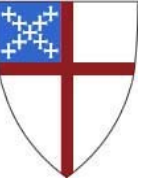


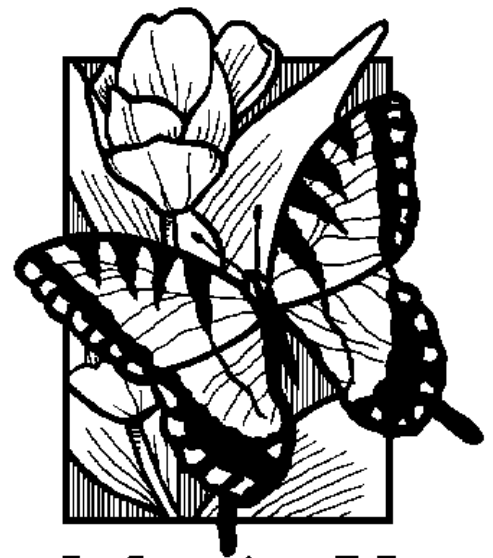
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The Episcopal Church serving Whidbey Island
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St. Augustine's Services

SUNDAY

8:00 am Eucharist
followed by coffee and Forums

10:00 am Eucharist
with music, church school & child care
followed by coffee hour


MONDAY

5:30 pm Solemn Evensong
(with incense)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Eucharist and Holy Unction

For additional activities please see "calendar" listings in this newsletter.



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As the people of
St. Augustine's, our mission
is to worship God, witnessing
to Jesus Christ by serving the
community and the world in
which we live, all through the
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Dealing with Good Problems

Some of you heard me mention in mid-April that as a result of our growth, we are experiencing some significant problems which will impact our future.

Increasing numbers of folk who attend, the needs of our Christian Formation programs for children, youth, and adults, the resultant space conflicts, and the impact of the demolition and construction of most of our physical space means that we need to consider some changes.

The most obvious – and pressing – problem is parking. As one 10 o'clock person observed a few weeks back "I had to wait 10 minutes for a parking spot!" We need more parking! It's coming. But it's not coming immediately. We need to address our parking situation now, since some folk have already stopped coming regularly. There are a number of interlocking solutions to this, which I will mention shortly.

A second, less obvious problem comes with an increase in average attendance at our 10:00 a.m. service. All the studies on Church Growth (and I want to underscore "all") say the same thing: when any congregation reaches 80% of seating capacity, people stop coming. We can comfortably seat 120 people – 100 downstairs, 20 upstairs. 80% of that is 96. Our average Sunday attendance at the 10:00 a.m. service is 94.

This means we have to address the nature of seating in our Nave now, since there are already some folk who have stopped coming regularly.

Our third good problem has to do with the success of our Christian Formation Programs for children and youth, coupled with our Youth Choir. Currently, Christian Formation and Youth Choir rehearsal happen at the same time. Some change to the Sunday schedule will be necessary to address this problem for the long term.

Some Interlocking Solutions

* Adjust the times of the services. Two options present themselves, though we're open to others:

8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

7:45 a.m./10:15 a.m.

Either solution would alleviate the parking crunch at the end of the Adult Forum, since it would end slightly earlier. Such a change would also allow for slightly longer Christian Formation programs for children and youth, and allow for a full Youth Choir rehearsal. We would also be able to involve our children and youth every Sunday, not just once a month, at the 10:00 a.m. service.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON THIS! Please let us know your thoughts.

Everyone needs to be a part of the solution.

* Car-pool

Park in the Payless parking lot and shuttle to Church,

Park on the grass, park behind the Church.

Again, please let us know your thoughts.

* The third solution is the most challenging for all of us, how to get more people into the same space in Church.

Unless we can find an additional \$300,000 beyond the \$400,000 we still need, we have to face the fact that we need to get more people into the same space at 10:00 a.m. Here are some possible solutions.

I'm listing them by ease of implementation, not in order of preference. It is important to acknowledge that the more major the changes the more challenging they will be for us –it's not so much the change

that's hard, but the loss that comes with the change. So before I list the possibilities (and there may be more we haven't thought of) I ask you to think, after reading them, what the more significant changes mean to you in terms of what they represent, what you feel is lost – and can you bear that loss for the good future of our congregation.

