



"The Steeple"

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CRISP
Community Resources In Service to People

Let's Celebrate!
OPEN HOUSE & 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Come share good food, laughter, and unforgettable memories as we celebrate our new space together!

FRIDAY
9 AM-11 AM **MAY 9TH**
113 S. JOHN WAYNE DRIVE

Chamber Ribbon Cutting at 8:15 AM

New Location • New Logo • Same Mission

Looking Ahead: June 7 – Airing of the Quilts; chicken salad sandwich lunch from 11-1. Let Pam Deichmann or Ruth Reed know if you can help! Needed: workers, monetary donations, fruit.



We pray for...
Nolan Collins
Pat Kuhns
Tish McKee
Darla Millhollin
Dean Schantz
Ruth Wagley
Ilene Holmes



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6



The Evening Guild Circle made up May baskets on April 27 following church fellowship. The May baskets will be handed out following Church on May 4th and delivered to shut-ins that same day. Please let Connie, Ruth or Pam know of anyone special you would like a basket delivered to or you would like to take to.

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Coming Up...

Sunday, May 4 – Third Sunday of Easter

9 am – Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship, Communion, Rev. Dave Endriss

11:15 am – Fellowship

Monday, May 5 – 10 am – Madonna Circle

Wednesday, May 7

Artful Devotions

10 am – Coffee with Pastor Dave

2 pm - Evening Guild

4 pm – Bible Study

Friday, May 9

9-11 am - CRISP Open House, 113 S. John Wayne Drive

Sunday, May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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It's That Time Again....

Can you believe that the month of May has arrived and all that it encompasses – flowers starting to raise their heads to the warm sun, budding trees delighting in a beautiful array of white and pinks, nightly above freezing temperatures, birds bellowing their medley of hits at 4:30 am, the sound of a baseball being smacked by a Little Leaguer, and then there's Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Graduation, and whew! May is a lot of things but boring is certainly not a descriptor I would use!

What does May bring to you? In addition to those things I already listed, there are a multitude of birthdays in my family. My sister turns 81 on the 5th, my sister-in-law turns 91 on May 6, my daughter-in-law turns 47 on May 10, my son turns 48 on May 11, my step-granddaughter turns 26 on May 15, and my brother turns 78 on May 26. Luckily we're all at that age where a card is as welcome as any gift we could give....good thing, because that's what they're all getting.

What does May mean to you? The other side of May is that May 17 is the anniversary of my husband's death. I try to wrap myself around the good of the month – people, celebrations and good times, but sometimes that date will creep up on me and bring me down to a place of despair and torment. I try not to stay in that place, but you who have lost a spouse know all too well that it's often easier said than done.

That's when I look to my Bible for an encouraging Psalm. Psalm 46:5 says "God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day." Psalm 23:6 is one of much comfort to me: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." What Psalm do you turn to when you need an uplifting message? Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." And there are many others that bring peace to a wounded heart.

So no matter what May holds in store for you, know that God goes with you – to every game, to every picnic, to every celebration, and God even goes with you on those days that are hard – God breaks through the clouds of despair and brings light to your heart if we only believe.... *Dalene*