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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
No Evening Activities

Monday

Office will be closed for
Memorial Day

Wednesday

Pastor Search Committee, 5:00PM
Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
Youth IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM



Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister

Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington
Church Administrator



FORERUNNER

May 25, 2023

THE CROSS AND A GOLD STAR

American Gold Star Mothers have a unique bond; they have all lost sons or daughters in the service of the United States Armed Forces. Formed in 1928 by Grace Darling Seibold of Washington, D.C., its name came from the custom of families hanging a service flag in the windows of their homes. The service flag had a blue star for each living soldier in the family and a gold star for those family members who had lost their lives in combat. When her son died in WWI, Grace saw a need to minister to the mothers who had lost their children in military service, and the organization was officially established in our nation's capital.

The most famous Gold Star mother was Aletta Sullivan, the mother of the five Sullivan brothers, who were killed in action when their ship, the USS *Juneau* was sunk by an enemy torpedo, November 13, 1942 during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal. On January 12, 1943, Tom Sullivan answered the door to a lieutenant commander, a doctor and a chief petty officer. "I have news for you about your boys," the officer said. "Which one?" asked Tom. "I'm sorry," the officer replied, "All five."



Thomas and Aletta Sullivan began touring the country promoting war bonds, asking that their sons' deaths not be in vain. The U.S. War Department adopted the *Sole Survivor Policy* a short time later. In 1948, the U.S. Post Office issued a commemorative stamp honoring the Gold Star Mothers. Aletta Sullivan was given the first sheet of stamps issued. The Navy named two ships *The Sullivans* to honor the brothers. The Sullivans Association, an organization of veterans who served on these U.S. Navy ships, met in the Sullivan's hometown of Waterloo, Iowa for a reunion in 2011 and flowers were laid at the graves of the Sullivan family in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial Day is a time of somber thanksgiving as we thank God for the sacrifice of so many men and women who have given their lives for our freedom. And as we reflect on their offering of service, may we also pray for those they left behind; their mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, wives and children. While we salute our American Flags and polish the Gold Stars of our fallen heroes, we must also forever remember to kneel at the foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ. For there at the true Calvary Cemetery, Almighty God sacrificed His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. Let us spread the Gospel so that the death of our Lord will not be in vain. *Claire*

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Larry Kivell

By Celebrate Sunday School Class Budget
DeWayne and Grace Kelly Budget

In Memory of Carl Morgan

By Peggy Caraway Budget
Floyd and Phail Dean Jones Budget

In Memory of Susan Antala

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Budget
Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget
David and Cheryl Whitfield Together We Build

In Memory of Linda Massey

By Ron and Diane Denny Budget
Mike and Judy Gaddis Georgia Barnette
Glen and Linda Hall Prime Time Choir
Jim and Betty Howard Budget
Floyd and Phail Dean Jones Budget
Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget
David and Cheryl Whitfield Together We Build

In Memory of Pam Rachall

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones Budget

The Sunday School Literature for the new quarter has been placed in your classrooms. A Big Thank you to Denise Griffin!

Please note the office will be closed Friday due to Claire's absence and also closed Monday for Memorial Day.

***** MEMORIAL DAY *****

Union General John A. Logan declared May 30th, 1868 the first *Decoration Day*. "Designated for the purpose of strewing of flowers and decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of our country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." This date was chosen because it was not the anniversary of any battle.

On the first Decoration Day in 1868, (then General) James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Decoration Day eventually evolved into what we now recognize as Memorial Day; an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honoring those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans visit cemeteries or hold family gatherings and parades, honoring their fallen loved ones on this day. We will honor our fallen soldiers in the Sunday Morning Service.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, May 26

2 Kings 10 – 11, Luke 23:33-56

Saturday, May 27

2 Kings 12 – 13, Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, May 28

2 Kings 14 – 15, Luke 24:13-53

Monday, May 29

2 Kings 16 - 17, John 1:1-18

Tuesday, May 30

2 Kings 18 - 20, John 1:19-51

Wednesday, May 31

2 Kings 21 - 23, John 2

Thursday, June 1

2 Kings 24 - 25, John 3:1-21

Friday, June 2

1 Chronicles 1 - 2, John 3:22-36

Saturday, June 3

1 Chronicles 3 - 4, John 4:1-42

Sunday, June 4

1 Chronicles 5 - 6, John 4:43-54

Rev. Scott Shirley will be preaching this Sunday Morning, from Acts 10 "Cornelius Was a Devout Man"

"Refresh and Renew"

Ladies' Event

Saturday, June 3rd

11:00am – 2:00pm FLC

Bring-a-Dish Luncheon

Sign-up Sheet in Hallway and Office

Katie Ashcraft and Amy Sutton Ricketts

will be our special guests!



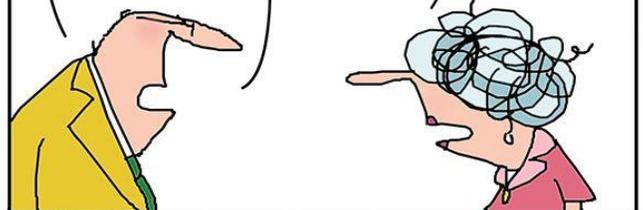
HONEST JON

by Jon Clark

Do you think we're assigned talks in church based on specific things we need to work on?

Sometimes. Why?

I've been asked to speak on staying awake during church and not making snide comments in Sunday School.



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