We could:

- * put another row of seats against the courtesy panel.
- * put one more chair on the inside aisle.
- * remove or move back the altar platform, also drawing in the altar rails.
- * remove the front altar rails entirely (we tried this before, but put the rails at the back – This possibility removes them rather than moving them, and communicants who wish to kneel would go to the side, those willing to stand would stand across the front.
- * remove the pews and replace them with chairs.
- * remove the pews, replace them with chairs, and re-orient the Nave space to maximize the number of chairs we can include.

Please give all of these possibilities your intentional and immediate attention and let your Vestry and myself know what you think. We will be having at least one forum June 7th – primarily about the service time changes. We will also try and provide time for the other topics there. If we need more time we will come back to the conversation later.

Grace and peace to you all,

Nigel

Nigel's Doctoral program continues

Nigel will be in San Francisco from Monday, June 8 to Thursday July 9 as part of his Doctor of Ministry program.

He will then attend the Episcopal Church's Triennial General Convention in Anaheim, and accept the "Apostles in Stewardship" award on our behalf. Fr. Nigel will return to Whidbey July 15.

During this time he will be available by email and/or through the church office.

Vestry Highlights for April 2009

by Diana Klein, Vestry Clerk

- * Applications have been received for the Christian Formation Director and are being reviewed.
- * A report from the Greening Congregation Committee was discussed.
- * Holy Week services were reviewed and feedback was very positive.
- * There will be a parents' meeting to discuss how best to work out the Sunday morning timing.
- * J. R. is organizing Vacation Bible Camp, which will be the 2nd week of August.
- * The Via Media program was well received and we plan to purchase the three sets of programs.
- * The Building Fund tower thermometer is up to \$309,955 as of March 31.
- * Full minutes are posted in the undercroft.

Senior Warden's Report

by Tom Williams

I continue to be impressed by the quality and the quantity of worship services offered by St. Augustine's during Holy Week and the Triduum. As much as this is a tribute to Nigel, J. R., Fletcher, Carol, Julie, and Loretta (someone has to prepare all those bulletins), it is even more of a tribute to the St. Augustine's parishioners who offer their time and talent: the Altar Guild, adult and children's choirs, Sophia Singers, EFSJ, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, intercessors, ushers, and those who help in other ways to keep things organized. St. Augustine's is truly a remarkable parish.

On a related note, we're going to have a new ecumenical service at the end of May – a Pentecost Vigil. It's like the Easter Vigil, only for Pentecost. The churches involved are St. Augustine's, Trinity Lutheran, St. Peter's Lutheran, and Langley United Methodist. The service will probably be held at Trinity. Watch the Sunday Announcements for the specifics.

Building Fund

by Isabel Neddow

As winter finally recedes, we rejoice in the location of St. Augustine's in the Woods. The new Parish Hall will blend with the existing architecture and surroundings, and the start of the building process in November promises to be exciting. We tend to concentrate on plans for Christian education, offices and kitchen space and improved parking, but at Christmas and Easter it becomes very evident that a new Narthex is integral to those other enhancements.

As of March 31 our tower thermometer is up to \$309,955 and we have a way to go to reach our goal. If you are thinking of joining our *Faith, Vision, Legacy – It's About Time* campaign, it's not too late. If you wish to feel the joy of generosity, commitment cards can be found on the small table in the Narthex. And if you have a thanksgiving in

Junior Warden's Report

by Bob Dial

Two weeks before Easter we found out that our janitor had been called out of town due to a family crisis and would not be back until after Easter. Tom and Connie Williams and Bob and Lynda Dial volunteered to clean the church buildings and take out the trash and recyclables. Greg Davis cleared branches and storm debris on the woodland trail from the columbarium to the playground. He also dismantled, cleaned and reassembled the fountain that is located in the island of the parking lot. It works great now. Greg, along with Bev Babson, Diana Klein and Bob Dial were the "Lay Weeders" on the first Monday of April. They accomplished some spring-cleaning, pruning, weeding and bulb planting. Just before Easter Ann Pringle put a big pot of flowers on the stump next to the driveway and parking lot. This helped to turn an eyesore into something very attractive for the holiday.

A late winter storm blew over the outside bulletin board causing damage to the base and doors. Dick Hall made all necessary repairs to get it back on its feet.

We are in the process of renewing the church's commitment to the Adopt-A-Road Program. This means that we pick up the trash on both sides of Honeymoon Bay Rd. from the highway to Scarecrow Lane, three times a year. This is a lot of fun and we get the name of the church posted on the Adopt-A-Road sign showing our commitment to the community!

your life that you would like to share, Building Fund envelopes are also on the table.

