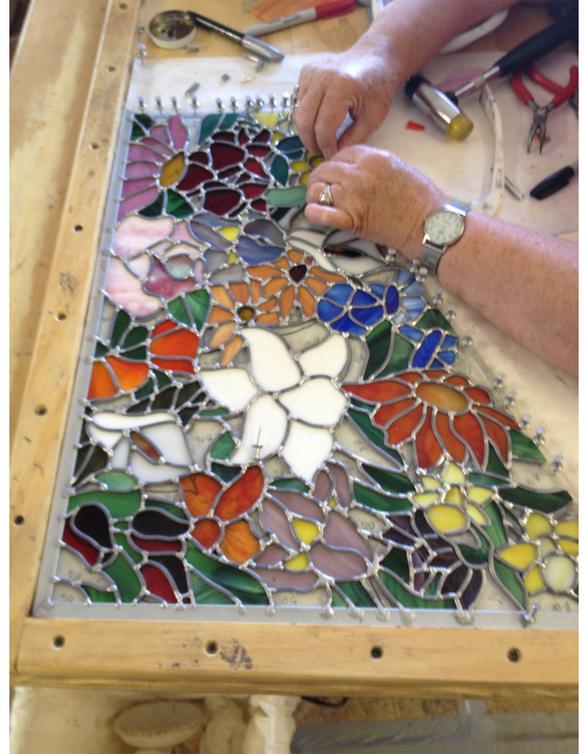
The month of April was a fairly productive month even though there were an average of only four or five workers at one time. Some of the major accomplishments included: 1) Finished the last Partition window assembly process; 2) Installed the repaired Vestibule window; 3) Installed the three stained glass windows in the Vestibule; 4) Continued the assembly process of the Walk to Emmaus window. There was some slow down on this window due to a minor redesign, but it is now about 60 to 70% complete; 5) Installed three stained glass partition windows; 6) Phil finished the light-box for the Thanksgiving Dinner window; 7) Obtained some of the trim for the vestibule windows; 8) Got the dimensions for the partition windows trim; 9) The Torrance County fair has consigned us to make 30 small Light-Catchers and that task is underway.

Next month will be mainly devoted to installing the trim on the installed windows, installing the remaining window, and finishing The Walk to Emmaus window. The scaffolding will need to be re-installed to finish the North center windows.

-Mel Stephenson



**Walk to Emmaus Window,
Under Construction**



**Lilly of the Valley Window,
Under Construction**

The Bible Guppies had a great time this year! Our focus was on getting familiar with the books of the Bible. We studied some stories from the Old Testament and learned a little about the history, laws, poetry, and prophecies that make up the Bible. We also played games, sang songs, and ate great snacks. It was a lot of fun performing our play about Queen Esther and singing “The Bible Book Bop” for the congregation.

We plan on getting together over the summer for movie nights, hikes, and other activities. After school starts in the fall, we will begin meeting again regularly. We will then start learning about the New Testament.

The Bible Guppies want to express their thanks to the Estancia United Methodist Church and all the people that helped us this year. Many thanks to those who taught us, provided snacks, and cleaned up after us. You are a blessing!



Bible Guppies Sunday March 25

...Julie Griffo

Times Are a Changin'.

I have heard that saying all my life, but it seems like I am paying more attention to it today.

Yes, things are changing around our church and for the good, I do believe. The “glass works” are about to come to an end. It has been a time of great learning not only glass but we have learned to work with each other and learn from each other. And yes, I do believe we like each other *better* simply because we know each other *better*. We have faced times of trouble, sickness and death and because of that, I believe our faith in God and in each other has grown.

We will be receiving a new preacher toward the end of June, and saying good-bye to the Spooners as they move to their new home and another phase in their journey. We too, will move into a new part of our journey in this church. We will learn to work with someone new **and** getting to know someone new is always an adventure, because they are just different. We are waiting on some financial arrangements that have to be made, schedules etc. But, soon, we will be getting acquainted with our new spiritual leader.

