



# May

*The Main Artery*



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## A Dandelion for My Mother

By Jean Nordhaus

From "Innocence"



How I loved those spiky suns,  
rooted stubborn as childhood  
in the grass, tough as the farmer's  
big-headed children—the mats  
of yellow hair, the bowl-cut fringe.  
How sturdy they were and how  
slowly they turned themselves  
into galaxies, domes of ghost stars  
barely visible by day, pale  
cerebrums clinging to life  
on tough green stems. Like you.  
Like you, in the end. If you were here,  
I'd pluck this trembling globe to show  
how beautiful a thing can be  
a breath will tear away.

*"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give  
you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let  
them be afraid."*

John 14:27 (ESV)



## A GOOD BOOK

Have you been having more time to read now that we're sequestered? Might I recommend another good book in our library - "Mama Maggie" by Marty Makary.

Mama Maggie is a business woman and college professor who gave up a stylish life to work among the garbage people of Cairo, Egypt. She ministers to the children, washing their feet and calling them by name. She feeds them, builds them schools, and helps them to find work with a future. The work, called Stephen's Children, is captivating, disturbing, inspiring, and effective. Her MO is to get up at 3AM to pray and meditate, then to go to the slums and love the people. Her times of silence, listening to God's still, small voice are as important as the organization that has developed through her selfless love and devotion. It is available in our church library.

# mission

## *Breadbox Offering: Mom's House*

Mom's House will be the recipient of our breadbox offering for May, Mother's Day month. Mom's House is a non-profit that empowers single parents to complete their education by providing free, NYS- licensed child care in a nurturing environment for both the parent and the child. The scope of their care goes well beyond that in that there are workshops in child development, nutrition, CPR, financial planning, and self-esteem. Tutoring is provided as needed and referrals to area agencies to help with over-and-above needs.

Parents must agree to attend school full/part time with a minimum of 6 hours, maintain passing grades, and assist with 2 hours weekly at the center and help with fund-raising efforts. Most likely, Mom's House isn't operating at present during the COVID -19 pandemic, but will resume as soon as allowed.

I've been to the center and it's separated into age groups with age-appropriate instruction and toys. It's an impressive place. If you are willing to help them carry on their program, please send a check during the month of May to the church annotated for Mom's House. If we are back to having services in the sanctuary, there are breadbox offering envelopes in the pew racks for your use that can be put in any offering plate.

## *CRU – formerly Campus Crusade for Christ*

Recently, we supported CRU with a breadbox offering of \$224. We were asked by the organization where we would like it allocated and we responded that it should go to efforts at a New York State School. The money will go to Thomas Rodrigues who is actively working at University of Buffalo and Niagara college to empower Christian students to share their faith in Jesus and to reflect Jesus to fellow students and professors alike. He and others are working remotely to keep in touch. He says, “Although we may be a quarantined people, we have a gospel that cannot be quarantined.” Thank you for your support of this group.



“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, and if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”



## *“A QUIET STRENGTH” by Tony Dungy*

Anyone who is a football fan will have heard of Tony Dungy who coached the Tampa Buccaneers and the Colts who won a Super Bowl under his direction. I am not a football fan, but I must admit that reading this biography, I found myself on the side lines, cheering on his teams. His successes are well-documented, but the man himself is the story. Despite many disappointments and even the death of one of his sons to suicide, his faith in God defined all of his life. The story is the life-lessons he instilled in his teams and coaches, in the way he overcame challenges as a part of God's making him more like His Son, and in his devotion to his Lord and his family and the young people he encountered. I thought I'd list a few of the principles he passes on:

“Champions are champions not because they do anything extraordinary, but because they do the ordinary things better than anyone else.” (quote from Coach Chuck Noll)

“Do what you're supposed to do when you're supposed to do it. Not almost. All the way. Not most of the time. All of the time.”

“Take ownership”-be responsible

“Be on time. Being late means either it's not important to you or you can't be relied upon.”

“Whatever it takes. No excuses, no explanations.”

“What are YOU going to do to make the situation better?” (quote from his father)

These are all principles we could espouse and try to live by. The book is in the church library on the turntable in the entry.



May's Highlights (1908-2006)

**May 1, 1908: Dedicatory Organ recital at MSBC**

A Dedicatory recital was played by Reginald McCall of the Church of the Covenant. The new instrument was a two manual Estey organ containing 658 wooden and metal. (100<sup>th</sup>)

**May 1909: MSBC had 444 Members.**

**May 18-24, 1964: American Baptist Convention in Atlantic City** (5/3/1964 bulletin)

**May 21, 1972: Vivan Martindale becomes our new Assistant Pastor and Youth Director**

**May 29, 2006 (Memorial Day): The Christian Education Focus for May**

WE REMEMBER

Prime Minister Winston Churchill was honoring members of the Royal Air Force who had defended Britain during World War II. Recounting their brave service, he declared: "Never in the history of mankind have so many owed so much to so few."

Of Jesus it can be said: Never in the history of mankind have so many owed so much to one Man. Yes, He was the greatest sacrifice. (MAY 2006 Main Artery)

**May 2006 Bible Verse for the Children's Ministry:**

*"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."*

Hebrew 11:6 (May 2006 Main Artery)





Alayne Costin (2), Emma Root (4), Liam McMahon (6), Amy Allen (11), Reg Dunneman (12), Chris Luckert (13), Bob James (15), Kimberly Hummell (17), Rich Allen (18), Corbin Root (23), Joe Kotylo (27), Rebecca Root (30), and Bob Sevecke (30)

Dating back to the American Civil War, Memorial Day has been a day set aside to remember and honor all the brave women and men who have died, serving our country.



Tammy and Mike Giovinazzo celebrate their 39th anniversary this month!



*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*



*"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow."*

*—Maya Angelou*

*"A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary."*

*—Dorothy Canfield Fisher*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.*

May 31  
Pentecost Sunday

*"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England."*

*—John Wesley*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



*"In Flanders Fields"*

*John McCrae*