There are people at St. Augustine's who are willing to assist with gift planning (in ways other than cash or checkbook). For assistance or more information, please contact Jay Ryan or Jim Langler. If you would like to talk to us about the Building Fund, the members of the team are Judy Yeakel, Elaine Ludtke, Lynda Anderson, Dorothy Taylor and I. We are always available for council or twisting arms.

Adult Forum Schedule for MAY

by Ted Brookes



May is a time for new life, blooming flowers, soft winds, and sun splashed days. It is also a time when we welcome the Spring with a new, 6-part VHS series for our Adult Sunday Forums. This series is provided by the Diocesan Resource Center and is titled: *The Apostle Paul-Purpose & Passion*. It is hosted by Tom Wright, the Bishop of Durham, who is recognized as a leading Jesus scholar in the United Kingdom and a world authority on Saint Paul. Dr. Wright opens each segment with a short monologue, followed by a lengthy discussion with his two conversation partners. The videos are filmed at Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Specific dates, topics, and presenters for the May forums are provided below:

May 3 - The Apostle Paul. Paul saw himself straddling the past and the present, Jews and Gentiles, the old covenant and the new. Paul also saw himself as the one entrusted with the task of taking the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. Paul came to understand on the road to Damascus that the crucified-and-risen Jesus was the Messiah; that in Jesus, the God of Israel had broken into the present; that in Jesus, God had come to save the world; and that Paul's mission was to make this known to the ends of the earth. Ted Brookes presents.

May 10 - Paul's Understanding of Jesus. Paul believed that in Jesus, the God of Israel had arrived and was personally present. Paul also believed that in Jesus the human face of God had been revealed. Paul takes the "Lord" passages from the Hebrew Scriptures and applies them to Jesus. He pronounces that through Jesus God has defeated the last enemy, death itself. Furthermore, God, through Jesus, would both judge and save the world. Ted Brookes presents.

May 17 - God's New Creation. Paul understood Jesus' resurrection as the first fruits of the new creation. In Jesus, God had brought the future redemption into the present. The new exodus from slavery to freedom had arrived. Paul writes how we as Christians are rescued from bondage to sin and death by being baptized into Christ and his death. Those who come through these waters are journeying to the new Promised Land, the new earth, and God's renewed creation. Ted Brookes presents.

May 24 - Paul's View of Resurrection. Paul believed that Jesus' followers were to be a colony of God's people on earth right in the middle of the Roman Empire. He also believed that at the end of the age, they would all be transformed, just as Jesus' body was changed. Paul had to sort out and explain to the early Christians the differences between the Jewish understandings of the future, i.e. God would renew all creation, and the Christian understanding of the afterlife. Ted Brookes presents.

May 31 - God's New People. Paul writes that the only badge of membership in the family of God is faith. He states that we are not justified as Christians by Jewish law, customs, and practices, but by faith in Jesus Christ. And those justified by faith in the present are assured of being vindicated in God's final judgment. For Paul, the future has broken into the present. The present points forward to a future when there will be peace and justice on earth and unity among all of God's people. Ted Brookes presents.



Getting Acquainted

by Nancy Langler

Jean-Claude and Barbara Renoux

It was the spirit of adventure that brought Jean-Claude and Barbara Renoux together in Ketchikan, Alaska. Jean-Claude (who was born in Nice, France) was trained as a surveyor. After a stint in the French military, he took a job with an oil company. He initially worked in France where the land being considered was in the wine country. The French do not look kindly on anything that might disturb the vineyards, so he was sent to the Sahara to survey land there. Not being the type of adventure he wanted, he accepted a surveying job in Alaska.

He could not believe that he was actually being paid to work in such a beautiful environment and it was not without adventure. He and two others were dropped off by helicopter to work on three different ledges, where they set up their tripods while the helicopter kept watch, from above when suddenly the helicopter returned and motioned for Jean-Claude to board immediately. Tripod in hand he climbed in, and looking back, saw a big black bear coming for him from the ledge behind.



Barbara (from Appleton, Wisconsin) taught special education for six years before accepting a job in Ketchikan. Her family was distressed to see her go so far, but she assured them that it was only for one year. One of her students was a young French boy who spoke no English. Since she did not speak French, she turned to his father, Jean-Claude, for help. They were married and her promise of one year turned into 21!



