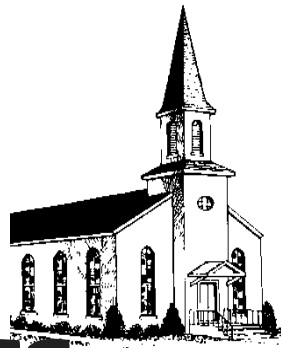


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Is Memorial Day just another day off?"

Rev. Ray Gilstrap, Almena, Clayton & Norcatat United Methodist churches

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ. My prayer for you today is that you may approach Memorial Day this year with a spirit of joy and celebration, not one of mourning. And that you may have God's Word hidden in your hearts in song.

I'd like to begin by quoting from a May 29, 2005, 60 Minutes commentary by Andy Rooney. "Tomorrow is Memorial Day, the day we have set aside to honor by remembering all the Americans who have died fighting for the thing we like the most about our America: the freedom we have to live as we please." Rooney continues by sharing stories about friends who died in WW II and those they left behind. Then he makes one of those true statements we don't like to hear: "For too many Americans, Memorial Day has become just another day off...the men, boys really, who died in our wars deserve at least a few moments of reflection during which we consider what they did for us...."

We use the phrase, "gave their lives", but they didn't give their lives. Their lives were taken from them. There is more bravery at war than in peace, and it seems wrong that we have so often saved this virtue to use for our least noble activity, war. The goal of war is to cause death to other people.

Mentioning a few more of his personal friends who died in the war, he again refers to Memorial Day. "I won't think of them anymore tomorrow, Memorial Day, than I think of them any other day of my life. Remembering doesn't do the remembered any good, of course. It's for ourselves, the living."

I wish we could dedicate Memorial Day, not to the memory of those who have died at war, but to the idea of saving the lives of the young people who are going to die in the future if we don't find some new way — some new religion maybe —

that takes war out of our lives. That would be a Memorial Day worth celebrating."

I agree with most of his thoughts, but I also recognize that war will not just go away. And that while war exists, lives will be lost at war and we should take the opportunity to honor their loss. And, I believe we should not dwell on the idea of lost life, but with all the loved ones whose graves we decorate, that we should dwell on precious memories and on the hope that they believe in Jesus Christ, of whom God's Word says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts

4:12) And, that you are learning to live by the commandments of Christ, to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt: 22:37-39) And that believing the promise of God's Word, you celebrate that those we've lost have been resurrected with Christ to new life in God's kingdom.

To help you celebrate the day, let's again think of some things you can hide in your hearts. In Colossians 3:15-16, Paul says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And

be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

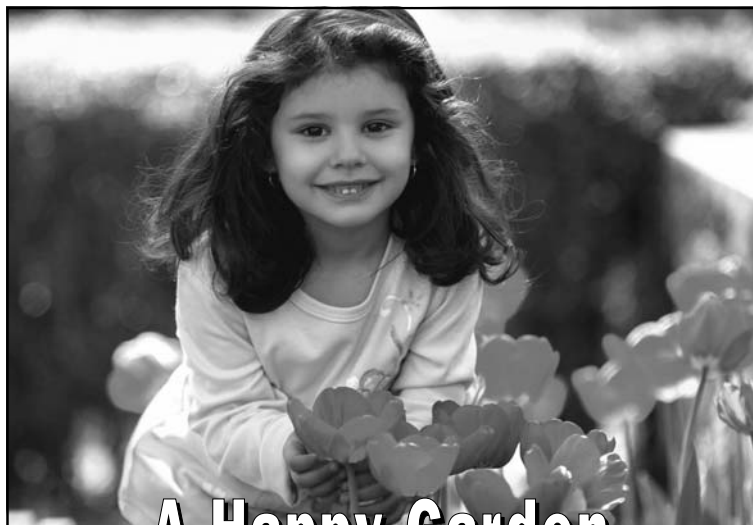
Elton Roth's hymn says, "I have a song that Jesus gave me, it was sent from Heav'n above; there never was a sweeter melody, 'tis a melody of love. In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody with Heaven's harmony; in my heart there rings a melody there rings a melody of love." May Jesus give you a song every day.

One of Charles Wesley's hymns is based on Revelation chapter 7, "Ye servants of God, your master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious, he rules over all, then let us adore, and give him his right...all glory and pow'r all wisdom and might..."

In Lamentations Chapter 3, Jeremiah is discouraged and depressed, then he remembers God's great love. Thomas Chisholm wrote this hymn, "Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided, Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"

God's faithfulness is proved in our Savior, Jesus Christ. And, "those who believe in him will live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in him will never die." (John 11:25)

Have a wonderful Memorial Day. Honor those who served to preserve our freedom, honor those you have loved and lost, and remember to celebrate, not mourn, for those who live in Christ and enjoy eternal life as he promised.



A Happy Garden

A budding gardener must learn one of the most important rules of successful gardening. The better the soil, the more beautiful the flowers. Maybe you can get by with tired old dirt, but your garden won't be as vibrant or your plants as happy. As a child's parents teach her to enrich the soil and tend a garden, they can also teach her how to have a vibrant spirit. In Ecclesiastes 3:12 it says "...there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live." Where can you learn to grow a happy spirit? In your house of worship your children learn about their Heavenly Father with stories and songs. Their spirits are cultivated with His unconditional love. Enrich your spirit regularly in God's House. Feel more vibrant instead of just getting by. Grow a happy family as you worship and learn of God's love!

