



Welcome to the May 1, 2018 edition of the Bayshore Gardens Community Church Beacon! We are pleased to continue to provide updates on the life and ministry of the church. Also, we invite you to join us in worship this Sunday! Finally, we encourage you to personally bring a friend to experience God!

During the past month (April) we prayed for these folks who had particular concerns: E. Ray Brown, Shirley Brown, Debbie Fahey, Adria Hughes, Mae Luderman, Pat Palmer, Earl Shoemaker, Jeffrey Williams and our Shut-Ins: Fred Geldmaker, Muriel Johnson, Ken and Marcia Russell and Evelyn Tolsma.

The Month of May provides us several Holidays.



MAY DAY on May 1 is an ancient northern hemisphere spring festival and usually a public holiday; it is also a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dancers around a maypole, singing, and cake are usually part of the celebrations that the day includes. I remember dancing a maypole back in middle school (not dark ages).

**THURSDAY, MAY 3RD
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MANATEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FROM 11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**



Five Bible Verses to Pray for Our Country:
Psalms 33:12; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 28:2;
1 Peter 2:9; Psalms 67:4-5
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**On Saturday, May 12th
ALL WOMEN
of BGCC and our Community
Are Invited to Join Us In A
Celebration of Mother's Day.**



**A delicious lunch, fit for a queen, is in the making.
Games and Gifts are being planned as of this writing.
Mark Your Calendar - Invite a Friend!!**



MAY 28, 2018

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Dear Lord, lift the hearts for whom this holiday is not just diversion, but a painful memory and continued deprivation. Bless those whose dear ones have died. We remember with compassion and heartfelt thanks those who have died serving their country. Amen.

Thank you to all our Veterans who have given of themselves for our freedom.

May Newsletter

Dear friends of Bayshore Gardens Community Church--

Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ! We are blessed beyond measure by the love and grace of God. In Christ, we are loved forever and ever. And there is nothing that can separate us from God's love. What a joy it is to walk in that very profound truth together as together we seek to Love God and Love Others!

As always, I remain grateful to walk alongside of you as your friend and pastor as we do our part to make this world a better place for the glory of God! I am thankful to both God and YOU for such a wonderful privilege.

Coffee with the pastor will continue through this month. It is always a wonderful time and the beauty of it is we never really know what will come up in conversation as we discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday.

Mothers Day Luncheon! Ladies, please bring some friends along to celebrate! See newsletter and church bulletin for more info, or call the church office to get signed up!

Memorial Day. Since the Civil War (then officially in 1971) we as Americans have been observing Memorial Day at the end of May each year. So very much more than just an excuse to barbecue, this is the time when we remember and honor the brave and selfless men and women who have given their lives in service in our military. We enjoy great and incredible freedoms because of their sacrifice. And I know that you will join in gratitude this Memorial Day.

We are in need of a few more volunteers for our Vacation Bible Camp, please contact the church office to let Melinda or Roxanne know how you can help!

Lastly, the church bells should be up and ringing so very soon, maybe even by Mothers Day! We will keep you posted and you will hear them soon!

See you on Sunday (Or maybe you will see us online as Sunday services are online for you to watch)!

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Pastor Dustin

Amount Needed for April's Monthly Budget	Amount Received for April's Monthly Budget
\$ 3,648.68 x 5 Sundays = \$ 18,243.40	\$ 15,035.00 General Budget

Please remember that our expenses continue even when you cannot be here.

To save mounting postage costs, we would prefer to send the newsletter to you via email if you have email access. If not, we would be happy to continue sending the newsletter via postal mail. You may let the office know at belltower3@verizon.net or by calling the church office at (941) 755-3503. Thanks!