★ While there, Barbara was named Teacher of the Year. She accepted the honor from Bill Clinton in the White House. Later, she was named Mathematics Teacher of the Year and she accepted that honor from Laura Bush.

Barbara wanted to teach in the bush before she left Alaska, so she convinced Jean-Claude to quit his job and go with her. Together they moved to Point Lay, a small village on the Northern Slope. They packed enough food to last one year and headed north on a six-seat airplane, held together with duct tape. The village consisted of 200 people, of whom 65 were children. There was one road around the village, one bus and one dirt airstrip.

Jean-Claude became the school Custodian/Teachers' Assistant. He helped the students organize popcorn sales at basketball games and they made enough money to take the class to Juneau for two nights. The visit to the capitol was very special for the children.

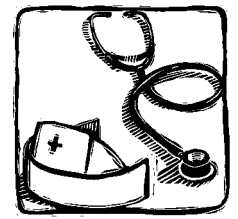
Of their stay in Alaska, Barbara says that the dark winters didn't bother her as much as the long hours of daylight during the summer. Their children would stay up all night and get tired and cranky, so they covered the windows with garbage bags in order to sleep. The infrequent deliveries of ice cream, lettuce and eggs warranted an announcement on the school intercom and white-outs were enjoyed by the polar bears who, knowing they were invisible, would roam the village. On Halloween, residents conducted "polar bear patrols" so that the children could trick or treat.

A few years ago, when Jean-Claude retired, they moved to Coupeville. They live not far from the ferry, which reminds them of Alaska. Barbara teaches Special Ed in Oak Harbor, but Jean-Claude says no more Teachers' Assistant for him. He keeps busy writing a newsletter for his French relatives. They both love to garden, hike, camp and hope to travel to France when Barbara retires next year.

They just celebrated their 25th anniversary with a good bottle of French Champagne and lots of Dungeness crab (once, while in Alaska, Jean-Claude caught 100 crabs in one day!). He still misses the French wine, cheese, sausage, and of course the French bread.

From the Parish Nurse

by Wendy Close



Cookies, Crackers and Cakes...Oh My!!!!

When putting together food for a snack, meal or coffee hour, remember that the more colorful the food, the more healthy the meal. When we are at coffee hour and find our plates of food to be primarily beige in color, chances are the sugar, flour and butter content is pretty high. However, a plate full of grapes, berries, carrots, and celery are packed with healthy nutrients and vitamins, which is what we should primarily be eating. Try to keep the sweets and breads to 20% of the total presentation. The remaining 80% should be the fruits, vegetables, nuts, lean meats, cheeses and other colorful options.

Save the date: On June 14 there will be a yoga presentation at the Adult Forum.

MSO - May 2009

by Hestia Laitala

Director, Time Together Adult Day Services



**Mission
Sunday
Offering**

The May Mission Sunday Offering is dedicated to the Time Together Adult Day Services program offered through Senior Services of Island County. SSIC is a non-profit corporation that services seniors throughout Island County. Time Together meets every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the Bayview Senior Center.

The benefit of this program is two-fold. Time Together ADS serves individuals who have challenges resulting from Alzheimer's, stroke, heart disease, Parkinson's, M.S., developmental disabilities, and other chronic debilitating conditions. There are also frail or isolated elders who are unable to move about in the community independently. For the participant at Time Together, it is a day spent among friends in a caring, warm, supportive and fun environment. A program day includes activities geared to maintain or improve mental, physical and social abilities, and supports the emotional well-being of adults with special needs, while preserving dignity and self-respect.

Additionally, Time Together provides much needed respite for primary caregivers. The four hours that a participant engages in the program is precious time available to a loving caregiver.

At this time, there are 21 participants who utilize the program. There are 18 volunteers who generously support them and five paid staff. More volunteers are needed to help keep the staff to participant ratio low so that one-on-one care can be provided when needed. Volunteers from St. Augustine's are Claree Vandergrift, Joan Focht, Helen Genis and Barbara Houston, as well as Jill Johnson, who brings her gift of story telling. Dorothy Nestor, a volunteer from the program's beginning and cherished by all, is taking care of health issues but remains in the heart of Time Together. Ask them about their experiences serving Time Together ADS.

The fee to participants for Time Together does not begin to cover the expenses of operating the program. It is through the generosity of organizations such as ours that this program continues to thrive and is able to serve seniors of South Whidbey Island. Please give generously, and also consider becoming a volunteer. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the services of Time Together ADS, or if you would like to volunteer four hours a week, have them contact Hestia Laitala, Director at 360-321-1600.

