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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We need help. Our CE committee is working on Vacation Bible School Plans. The effort is spearheaded by Amy as in years past. So what is the problem? We are short of volunteers. Our VBS program has always been part of our community outreach. It has been wildly successfully each year reaching about 100 kids. God has really blessed this program in the past. To run VBS as a community outreach and to serve about 100 kids by teaching them in many ways about the love of Jesus Christ, we need a lot of adult volunteers. It is impossible to run such a program without a lot of volunteers.

Our VBS program is one way we can work toward being faithful to the mission for which Christ called his church into existence, Mat 28:18-20 "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. {19} Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Programs like VBS are so important these days. Studies show kids are getting less and less exposure to the Bible. This is not good for their lives, our communities and

world. Please help us to continue to reach to our community.

Summer time can be a very busy time as we take advantage of the good weather. This can sometimes lead to our absence from worship on Sunday. Our services are recorded and uploaded to the internet and can be found at soopresbyterian.org. With the connectivity of our modern world these days, there is no excuse for not taking the time to view either part or all of the service. Worship is a vital part of our spiritual lives and is good for the soul. To live a spiritual life and follow Jesus' lead takes sacrifice on our part.

If every other aspect of our lives takes time, experience and practice to excel at, why would we assume our spiritual lives are any different? Worship has always been important to God's people and today with modern technology we have the ability to time shift worship if we are not at Sunday Service. Take advantage of it.

Peace in Christ,

Mark

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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!



A Pasta and Meatball Supper

will be held at Central United Church
160 Spring St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON
on Wednesday, May 10 from 4:30 – 6:30.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12 or \$22.00 per family and are member's of the men's club or at the door.



The Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 13. Put your non-perishable donations in a bag by your mailbox and your letter carrier will pick it up. All items collected will be donated to the Food Bank and local food pantries, including our FUPC Food Pantry. Please give generously to help feed our neighbors in need!



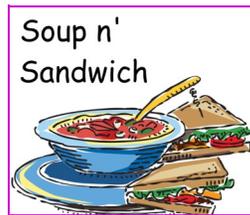
Textile Social will be meeting every Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm in the month of May. We will resume again in the fall.



Christian Ed
May 28th

Church Transportation Deacon

Jeanne Shibley



Trustees
May 7th

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST
200 PM
WANDA EBY



Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

- Virginia Blair
- Audrey Bush
- Emily Hamilton
- Delores Swick

McKinley Manor 2023 West 4th Avenue

- Jeanne Gantz
- Jane Kellan
- Dorothy Smart
- Vera Steffens

Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie

1011 Meridian

- Jim Schmidt
- Jean Smith

WMH Long Term Care 500 Osborn Boulevard

- Lois Myers

Out of Town

Della Porter
2920 Crystal Lane Room 426
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

June MacInnis
900 Glen Haven Circle, Apt 2
Petoskey, MI 49770

Deacon



Barb Kenn

If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons

In memory of ...
Jennifer Kokko
April 6, 2017



Welcome to Our Church

**Our Sunday
Worship Service
starts at 10:00 a.m.**

**We hope to see you
on Sunday!**



Family of Jennifer Kokko, Shane Miller, Jean Smith, Alex McCready, Charles Porter, Andrea Klier, Dorothy Smart, Kevin Tastor, Gina Gough, Pat White, Jim Schmidt, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Christine Mickelson, Tara Jean Brody, Alice Soorus, Kristi (Dee Musgrave's daughter), Geraldine Carnahan, William Kellan, Wendy (Menard) James, Lillian Donelson, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.



VBS NEEDS YOU!!!!

We are need of VBS Volunteers!
If you can help please contact the church office at 632-7771 or email us at office@soopresbyterian.org

June 26—June 30 9 am—12:30 pm

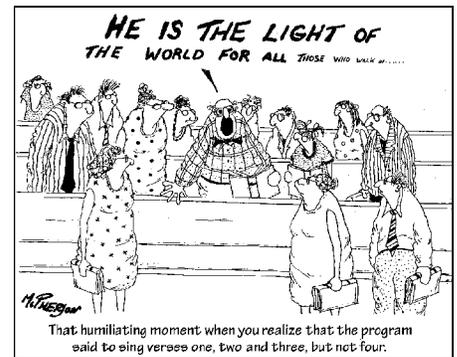


*The Church
Office will be
closed*

May 29th



The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on May 21st.



PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Here's your chance *to be heard, to participate, and to share your gifts* with everyone in the 39 churches that make up our Presbytery. The Nominations and Representation Committee of the Presbytery invites church members to consider which committee your talents fit best: Education and Leadership, Ministry, Mission, Personnel, Session Records, or Worshipping Communities. We seek your input as a committee member to help the Presbytery hear and work on what's important to your congregation, and for you to report back to your church what's happening across the miles!

Committee information packets are available (**please fill in with where** – ie: in your church office, on church announcement board or distribution table, etc.) or by calling Nominations Committee member Caron Christopherson at 906-869-2266. Deadline is May 15, 2017. Thanks!



Gordon and Carol Rohweder	05/07
Tom and Ellen Woodgate	05/10
Fred and Sue Michels	05/23
Jeanne and John Shibley	05/24
Henry and Jaymie Guzzo	05/26
Donald and Marilyn Myers	05/26



Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello – and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!



Stain Glass Window Update

The stain glass window committee is in the process of completing the circular window above the cross in front of the church.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of this project in any amount would be appreciated. The picture of the window is displayed in the narthex. Envelopes are available by the picture and the pews. These can be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the office. Please have your donations in by June 1, 2017, so we can have this completed by fall. For more information please contact Denise in the church office Monday thru Friday 8 am to 2:30 pm.



Colton Schmidt	05/04	Kristeen Mason	05/16
Joanne Noble	05/05	Mary S. Nelson	05/17
Elizabeth Martin	05/06	Mary Stanaway	05/17
Olivia Martin	05/06	Glenn Trumble	05/21
Sue Kaunisto	05/07	Ethan Hill	05/24
Angela McKee	05/09	Anne Capling	05/25
Meta Geyer	05/13	Renee Lawrence	05/25
John Jobes	05/13	Charles Zane	05/25
Tammy Rutledge	05/14	David Bernier	05/26
Victoria Smart	05/14	Darla Krueger	05/29
Carla Grenier	05/15	Ronald Cross	05/30
Mary Elizabeth Robertson	05/15	Emma Folkersma	05/31
Jaimee Gerrie	05/02		
Janet Sarnowski	05/02		
Ralph Kokko	05/03		
Phyllis McKechnie	05/03		
Parker Rutledge	05/04		



LAMB OF GOD,

As we progress in age we know that we have limitations, such as walking, climbing stairs, getting seated, listening, and speaking.

Today we had three services in our church as Easter Sunday was upon us.

LSSU had a special Easter Egg hunt with 17,000 eggs hidden in the Bud Cooper gymnasium for the younger generation to find. This must have been a real treat for all that participated.

Easter however is not about bunnies, chickens, or Easter eggs, although an egg represents new life hatching from an egg. The Easter holiday. Much is lost in the meaning of Easter. We Presbyterians understand Easter and what has taken place historically, but there are those of us haven't experienced the new life in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In Old Testament times, animals would be brought to the Priest as an offering. Goats, bulls, and unblemished lambs would be brought

forth for a sacrifice or atonement for sins, for the giver or the people.

The blood would purify and make atonement, and make amends for their wrong doing. This was the old order of atonement.

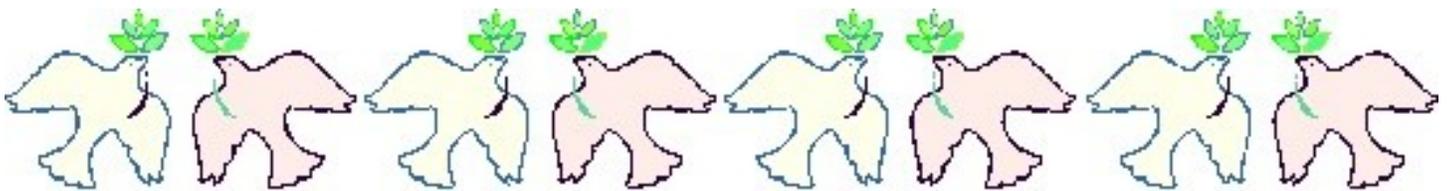
When Jesus came the world changed and he became the sacrificial lamb that took away the sins of the world. He did this for all of us. Yes, all of us. We no longer need to bring forth a sacrificial lamb, goat or animal to atone for us as He did it for us, the world over.

Two thousand years ago, the best form of execution was crucifixion and He was crucified on the cross. Jesus was blameless but, He accepted the sin of the world and bore it all. This is why we call Jesus the "Lamb of God" He was bodily resurrected on the third day and was seen for over 40 days, eating and drinking with them.

