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Words Through Woody

As I may have told you several times, I was really blessed with two mothers. At the death of my birth mother when I was 16, I was taken in by my best friend's family. Ruth Roberts became my second mother and cared and nurtured me until her death in 2003. I want to share with you an anonymous tribute to mothers. I wish I could take credit for it, but I just want to express my deep appreciation to God for providing me with two wonderful mothers.

"If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper ... not a homemaker. If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness ... not godliness. *Love* leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh. *Love* smiles at tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window. *Love* wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk. *Love* picks up the child before it picks up the toys. *Love* is present through trials. *Love* reprimands, reproves, and is responsive. *Love* crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk

into adulthood. *Love* is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart. Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child ... but the greatest of these is *LOVE!*"

For obvious reasons, I will never experience motherhood. But, I thank God every day for the blessings of the mothers God used to nurture and guide me in my faith. And I echo the words of the Psalmist when he wrote, "*Give her (a mother) the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise ...*" (Psalm 31:31)

May ALL ladies have a very restful and Happy Mother's Day!

In Christ's love,





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**A new Mission Statement
has been developed that
portrays the current vision
for
Mohawk UMC.**

*"Where people gather to feed the
Lord's flock spiritually,
emotionally, and physically by
means the Lord has taught us."*



Bring Mom to church!

**We will be honoring
mothers during our
worship service,
Sunday, May 12th**

**We will also celebrate
the day with a special
baptism!**

FOOD PANTRY

School will soon be ending, and many children will be eating lunch at home during the summer. This presents a hardship for many families. To offer some relief, let us be challenged during the month of May to collect as many lunch items as we can, filling both the bin and the shopping cart. The collection item for May is boxed cereal. While cereal is an acceptable lunch item, any other lunch product is also a great help. Let's also step-up to the challenge of donating \$100 to the food pantry for perishable items. It takes a lot of milk for all of that cereal! Other suggestions: Canned pasta, nonperishable microwave meals, ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly, and soup.

OPERATION SHOE BOXES

Donation items for May and June will be hygiene items. Ideas include: Comb, brush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar of soap, bandages, reusable plastic cups, non-liquid balm, flashlight, nail clippers and file, and stick deodorant. Reminder that glass or liquid items are not permitted in the boxes (this includes toothpaste). Look for totes behind Scrip table.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will celebrate our graduating seniors during the service on Sunday, June 2. We would love to honor your graduate with a short presentation containing a baby and senior picture, along with a short biography of their future plans. Please contact Robert Phares by May 12 if you wish for your child to be recognized.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Pennsy Trails of Hancock County is looking for volunteers to help remove the honeysuckle, plant native plants, and eventually build a comfort station and children's nature area. We have a newsletter available on this ongoing effort. Sign up at www.PennsyTrails.org. Volunteer opportunities for adults, families, and children include:

1. Trail Work Days: group dates listed on our web site
2. Sponsor a section of the trail, of approximately 150 feet, by maintaining the trail. Training is available. Simple hand tools and gloves can be used to clear the honeysuckle.
3. Less-strenuous volunteer activities include making telephone calls, assisting in writing grants, working our booth at the New Pal Fest, and helping with trail surveys in June.



Beginning July 1, Reverend Kerry O'Brien will become the new pastor at Mohawk UMC. Pastor Kerry and his wife Lynne are currently serving in Rochester, IN at Grace UMC. They are both excited to be coming to Mohawk. Pastor Kerry and Lynne have two grown children: a daughter Faith and son Don. Both of their kids are married with children, and both live in the Indianapolis area. In fact, their daughter and family live in

Lawrence, less than 15 minutes from here. Their son and his family live in Westfield.

Pastor Kerry was ordained in 2003 as an Elder in the United Methodist church and has served six other Indiana United Methodist churches. He is a "second career" pastor, serving for 22 years in the business world before becoming an ordained minister. Over the next months, please pray for Kerry and Lynne and for our congregation. Transitions are never easy, so we all need prayer. We look forward to a long, healthy, enjoyable, and Jesus-filled future with Kerry and Lynne O'Brien.



Notes of THANKS

Dear Mohawk Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and phone calls while I was in rehab,
I sincerely appreciate all of your love.

Sincerely,
Jean Musselman

Church family,
Thank you so much for the throw in memory of my mom and the memory box in memory of my dad. I greatly appreciate your caring gifts, cards, & prayers. It's been a rough couple of months and I greatly appreciate your support.

~ Jan Webb

Dear Mohawk Family,

Cards, texts, support before, during, and after surgery has meant the world to me. The lovely bouquet of flowers also lifted spirits coming home.

Our church is a gift...especially the people in it. I am blessed and thankful for all love, care, & support.

Thank you!
Heidi Bobb

RETIREMENT LUNCH

Pastor Woody's last Sunday at Mohawk will be June 30. The church will be hosting a pitch-in lunch following the morning service. At this time, a love offering will also be taken in honor of the time Pastor and Mary Jo have spent in service to the people of Mohawk.

Please plan to join us as we bid them farewell and celebrate their retirement with them!



IT'S A
**CELEBRATION
POTLUCK!**



Do you love children?
Like to teach? Please consider helping us in Children's Church.

Volunteers are always needed to lead Children's Worship on Sunday mornings.

Sing
the glory of His name,
Make His praise
glorious!
Psalm 66:2



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