

Pastor Anne's Message, June 2025

Welcome, June and all that we look forward to in the summer months!

I would like to share thoughts from our celebration of Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday in May. Many times, we hear quotes and relate to some more than others. Here are some thoughts and quotes lifting up mothers and all women who mother others with love.

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers."

"The most important thing a father can do for his children, is to LOVE their mother."

"Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws."

"A Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired; it need not be deserved." (Just as the Love of God is for us.) This is no accident.

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness."

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever!"

"Life doesn't come with a manual; it comes with a mother."

"Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children."

"I believe the choice to become a mother is the choice to become one of the greatest spiritual teachers there is."

Women who have given birth to; OR adopted a baby or child; OR have been 'like a mother to a child' OR stepmothers, have their own "birth" and "connection" stories of (and to) that child.



More than 80 years ago, (1943) psychologist Abraham Maslow proposed his famous hierarchy of human needs, spanning the most basic biological needs to the pinnacle of realizing one's full potential. Mothers are experts in helping their children meet this full range of human needs: from providing physical nourishment and safety, love and affection, all the way up to supporting emotional and spiritual growth. A good mother feeds you, protects you, loves you, helps you connect with others and encourages you to become your best self. She is fulfilling what psychologists have identified as the FOUR important functions of a hero: provide defense and protection; embody intelligence and wisdom; model moral behavior; and promote, enhance, quality of life and inspiration. Human infants are among the most vulnerable of all. No wonder we are wired to be mothers who risk it all to protect our children when they are so small and fragile.

As children, many people watch their mother's selflessness and daily sacrifices and learn that we are all called to perform these acts of kindness for others. Heroes are beacons of hope who demonstrate how to behave virtuously. Sounds like a lot of moms we know. Angels and Ambassadors of God.

Mothers inspire their children to become their "very best self" and motivate their children to develop to their "fullest potential."

Comments from Mothers that you may easily identify with:

"Motherhood was the great equalizer for me; I started to identify with everybody."



“The natural state of motherhood is unselfishness. When you become a mother, you are no longer the center of your own universe. You relinquish that position to your children.” 😊

“It is when you become a mother that your judgment turns to compassion and understanding at a very deep level.”

“There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a great one.”

“A mother’s love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity. It dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path.”

“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” Abraham Lincoln

“To the world you may be one person; but to one person, you may be the world.” Dr. Seuss

May your experiences as a mother and a mothering figure fill you with love and satisfaction. Happy summer days to you!

Blessings to you ~

Pastor Anne

Women’s Fellowship

The Senior Tea, again, was an eagerly awaited event to celebrate the graduates of Plateau Valley. Dave Wallin thrilled everyone with his close-up table magic. Each graduate was presented with a new Bible by Pastor Anne Djokic and Moderator, Julia Cox.

The tea table was prepared by the Women’s Fellowship and Congregational Church women. The flowers and centerpieces were arranged by Berenice and Ailis Yanez.

This long held event began prior to World War II. It became a way for the church and valley to celebrate the achievements and graduation of the students and their parents. We often have three generations of a family attending together, which is a wonderful tribute to the event.

Women’s Fellowship will not be meeting again until September when plans for the Annual Turkey Dinner will begin. Have a beautiful, family filled, summer.

Sue Bellotti, President



Trustees Report



The Trustees have been busy preparing the sprinkler system for the summer. The flower bed has been weeded in the park by ladies from the church. The water bill is becoming a concern so the Town Public Works will check the meter, and we will try to resolve why there has been a significant change in usage.

Thanks to the Trustee crew that keeps their eye on the building and are quick to respond to any repairs that are needed. Thank you, Mike, for refurbishing the sign in front of the church.

Please report anything you feel needs attention to the Trustees.

Trustees Mike Loftus, Julia Cox, Tilda Evans, and Sue Bellotti

Christian Education

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL plans are in the works for June 18, 19, 20th. Rocky Railway is the theme, and materials have been purchased and are being prepped for the classes for children from 4 years old through 6th Grade. If there are any middle and high school students that would like to provide additional help in classrooms or with crafts and science, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Pastor Anne or Sue Bellotti.

We are looking forward to seeing you in June.

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Vacation Bible School

Rocky Railroad

Collbran Congregational Church

June 18, 19, 20

9:00 to noon

For ages 4 through 12

Come learn about God's love for you.

Bring a friend and share the news.



Contact Sue Bellotti, (970) 208-3902, for more information