



The Link - June 2007

Mother's Day First Celebrated in a Methodist Church!

Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mothers Day, was born in Webster, Taylor County, West Virginia, on May 1, 1864, the ninth of eleven children born to Ann Marie and Granville Jarvis. In 1881, she enrolled at the Augusta Female Academy in Staunton, Virginia, now Mary Baldwin College. Upon finishing, Miss Jarvis taught school for seven years.

From childhood, Anna Jarvis often heard her mother say that she hoped that someone would one day establish a memorial for all mothers, living and dead. One incident in particular was a driving force in keeping this wish alive. The incident occurred during a class prayer given by Mrs. Jarvis in the presence of her daughter, Anna, then age twelve, at the conclusion of Mrs. Jarvis' lesson on "Mothers of the Bible." She closed the lesson with the prayer "I hope that someone, sometime will found a memorial mothers day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it." Anna never forgot that prayer, and at her mother's graveside service, Anna's brother Claude heard her recall that prayer and say "...by the grace of God, you shall have that Mothers Day."

On the first anniversary of her mother's death, May 9, 1906, Miss Jarvis, with some friends, reviewed the outstanding accomplishments of her mother brought about through her Mothers Day Work Clubs that were established prior to the Civil War.

Miss Jarvis employed every means available to her to achieve her goal of establishing the observance of Mothers Day nationally. She wrote hundreds of letters to legislators, executives, and businessmen on both state and national levels. Her first real break came from her appeal to the great merchant and philanthropist, John Wanamaker of Philadelphia. With his influence and support, the movement gained momentum. On May 10, 1908, the third anniversary of Mrs. Jarvis' death, fully-prepared programs were held at the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and in Philadelphia, launching the observance of a general memorial day for all mothers.

The Honorable Ira E. Robinson, a member of the congregation, offered a resolution asking that the Andrews Church set aside the second Sunday of May each year as Mothers Day. The resolution was immediately adopted and from then on the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church became the Mother Church of Mothers Day.

The adoption of Mothers Day spread more rapidly than even Miss Jarvis expected. In 1909, forty-five states, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico observed the day by appropriate services and the wearing of white and red carnations. She remarked "where it will end must be left for the future to tell. That it will girdle the globe seems now certain."

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WHO News

The ladies of WHO (Women Helping Others) have successfully wrapped up our latest mission, a "pillow drive" for Roland's House. Thank you to all of our congregation who donated to this mission. The drive netted 28 pillows and 26 pillowcases, some of which were artfully sewn by our own Michele Rogers. Next on our agenda: employing our talents to create hand-made crafts. On Saturday, June 23 from 9:00-3:00 we'll meet at church to cut and sew, preparing items to sell at upcoming craft fairs. Our efforts will benefit the financial needs of the church. If you'd like to assist with this project, please join us on craft day and/or see Michele Rogers or Judy Chaves for a list of needed craft supplies. WHO's next business meeting will be Wednesday, June 20, at 7:15 p.m.

Youth Group News

The Youth Group thanks all that donated, participated in set up or clean up, and thanks for a purchase of your treasured find or a hot dog lunch. We beat our last yard sale proceeds by \$6, at \$631. We contributed \$63 to Conference. Thanks for your continued support!

The Youth Group will continue the "Spare Change Drive" through the summer. Look for our container on the coffee hour table. All proceeds go to the Extreme Faithlift.

ACOLYTE TRAINING for all those interested Age 9 and up on June 24th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, meet in the Sanctuary. The Worship Committee encourages training for all those interested in Acolyting.

From the Education Committee....

June 10th - Join us for Children's Sunday!

June 17th - Join us for Father's Day Breakfast during our usual Coffee Hour before service. Sign up in the Vestry!

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Wilson approved it, and William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, proclaimed it. In the President's proclamation which followed, he ordered that the flag be displayed on all government buildings in the U.S. and foreign possessions.

Photos from May 20 2007



Pastor Linda and Trustees lay hands on the new lift

Trustees past and present gather to dedicate the new lift



Pastor Linda welcomes new members to our congregation





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