New Orleans Work Mission

by Dick Hall

During the first week of March, 2009, eight St. Augustine's parishioners spent five full work days laying tile and laminated flooring and mudding and sanding sheetrock on two homes made unlivable by Hurricane Katrina. One of the homes is located in Metairie, a city adjoining New Orleans, and the other is in the Gentilly district of New Orleans. Three years after Katrina, much (possibly most) of New Orleans' housing is still uninhabitable.

The St. Augustine contingent was the core for a 21 member Diocesan work group. Diana Klein of St. Augustine's organized the mission. In addition to Diana, St. Augustine's participants were Arnelle and Dick Hall, Bert and Mary Ann Speir, Diane Lantz, David Nakagawa and Melahn Murphy. Others with St. Augustine's connections were Shelley and Lee Hall (daughter and son of Dick and Arnelle Hall) and Kathy Klein (daughter of Diana Klein).

The work on the two houses was conducted through the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana's Office of Disaster Relief (ODR). Young ODR interns instructed and directed volunteer crews in the repair work. The interns were provided room and board and a minimal salary through Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). Tools and supplies were also provided through ERD funding.



The St. Augustine's group provided labor for repair work. This was the focus of the mission. However, the work mission participants also gained spiritual blessings as well as cultural, historical and sociological insights into New Orleans.

The participants began the week with a celebration of Eucharist at All Souls Episcopal Mission In the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. All Souls, with a predominately African American congregation, was established in 2006 as an outgrowth of post-Katrina assistance to people in the Lower Ninth. The congregation initially met in an auto repair garage. The congregation now occupies an abandoned Walgreen's drugstore.

All Souls carries the Gospel to their community through a wide range of social outreach, which includes: a computer lab and tutoring for middle and high school students, repairing nine houses, holding a community Saturday market, and providing classical musical training. Worship at All Souls was followed by a tour of the Lower Ninth Ward. In addition to the physical tour, "Smitty," a church member, provided an excellent seminar on the history, sociology and politics of the Lower Ninth.

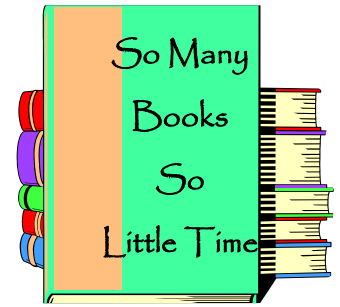
On late Wednesday afternoon following repair work assignments, the group heard the inspirational witness of Connie Uddo. Her efforts and faith led to the Beacon of Hope, which coordinated efforts to rehabilitate the flooded Lakeside District. Beacon of Hope operated through St. Paul's Episcopal Parish in Lakeview and later was expanded through ODR to provide outreach to the entire New Orleans region. The Diocese of Olympia has partnered with St. Paul's, raising \$500,000 for use by the Beacon of Hope and ORD.

Following the St. Paul's visit with Connie Uddo, the group visited St. Anna's. This interracial parish was established in 1846 and is located near the French Quarter. St. Anna's has a music mission and provides a venue for music groups to perform at their weekly soup kitchen meals. The Treme Street Band featuring New Orleans Dixieland music was featured during the St. Augustine's visit.

After work on Thursday the mission had a soup dinner at St. George's in New Orleans' Garden District. at St. George's, hurricane survival stories of the homeless and displaced were shared. Telling one's story is an important therapy for Katrina survivors.

New Orleans remains a good news/bad news situation. Much in the way of recovery has been accomplished, but so much more remains to be done. Do not forget New Orleans.

Librarian's Corner
Book Reviews
by Margaret Schultz



Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy
by Sarah Ban Breathnach

In this age of individuation, there is not much room for spiritual growth because we are so tied down by a myriad of activities and obligations. The author, when confronted with this problem, wrote this book, evolving from a guide to managing lifestyle into "how to live in a state of grace". It is a collection of daily meditations, based on six practical and creative principles: gratitude, simplicity, order, harmony, beauty and joy. These principles helped the author find a life of her own and enabled her to "encounter everyday epiphanies, find the sacred in the ordinary, the mystical in the mundane and fully enter into the sacrament of the moment". It has helped her "to make the unexpected but thrilling discovery that everything in [her] life is significant enough to be a continuous source of reflection, revelation and reconnection: bad hair days, mood swings, overdrawn bank accounts, car pools, excruciating deadlines, grocery shopping, exhaustion, illness, nothing to wear, unexpected company, even the final 25 pounds."

