



Happy Mother's Day!



Mother's Day has seen a lot over the century it has been celebrated! The world wars, the great depression, recessions, political violence, and more! This Mother's Day will go down in history like every other holiday or celebration we keep hitting along the way of isolation from our families and friends. Whether you are mom currently struggling with home schooling, welcoming your post-secondary kids back into your space, missing your grown children who live not too far away or having to smile at your grandchildren over FaceTime - hugs and love are being sent your way! HAPPY Mother's

Day!

Something to think about:

I recently read in Forbes magazine online four ideas that suggest an upside to an isolated Mother's Day. 1. A time to cherish what's the same and welcome what's different.

2. A time NOT to shy away from challenging conversations.

- 3. A time to understand everyone's experience is different.
- 4. A time to recognize simply, Mom is busier than ever.

Oddly enough this got me thinking about our faith journey during this time of isolation. I think these four statements can be applied to our faith journey too. It's a time to cherish what really has stayed the same and welcome some changes; the changes may be keepers! Now is not the time to shy away from challenges to our faith; explore, read and learn about your faith during this time ands reach out with questions. Learning that during this time everyone is experiencing this differently is so important. Being willing to give everyone compassion and grace is a great act of love at this time that recognizes we're all understanding this a little differently. And finally ... Mom's are certainly busier; everyone is busier in new ways, so when you call and they don't answer their phone instead of getting frustrated thinking where are they, they should be at home! say to yourself, "good for them, they're keeping busy!"

I truly wish I could hug you all and wish you a Happy Mother's Day or just to have a great day! in it's place I offer you this prayer and send you virtual hugs for now.

Peace & health, Rev. Shelly

A prayer for our moms:

Creator God.

today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mom

With your gift of life, her womb or her heart gave life to me.

She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me your love.

She cried with me and laughed with me.

No one delighted in me more;

no one could comfort me better.

Bless my mom, O Lord, and comfort her.

Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down

and give her hope when she is discouraged.

May your light shine bright on her today! Amen.

Staying Connected

Let's have a COFFEE BREAK together! May 13th 10:30am

You're invite to have a coffee break every Wednesday in May over ZOOM. Zoom is a great way to see and visit with friends.

Do not be discouraged by the technology, it's super easy! Click picture below to link to Coffee Break page on our website there are instructions there.

If you would like a Zoom tutorial contact Rev. Shelly.

Want to join Coffee Break? RSVP Rev. Shelly via email by Tuesday May 12th

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I MISS YOUR FACE CAMPAIGN may still be coming to a porch near you!

You all seem a little shy so I may be arriving one day soon to snap a pic of you from your front porch! Don't worry I'll call ahead so you can get your unruly hair under a ball cap or at least under control:)

OR Send me a picture via Facebook messenger or email rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca

Click "I miss your face" campaign picture below to see who isn't too shy!



i miss your face!

submit a photo tell us something you've been up to! collages will be on our website

Join us Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Send us a picture!

Reaching Out

We continue to reach out to our community during this challenging time. Please consider supporting our monthly Food Drive or monthly special offering.







Support this months special offering

face masks

Bonnie Salomons is making masks! If anyone would like one or knows of people in need of masks for everyday use give Bonnie a call at 519-264-2845. Thanks Bonnie!

Worship

Join us for worship

You may wish to prepare a worship space with a candle, a cross and this Sunday gather a rock (any size) & a paper heart with your name written on it.

Our Order of Worship & worship resources for families & worshippers of ALL ages can be



downloaded below.

for Order of worship Click here! for Worship Resources click here!

Don't forget to let us know you're watching!

Offering & Donations

If you are not on PAR, please send offering by Cheque via mail to: c/o Brian Huston at 8677 Glengyle Drive, Strathroy, ON, N7G 3H3.

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We are sincerely thankful for your continued support.

Thank-you, Rev. Shelly, Caradoc Session and Board of Managers For more information click here to go to website page!

Women of Faith

On our FaceBook page this week we honoured **Women of Faith and their prayers for God's people**. Over the centuries women of faith were not always permitted to share their faith publicly so they expressed their faith and prayers through poems, music, letters and the encouragement of their male counterparts.

Below you'll find all the faith sharings from the week of wonderful women of faith who have impacted my faith journey. Click the link below to read the full posts for each prayer.

Give us this day



... And this most basic and universal prayer of the faith, the one Jesus taught us to pray, reminds me every day that I'm never in this alone, even when I want to be. ~ Rachel Held Evans God, you can do so much and we put ourselves and our lives in your hands Take us from fear to faith
Take us from doubt to determination From grief to gratitude
From chaos to calm
From trial to trust
Loss to light
Tragedy to triumph
Hopelessness to Halleluia
Lord take us from loneliness to love
Powerlessness to peace
In Jesus strong name we pray, Amen.

By Rev. Cherie
Inksetter



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Do it Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;
It was never between you and them anyway. Amen.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta (a.k.a Mother Teresa

St Brigid's Prayer

- I would like the angels of Heaven to be among us.
- I would like an abundance of peace.
- I would like full vessels of charity.
- I would like rich treasures of mercy.
- I would like cheerfulness to preside over all.
- I would like Jesus to be present.
- I would like the three Marys
- of illustrious renown to be with us.
- I would like the friends of Heaven to be gathered around us from all parts.
- I would like myself to be a rent payer to the Lord; that I should suffer distress,
- that he would bestow a good blessing upon me.
- I would like a great lake of ale for the King of Kings.
- I would like to be watching Heaven's family drinking it through all eternity. Amen.
- "Brigid's Cloak" Oil on Canvas by Barry Maguire, Ireland



Psalm 118 Give praise and glory to God for he is kind and merciful; known for goodness, that lasts forever. Remember the prayers of all people, sing earnestly, for our suffering hearts are endless. ~ Olympia Morata, Lady Ferrara ~

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Peace & Health Friends!

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Wash your hands!

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