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Cosma's Corner

The following in italics was on Wikipedia:

Memorial Day *is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as* ***Decoration Day*** *after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers.*

By the 20th century, competing Union and Confederate holiday traditions, celebrated on different days, had merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. It typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Annual Decoration Days for particular cemeteries are held on a Sunday in late spring or early summer in some rural areas of the American South, notably in the mountain areas. In cases involving a family graveyard where remote ancestors as well as those who were deceased more recently are buried, this may take on the character of an extended family reunion to which some people travel hundreds of miles. People gather on the designated day and put flowers on graves and renew contacts with relatives and others. There often is a religious service and a picnic-like "dinner on the grounds," the traditional term for a potluck meal at a church. It is believed that this practice began before the American Civil War and thus may reflect the real origin of the "memorial day" idea.

I thought it interesting that long before Memorial Day was instituted there were memorial Sunday services to remember, to reunite, to renew and to discover the "luck of the pot." The potluck definitely makes it a Christian Church or Church of Christ observance, I think. It also makes my mouth water when I think of the potlucks in the south and of pig pickins', pies, and sweet tea.

I guess potlucks make me remember like Pavlov's dogs and I begin to salivate, but that really is close to the sensory perception that is associated with memorials. God knew this and set up memorials for his people thousands of years ago when He did things like having his people the Israelites set up two altars during the crossing of the Jordan river into the promise land during the time of Joshua. One altar was set up in the middle of the river at low tide … you know when the Jordan was at its lowest tide ever as God pushed back the waters to reveal immediate dry ground for the people to pass over on. The altar contained 12 stones for the 12 tribes of Israel, but that would not be visible for long. The second one would be visible for some time that was an exact duplicate set up on the other side … in the land of promise. This was going to be seen by adults and children alike and would definitely invoke some suspicion on the children's part as to why someone would just pile some stones uniformly along the river.

This is how the reunion started: you remember the story of Aunt Mildred and Uncle Milfred and the reminiscing begins the guilty feelings of lost contact and the next thing you have contacted the entire family for an impromptu gathering at the graveyard eating potato salad, macaroni salad, and the things that eat salads.

Then the fellowship ensues and it is refreshing and reminded of the brevity of life and missed opportunities you renew your relationship with the one who gives you time and opportunities.

Maybe Memorial Days should be every Sunday. More than a thought …more than a memory … a memorial: *Do this in Remembrance of Me* says Jesus.

And what is with this Labor Day? A day where you do just the opposite. I wonder if there is potluck and preacher cookies?!

From One Potluck Proud Preacher

reflections..

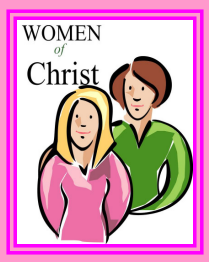
What is a dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail. -Unknown

'Stitches and Giggles'



We had a great time with our covered dish. We had eight in attendance. Jen from Community Hospice came and talked. Have a great summer!

- Robin Heestand

June 4th … 9:00 am Community Project

June 5th … 8:00 am Trustees Meeting

June 12th … 8:00 am Elders Meeting

June 14th ... Flag Day

June 19th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting

… FATHER'S DAY

Each gentleman present will receive a small gift compliments of the Sunday School Department

June 26th ... PCC Olympics

The Sunday School Department has an exciting program ready for the youth 1st grade thru 12th grade beginning this summer. During the Sunday School hour, we will be having FUNday School. We will meet in the basement each week for lessons filled with favorite Bible lessons, crafts, puzzles, games, and most importantly – FUN! Each week will be new and different in its own way, and we are so excited!

During the summer months, families are away on vacations, camping, going to family reunions, etc. To help with the low attendance, FUNday School is a combined Sunday School class. FUNday School is made up of the Little Angels class (grades 1-4), the Curious Kids class (grades 5-7), and the High School class (grades 8-12). Missy, Marty, Cody, and Mike will take turns teaching each week.

FUNday School begins June 5 and will conclude August 28. Beginning in September, we will resume our normal Sunday School classes.

We are so excited for FUNday School and we hope you are, too! See you June 5!

Missy, Marty, Cody and Mike

Our Nation
Our Congregatior
Lost Souls
The Unspoken Needs of our People
Northeast Ohio Bible College
Highland Christian Church
Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)
Bill Wiley (health issues)
Maxine Vincent (cancer)
Richard Faloba (spiritual needs)
Mary Lou Eberhart (health problems)
Jeff Strange (new treatment)
Kim Bergman (kidney cancer)
Steve Singer (blood condition)
Suzanne Holloway (lung cancer)
Dorothy Knepper (lung cancer)
Alice Gamble (back surgery)
Mary Lou Hartzell (throat cancer)
George Faull (pray for strength)
Elizabeth Thatcher (health problems)
Donald Barnhart (hip problems/kidney disease)
Don Huston (heart surgery and pacemaker)
Baby Elijah (born with heart defect, home)
Beverly Evans (at daughter's home to continue healing)
Albert Bricker and Family (surgery for infection, auto accident)
Jim Webber (CHF, heart virus, pacemaker & defibrillator)

OUR SHUT-INS

Jim Dorsey; Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell;
Dorothy McFadden; Martha Crookston

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joe Phillis; Joel Newburn; Kyle Stephenson;
Paige Wyss; Matt Bartel, 5th Deployment to Iraq

4th	Aubree Hennard
7th	Tami Dennison
8th	Emily Shoff
12th	Cody Opsitnik
14th	Nita Floor
18th	Ken Heestand
20th	Peter Wildman
21th	Ada Bailey Kim Poynter
22nd	Trevor Poynter
27th	Hunter Stratton
28th	Elizabeth Faloba
29th	Ryker Shoff

Phillips Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the Bible an devotion books for my graduation. I already have them on my list of things to bring to Slippery Rock University in the fall.

Thanks Again !

Ali Opsitnik

Thank You ! For thinking about us on the loss of our barn and equipment. It's been hard to replace old stuff with new prices ! God is faithful and we thank you for prayers.

Jeanne Woolf

To friends and neighbors at Phillips:

Thank you for allowing our family the use of your dining hall in memorial to Robert Leslie Rea.

It made a convenient facility for our needs.

Bob D. Rea

The Rea Family

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10:00 am ... Worship
WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm ...Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

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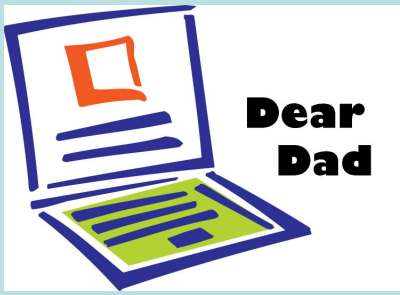
Re-printed specially for the father's
with teens going off to college this fall, here's an email you may expect to receive…..



Dear Dad,

$school i$ really great. I'm making lot$ of friend$ and $tudying very hard. With all my $tuff, I $imply can't think of anything I need. $o if you'd like, you can ju$t $end me a card, a$ I'd love to hear from you.

Love,
Your $weet Daughter

Reply:

Dear Daughter,

I kNOw that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.

Love,
Dad

Unable to Jet to

this year ???

Then join us for the
PCC Family Olympics

Sunday, June 26th

Be at the starting block
around 6PM
It's going to be amazing !