The meaning of Easter symbolizes the verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His 3 year ministry.

If He had not risen from the dead He would have been considered, just another teacher. Today the meaning of Easter for millions of us is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead and His glorious promised of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Don Myers, CRE





Spring Work Camp at Presbytery Point Camp is May 14 – 21, 2017

Help to open the camp, work on building projects, tend the grounds, and tackle spring cleaning tasks in the fellowship of others who share a love for our Presbytery's outdoor camping ministry. Couples, families, singles, retirees, mission groups, all ages – join us for a day or two, or for the whole week! Registration forms and information are available by calling the camp at 906-869-0925 or sending an email to ppccc@presbyterypoint.org.



Summer's coming soon, so it's time to start thinking about Presbytery Point Camp. Get registration forms at the Camp website: presbyterypoint.org

Got Spirit? Get it here!

For more information, check the website at www.presbyterypoint.org, email questions to ppccc@presbyterypoint.org, or call The Point at 906-869-0925.



Don't forget to get your reservations in for the FUPC cottage on Sugar Island. It's a beautiful place with all the comforts of home and a wonderful view. It's never too early to think about a relaxing vacation at the shore. Contact Denise for available dates and rates.

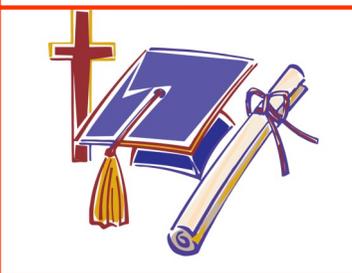


Come and celebrate the accomplishments of God's children on Sunday, May 28th at 10 am. We will be honoring our graduates and sharing in the growth of our Sunday School Children. There will be a reception following the service for all to enjoy!



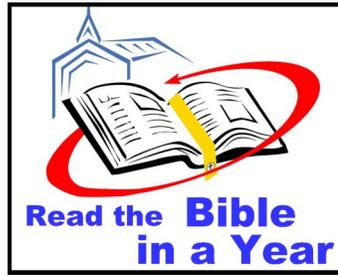
ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Last call for graduates both college and high school....if you know of a graduate, please let Melissa or Brenda know for our Sunday School recognition Sunday!



With the new Meijer store opening soon, please consider shopping our scrip program! They do have scrip in many denominations available for purchase. Plus we now have Super Valu scrip! An order will be going in soon, please contact Brenda to place your order! PS....scrip makes great graduation presents!

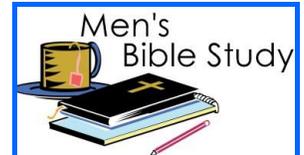
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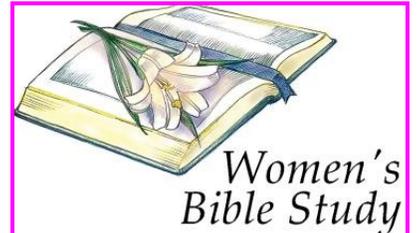
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2	Acts 15:1-21	Joshua 23-24	Job 32
3	Acts 15:22-41	Judges 1	Job 33
4	Acts 16:1-15	Judges 2-3	Job 34
5	Acts 16:16-40	Judges 4-5	Job 35
6	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 6	Job 36
7	Acts 17:16-34	Judges 7-8	Job 37
8	Acts 18	Judges 9	Job 38
9	Acts 19:1-20	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39
10	Acts 19:21-41	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40
11	Acts 20:1-16	Judges 13	Job 41
12	Acts 20:17-38	Judges 14-15	Job 42
13	Acts 21:1-36	Judges 16	Psalm 42
14	Acts 21:37-22:29	Judges 17-18	Psalm 43
15	Acts 22:30-23:22	Judges 19	Psalm 44
16	Acts 23:23-24:9	Judges 20	Psalm 45
17	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Psalm 46
18	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Psalm 47
19	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Psalm 48
20	Acts 26:19-32	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10	Psalm 49
21	Acts 27:1-12	1 Samuel 2:11-36	Psalm 50
22	Acts 27:13-44	1 Samuel 3	Psalm 51
23	Acts 28:1-16	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalm 52
24	Acts 28:17-31	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalm 53
25	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 8	Psalm 54
26	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 9:1-10:16	Psalm 55
27	Romans 2:1-3:8	1 Samuel 10:17-11:15	Psalm 56
28	Romans 3:9-31	1 Samuel 12	Psalm 57
29	Romans 4	1 Samuel 13	Psalm 58
30	Romans 5	1 Samuel 14	Psalm 59
31	Romans 6	1 Samuel 15	Psalm 60



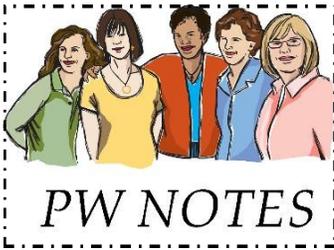
Brenda Ransom
and
Barb Kenn



Men's Bible Study every
Friday morning at 9:00 am.
All men are welcome
to join us!



