

Hope's Happenings May 2026

Jesus said to the disciples, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." John 14:18-19



Dear Members Hope,
Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will actually be spring! We have had every kind of weather since I started here—snow, ice, hail, thunderstorms, and glorious warm sunshine. I think winter is finally over. One of the joyful rites of spring is that we usually see a spike in church attendance on Mother's Day. It warms my heart that when we ask our moms and grandmas what they want to do on Mother's Day, many of them say, "I would like us to go to church together."

The Gospel reading for Mother's Day is a passage from John where Jesus promised not to leave us orphaned, when he goes back to Heaven after he is crucified and then resurrected. If you have a mom who loves and cares for you right now, you are blessed and lucky. If you had a wonderful mom, but she has passed on, that was a blessing too, but now you miss her. If you didn't have a nurturing mother in your life, that is a sadness that casts a shadow on your heart. Many kind and loving people fill in for us, when we don't have our moms. Even for those with a mom around, it's nice to receive extra love, attention, and guidance. Jesus is the only one who will always be there to love and guide us in every circumstance. He promises to never leave us orphaned.

Mother's Day is May 10th this year. It is going to be a special day at church for everyone, whether you are a mom or not. There will be special music, love, laughter, and fellowship. Bring your mom or call someone else who has loved and supported you and offer to bring them to church. I would love to meet them. Let's honor our moms, grandmothers, and all the people who help, love, and guide us. Most of all, let's gather to praise the Lord. Let's honor Jesus, who asks us to care for everyone who needs our help. He never leaves us orphaned, even on our worst days. *See You in Church, Pastor Judy*

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