Sunday Acts	Monday Acts	Tuesday Acts	Wednesday Acts	Thursday Acts	Friday Ezekiel	Saturday Joel
11.1-18	11.19-30	12.1-19	12.20-13.12	13.13-52	37.1-14	2.28-3.8

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NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Callers at the Dale Severns home, since Katherine returned from the hospital, have been her brother, Pete, and his son, Mitch, Lena Skrdlant, Deloris Bozarth, Ruth Meyers and daughter, Carolyn, Alice Field, Glenda Hahn, Aletta Rule, Elmo Yunt, Tom and Nina Melroy, Mary Keith and Donna Severns.

James and Lena Skrdlant's guest Sunday afternoon on April 15 were Kathy and Darrell Skrdlant.

Doris Mizell returned home Tuesday after a ten-day stay with her daughter and husband, Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb. While there they attended the Health Fair and visited the Homestead National Monument of America where they saw a quilt show. Quilting occupied a good share of their time while she was there.

Gary Skrdlant, Manhattan, and Darrell and Vivian Skrdlant, Norton, visited James and Lena Skrdlant for a short time April 21. Gary and Darrell are nephews and Vivian is a sister-in-law. Orval Skrdlant visited James Skrdlant the next morning.

Marie Delimont left early Thursday morning with the VanDerVeen family to go to Dal-

las for her granddaughter's wedding. Everything was lovely but the tornado watch Friday evening. Thankfully, it by-passed. Saturday afternoon was the wedding of Kimberlea VanDerVeen and Chris Atkinson. They left Dallas early Sunday morning and arrived at Norton a little after dark.

On April 28 visitors of Bozie and Deloros Bozarth were their daughter and husband, Denise and Dave Whisman, from Plainville.

Doris Mizell was the guest of her sister, Arlene Foss, Edmond, at the Mother-Daughter dinner at the United Methodist Church Wednesday evening.

Kathy Skrdlant made a brief call on Lena and James Skrdlant, May 2. Heather and Rob Bergerr of New Zealand presented their grandparents, James and Lena with a 8 pound 6 ounce boy, May 2. He is their fourth son.

Guests of Dale and Katherine Severns Sunday evening were Gale and Jim Bird, Almena.

Doris Mizell attended the High School and Jr. High Vocal Concert at the school Thursday evening. The young people and Miss Lee are to be congratulated on the number of I ratings they received at District and State competition.

WILSONVILLE

By JOY STALDER

Troy, Michelle, Adeline and Truman Stanley of Omaha spent the weekend at the home of Troy's parents, Dale and Theda Beth Stanley. Other guests of Dale and Theda Beth were Laura Ritter and family of Selden and Ellen Meissner and family of McCook. Troy's family left for Omaha on Saturday.

Sunday Dale and Theda Beth Stanley went to Selden to Morgan Ritter's first communion and stayed for parties following, at the church and also at the Ritter home.

Saturday Marvin and Marlene Witte, Doug and Kristy Witte, Jake, Tyler and Erin attended the birthday party for Viola Koerperich's 80th birthday at McCook. Viola is Marlene's mother, and Doug's grandmother.

Don Anderson and a friend from Denver met June, Darrel and Tim Palmer, Gail and Harold Fleider, Cambridge, Ila Potter and Mavis Olsen, Bartley, at a restaurant in Cambridge and they enjoyed a meal and visiting.

Tim Palmer of McCook was a weekend visitor of Darrel and June Palmer.

Thursday Darrel, June and Doug Palmer made a trip to Grand Island.

The Cambridge Palette Pals met on Saturday at the Community Building in Cambridge and finished the lessons on pearls and set up the books for next year. Margalee Ruf, Ella Rae ten Bensel and Kathy Lewis of Wilsonville attended the meeting. Robin Marks, Indianola, is the Nebraska State President. After painting in the morning, some of the members had lunch together.

Bible Study was held last Wednesday at the Baptist/Christian

Church, with 15 in attendance. Before the study, the group put in a new rock garden around the church sign.

Mary Lynn Courtright, her daughter-in-law, Geniece Courtright, and son, Riley, stopped at the home of Adeline Ballou for a short visit on Monday. They were on their way back to Los Alamos, N.M. They had picked up Riley from college in Lincoln and were headed home.

Joe and Alice Kasson attended graduation exercises at Clay Center on Saturday for McKayla Vap, Joe's great-niece.

The Double Eight Club met at the Methodist Church basement on Saturday for their annual May Breakfast. Fourteen members were present. Terri Gower, Hendley, presented a musical flash mime program.

Lelia Lang, assisted by Alice Kasson, Barb Baca and Dorothy Ankenman, served a delicious meal. The tables were decorated in spring flowers, and in the gift exchange following, some of the members received flowers for their gifts. The club has adjourned until fall and will convene then with a salad supper at the home of Ginger Rice.

The Baptist-Christian Women's meeting was held Thursday at the church. Ginger Rice had the installation service and Margene Holtze, hostess, served lunch.

The Wilsonville Rodeo committee met recently and decided to have a barbecue following the rodeo.

Mike, Roxy Lang, and their granddaughter, Peyton Lang, visited Lelia Lang Sunday afternoon.

Brad and Renee Holtze, Josh and Drew were Sunday dinner guests of Kenneth and Carla Holtze.

Wade Park and son, Kade, spent the weekend with Tim and Barb

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of Vera Bishop

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 2007-PR-18
In the Matter of the Estate of VERA BISHOP, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Bruce Bishop, as surviving son and sole heir of Vera Bishop, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent; and you

are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 8th day of June, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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Estate of Joseph E. Peterson

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
Case No. 2007-PR-19

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH E. PETERSON, Deceased
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 23, 2007, a Petition was filed in this Court by R. Douglas Sebelius, named as Executor in the Last Will and Testament of Joseph E. Peterson, Deceased, dated January 5, 2007, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate, that he be appointed as Executor without bond, and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.
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defenses thereto on or before June 19, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in this Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
R. Douglas Sebelius,
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