Simple Abundance will remind you "what to do with a few loaves and fishes and how to spin straw into gold". It is a wonderful gift to the library from Sharlene Hodges.

Soul Survivor: How My Faith Survived the Church
by Philip Yancey

"Sometimes in a waiting room or an airplane I strike up conversations with strangers." writes author Philip Yancey. "When they learn that I write books on spiritual themes -eyebrows arch, barriers spring up and then I hear another horror story about church." His seatmates are usually surprised to hear him say: "It is worse than that. Let me tell you my story".

His story is about growing up in a Georgia church in the 1960's, which was "hermetically sealed from the world". He says everyone there "was convinced that everyone who disagreed with us was on the edge of hell." He left the church, but kept searching for God. When he read what was written by the second century theologian Irenaeus, that "the glory of God is a person fully alive", Yancey reflected that this description does not reflect the image many people have of modern Christians. "Rightly or wrongly" he observed that "they see Christians rather as restrained, uptight, repressed people less likely to celebrate vitality than to wag their fingers in disapproval." Through his writing, Yancey met a lot of people whose lives are "enhanced in every way by their faith" and has selected thirteen of them who have helped him return to the church. Some of these are Christian, while some are not. The latter Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Endo and Ghandi have helped him understand his own faith the most " by shining light on it from an angle he had not considered". After reading this book you will have to agree that although some are not Christian, they all have labored hard to bring about the kingdom of God and can inspire us to do the same by loving others as we love ourselves.

Kids' Page

Kids, this page is for you, make it your own!

Thanks FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.

A Cheerful Bouquet for Mother

Make a beautiful bouquet for your mom that will cheer her up for many days — and it doesn't need any water or sunshine!

What you need:

- 12 bendable straws
- colored construction paper, colored card stock or craft foam
- craft glue
- hole punch
- bud vase or terra cotta pot
- clay or play dough (optional)
- scissors
- pencil

What you will do:

1. Cut the colored paper, card stock or foam (or a combination) into 24 or more flower shapes and 24 or more leaf shapes (about 1-2 inches). Make them different sizes and colors.
2. Punch a hole in the center of each flower and one near the base of each leaf.
3. Bend each straw and push the flower shapes (2 or more layered on top of each other) onto the short end of the straw. Do not go past the bend.
4. Put a little glue behind the flower at the hole to hold it in place.
5. From the bottom of the straw, slide 1 or 2 leaf shapes onto the straw and glue them in place from underneath.
6. After the glue has dried, put your flowers in a bud vase or display them in a terra cotta pot.*
7. *If you use a terra cotta pot, place a fist-sized ball of clay or play dough in the bottom of the pot. Push the straw ends into the clay or play dough. When the clay or dough dries out, it keeps the flowers arranged without them falling over.

Your mother will appreciate the time and love you put into making this cheerful bouquet for her.



CALENDAR

MAY

- 1) Joyce Mowles
Lynda & Bob Dial's Anniversary
Nigel & Rachel Taber-Hamilton's Anniversary
- 2) Arthur Taylor's Birthday
Roger Leishman's Birthday
- 4) Reception in memory of Dan Sizer after Evensong
- 5) Rev. William Burnett's Birthday
- 6) Jessica Johnson's Birthday
ECW Meeting
- 7) 6:30 Letter of John Bible Study
- 9) Choir Day
- 10) KIDS Lead Sunday
Mary Hollen's Birthday
- 12-15) Pastoral Leadership Conference
- 15) LIGHT DEADLINE
Anita Roe's Birthday
- 18) Maureen Masterson's Birthday
Dick Wertemberger's Birthday
- 20) Mary Vaughan's Birthday
- 21) Carol Ryan's Birthday
Gilbert Nyerges's Birthday
Michelle Anderson's Birthday
6:30 Letter of John Bible Study
- 22) Julie & Ted Bird's Anniversary
- 23) Elizabeth Irwin's Birthday
Pat DiLorenzo's Birthday
- 24) Martin Payne's Birthday
- 25) Richard Tussey's Birthday
- 26) Kate Reid's Birthday
- 27) Mary Beth Moss's Birthday
- 28) 6:30 Letter of John Bible Study
- 29) Paul Wagner's Birthday
- 30) Mark Borden

JUNE

- 1) ECW PICNINC at Meerkerk Gardens



MAY

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