

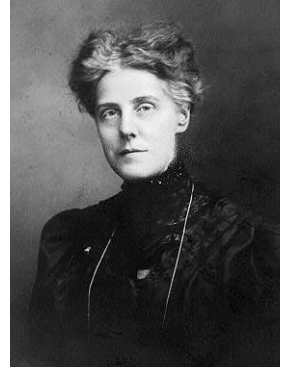
The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

May 18, 2025

Did you know...?

Mother's Day in the United States has a history all its own—and it's more complicated than greeting cards might lead you to believe. There were repeated efforts to establish a Mother's Day holiday and conflicting ideas about what it should stand for and how it should be observed. From a call for women to improve global policymaking and seek peace to a day to honor women's work and role in the family, the history of the holiday reveals multiple insights into how mothers shape the world.



The version of Mother's Day celebrated today is more directly rooted in the work of Ann Jarvis and her daughter, Anna Jarvis, who established the holiday to honor her mother. Frustratingly for the younger Jarvis, most people don't celebrate it today the way she intended.

Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis (1832–1905) bore more than a dozen children. Most of the children died from diseases such as diphtheria or measles, which were common during her day in the Appalachian area of Virginia (later West Virginia) where she lived. Jarvis worked hard in her community to try to help other mothers and families avoid the tragedies she had suffered. Part of a national public health movement populated in large part by women reformers, Jarvis organized "Mothers' Work Clubs" and promoted special "Mother's Work Days," when women would collaboratively collect trash and undertake other projects to improve local environmental conditions and their neighbors' understanding of hygiene.

The focus of Jarvis' work changed when war struck. Her region was deeply divided by the Civil War. Local soldiers fought on both sides of the conflict, and guerilla warfare was rampant. Jarvis insisted that the women's groups she organized help both Confederate and Union troops who were sick or wounded, and she worked to promote peace and unity following the war. In 1868, despite threats of violence, she organized a "Mother's Friendship Day" to bring families from both sides of the war together to try to restore a sense of community. It's possible that Howe's proclamation two years later was inspired by Jarvis; the two knew each other. At the very least, Jarvis and Howe shared the belief that women—and especially mothers—were best suited to bring people together with a goal of peace.

After Ann Jarvis' death, her daughter, Anna Jarvis (1864–1948), set out to honor her mother's legacy by establishing a national Mothers' Day on the second Sunday in May, the day her mother had died. Anna, who never married or had children of her own, did not focus the holiday on peace activism but on the idea of honoring one's own mother. She chose white carnations as an emblem and urged people to write heartfelt letters of gratitude to their mothers (in Anna Jarvis' eyes, sending a pre-printed card didn't count). Anna succeeded in her quest for official recognition, and President Wilson issued a proclamation of the first national Mother's Day just before the start of World War I in 1914.

New Prayer Requests

Darrell Stodard - Hospice Care

Rhonda Stodard (Wife of Darrell)
(Father of Polly Little's daughters - Darlene, Tammy & Melanie)

Baby Brooks Seymour painful skin blisters

Allen Little heart procedure 5-15
(husband of Stacey)

Rex Hiatt - Cancer

Billy Jo Carlisle - Brain tumor

Jon Thomas - Kidney cancer (son of Gerrie Thomas)

Continue to prayer for:

Mitch Raybuck, Maxine Enger, Shirley Dooley, Otha Barham,
Francois du Plessis,
James E. Smith, Sharon Stephens, Charlotte Chaney,
Neal Martin, Justin Dean, Jamie Rawson,
Ceil Coleman, Tom Sanderford, Mitch Raybuck, Robert Phillips,
Nora Goodsell, Daniel Comeaux, Jim Land, Ike Ethridge,

May Birthdays

1st Laikyyn Wilson
3rd L.J. Rue
15th Francois Du
Plessis
20th Mila Fluker
23rd Nathan Gatlin
28th Ron Burton
28th Ashley Wolvers

June Birthdays

6th Tootie Ellis
7th Carol Burton
8th Ridge Brown
9th Steven Brown
9th Debbie Young
13th Robin Thompson
14th Darrell Gatlin
19th Rebekah Rhett
21st Robert Rhett
22nd Owen Hill
24th Danny Young
28th Katie Autry



Sunday, May 18 Sunday Rev. Frank Newell

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Wednesday, May 21

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, May 25 Rev. Frank Newell

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Wednesday, May 28

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, June 1 Rev. Frank Newell

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Wednesday, June 4

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, June 8 Rev. Kathy Vaughns

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. Lifegroups

Monday June 9 No WOC

Tuesday June 10

6:00 P.M. Executive Team Meeting

Thank you to all who in any way helped us
celebrate our day school and after school
teachers this week! Your generosity and
support for them is such a loving way
to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, May 18

Greeter: Robin Thompson

Counters: Neldia & Robin

Sunday Snacks: Malaea Mendiola & Polly Little

Monday, May 19

Meals On Wheels: Nancy Crews

Sunday May 25

Greeter: Luci Wolvers

Counters: Cathy Ellis & Jeffrey Rhett

Sunday Snacks: Marilyn Brown & Carolyn Wall

Monday, May 26

Meals on Wheels: No deliveries (Memorial Day)

Sunday, June 1 Communion

Greeter: Cathy Ellis

Counters: Kevin & Danny

Communion: Regena, Lori & Darrell, Kevin Peterson

Sunday Snacks: _____

Monday, June 2

Meals on Wheels: (volunteers needed)

Sunday, June 8

Greeter: Malaea

Counters: Neldia & Robin

Sunday Snacks : _____

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Lectionary Readings

Week of May 18

1 Samuel 13-14; Titus 2
1 Samuel 15-16; Titus 3
1 Samuel 17; Psalms 27
1 Samuel 18-19; Psalms 42-43

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