Woman's Bible Study
Wednesday mornings
at 9:00 am
All ladies welcome to join!



Circle 3 Meeting
Thursday, May 11th
9:30 a.m.



WOMEN'S COFFEE
 Tuesday , May 16th at 9:30 AM
 Please join us for fellowship and treats.
All Ladies welcome!



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National Day of Prayer
 Thursday, May 4th is National Day of Prayer across the United States.

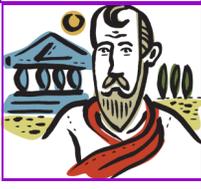


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RUMMAGE SALE
 Thank you to everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale, to our church family who donated items, to the workers who spent many hours preparing for and working the sale and to the Boy Scouts for set up and cleanup. Thanks to everyone's efforts our sale was a great success. We could not have done this without your support.
 Thank you again. PW

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
May 2, 2017

Bible Quiz Acts 17 describes Paul speaking about God to the people of Athens in front of – incredibly! – a site that still exists. What is that site?
 A. The Panathenaic Stadium
 B. The Areopagus
 C. The Acropolis and the Parthenon
 D. The Temple of Hephaestus



Service of Communion
May 4, 2017

OUR GIVING	
Year-to 04/26/17 offerings	\$56,524
Year to 04/26/17 expenses	\$58,383



Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)

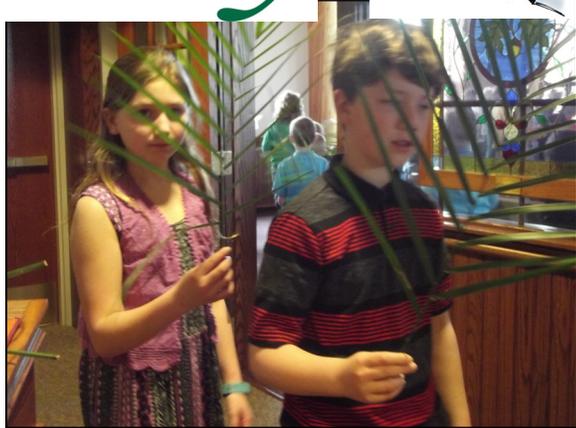


Palm Sunday



*"Blessed
is the
one
who comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!"*

Mark 11:9, NRSV



*Hosanna
in the
Highest!*





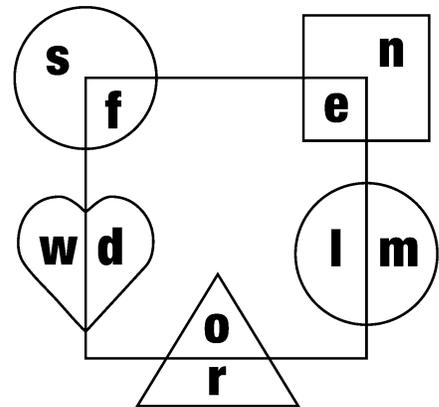
PUZZLE

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.
Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree – or give it as a Mother's Day gift.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>1</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>2 Election Day</p> <p>12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9:00a Men's Study Grp</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Soup & Sandwich 12:00p Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30a Circle 3 Meeting (WR) 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>	
<p>14 Mother's Day</p> <p>9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Christian Ed. Meeting 12:00p Soup Kitchen</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee's Mtg (Lib) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30a Ladies Coffee (WR) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p> 	
<p>21</p> <p>9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freightier View Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 6:00p Boy Scout Leader Mtg</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>	
<p>28 Recognition Sunday</p> <p>9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Coffee & Cookies (SH) 12:00p Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>				

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Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jesse Witte, Sexton

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**Deadline for June issue:
May 22nd**

**Happy
Mother's
Day!**

*"Honour ... thy
mother, as
the LORD
thy God
hath
commanded
thee"*

Deuteronomy 5:16

Celebrating
OUR GRADUATES
and Our Sunday School Students



May 28th