The General Church, as we speak, is in General Session. It will be a while before we will actually know if and how any new rules will bring changes for our church. Many things are being discussed: how pastors will be assigned in the future, how new technology will be used to spread the work of God, how we communicate as a church and how we might reach new people. It is a whole new world out there and we need to be ready to be a part of it.

What an exciting time to be alive and to be able to participate in new adventures. We have been blessed by new technology... media coverage has brought people to our door step to be touched by the beauty of our windows. These windows will be touching people for many years to come, and we have been blessed that we can offer our hospitality and God's love to folks as they come to view our church windows.

Yes, things are a changin' and I pray that all of us will take the opportunity to display God's love, not only thru our church, but in our own lives. Yes, it is a great time to be alive!

-Marcia Fitzner



Maundy Thursday Celebration in Mountainair



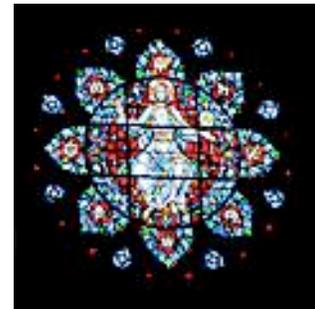
Estancia United Methodist Church 1905-2012



Australia, the Waratah window, St Bede's, Drummoyne, Sydney, by Alfred Handel.



Germany, the chancel window of Himmelfahrskirche, Dresden.



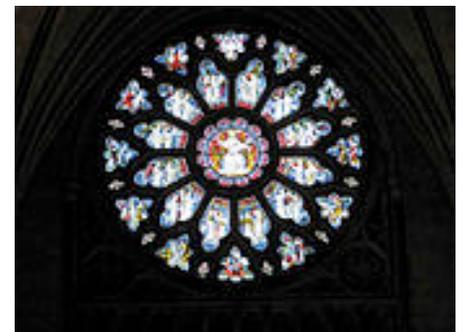
United States, window over the altar in Boston University's Marsh Chapel



Italy, Monterosso_al_Mare, Church of St. John the Baptist (1282-1307).



Sweden, Oscar Frediks Church.



Rayonnant- Bristol Cathedral, England, nave.

Dedication/Celebration

A note about the book we are working on for our upcoming window dedication: We are planning to include pictures of all of our windows, complete with descriptions, interpretations as well as their construction. Rev. Terry Ann Moore has been a great help with the research and scripture passages, and Morrow Hall is writing a history of our painted windows.

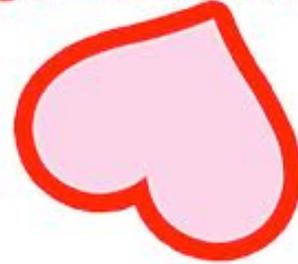
May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Holidays and Observances: 13: Mother's Day, 28: Memorial Day						



Sent with a prayer to:

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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"Blessed Assurance" (548) is a well-known Christian hymn. The lyrics were written in 1873 by blind hymn writer Fanny J. Crosby to the music written in 1873 by Phoebe P. Knapp.

Crosby was visiting her friend Phoebe Knapp as the Knapp home was having a large pipe organ installed. The organ was incomplete, so Mrs. Knapp, using the piano, played a new melody she had just composed. "What do you think the tune says?" asked Knapp.

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine", answered Fanny Crosby.

The hymn appeared in the July 1873 issue of Palmer's *Guide to Holiness and Revival Miscellany*, a magazine printed by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Palmer of 14 Bible House, New York City. It appeared on page 36 (the last page) with complete text and piano score, and indicated it had been copyrighted by Crosby that year. It is not certain that this was the first printing of the hymn, but it certainly helped to popularize what became one of the most beloved hymns of all time.



Phoebe Knapp



Fanny J. Crosby

Because of Crosby's lyrics, the tune is now called "**Blessed Assurance**".