



**15th Annual Walk/Run for
N.I.C.E Center
Sunday, May 7th, 2017**

Join us for an afternoon 3.1 mile walk/run through beautiful scenic Shabbona State Park. Registration is at 1:00 pm– 1:30 pm at Indian Creek High School Cafeteria, STEP OFF from the Indian Creek High School parking lot at **1:30 pm. Drink, rest stops, courtesy cars and emergency staff will be on hand.**



Confirmation Sunday
will be Sunday,
June 11 at 9:30 a.m.
The service will be held
at the United Methodist
Church and will celebrate the
Confirmation of Cameron
Russell and Delia Diehl.
Please come and join us for this
celebration of a new member of
our church family.

**ARMED FORCES WEEKEND
MEMORIAL
WWII BATTLE REENACTMENT
MAY 20-21, 2017**

- Vintage WWII aircraft flyovers
- Hundreds of Uniformed Re-enactors
- Vintage WWII Tanks, Jeeps, and Motorcycles
- Period Style USO Show
- Activities for All Ages
- Food and Beverages Available

**VETERAN'S TENT
PUBLIC WELCOME**

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There will be in a flurry of activity on the following dates due to the Waterman all town garage sales.
May 4th, 5th and 6th, (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).
Be on the lookout for extra cars and walkers.
The Village of Waterman may be a bit congested!



Vacation Bible School will be held June 27th - June 30th, with the hours from 9:30 am till noon. *Monday, June 26th will be set-up day.* Our theme this year is **“Hero Central”**. We will again use the New Beginnings team to lead our Bible School. The Christian Education Committee will be looking for volunteers to help with Bible School; volunteers to bring food for our New Beginnings team for breakfast and lunch; and any other task that comes up. A list of items needed will be posted ASAP.

*Thank you
for being
a blessing.*

Pulpit Leaders for April:

April 2nd : Communion Worship officiated by Reverend Peder Carlson, Pastor Emeritus.

April 9th. Palm Sunday, officiated by CLP Charles Johnson.

April 13th. Our joint Maundy Thursday Service officiated by Pastor Paul Lee at the United Methodist Church

April 16th. Our joint Easter Sunday Service officiated by Pastor Paul Lee at the United Methodist Church

April 23rd. officiated by CLP Laurie Walker.

April 30th. officiated by CLP Charles Johnson.

Hope Haven: May 31st– it is WPC’s turn to serve, watch for a sign up sheet soon!



Lilies given in memory and/or honor of:

Marjorie & Jack Meredith, Alice & Lawrence Baie,
Wayne Stryker

Given by: Mary and Dave Stryker

Dimon Roberts, Melba Roberts, Nellie Roberts

Given by Melba Speelman

Janet Wild, Jack Wild,

Given by: Jay, Christine and Olivia Monteiro

Julius & Marcella Monteiro, Carl & Marion Larsen

Given by: Brent, Jay, Christine and Olivia Monteiro

Susanne Brown

Given by: the Conley Family

Clyde & Mary MacDougall, Everette S MacDougall,

Given by: Herb and Donna Leifheit

Robert & Lucile Brines, Walter & Irene Eichelberger

Given by: David & Susan Eichelberger

Paul G. Johnson, Dixie North,

Paul A. & Olive Johnson, Harry & Betty Houghtby,

Keith & Erline North,

Given by: the Russell, Johnson and North families

There are a few churches that support NICE by doing a monthly collection of a named item from their congregations. It is usually an item that is expensive for the Center to buy or that is very popular. **We are now collecting for the month of May and we would like to collect salad dressing.** The items can be put into the collection box in the Narthex.

Watch the newsletter and bulletins for what we will be collecting each month.

Thank you for your support!!

The families that come to the NICE Center are very appreciative of all that you do.



MAY 2017

Yay, Warmer Weather! Our focus of spring time and Easter in April brought wonderful conversations about new beginnings. We will continue this same idea through May as we watch our plants grow and talk about their life cycle. Our teachings on Jesus and his journey through this world will come to an end in the beginning of May as we start our biblical review from the year.

We have started a flower shop in our dramatic play area and look forward to playing with birds, their eggs and nests in our block area. Mother's day is right around the corner and the children are working hard to make a special gift for their moms. In our science area we will be learning about frogs and butterflies. With the warmer weather we hope to be outside finding spring's blessings during our "spring nature hunt".

Class will come to an end on May 17th & 18th here at Open Hands. On May 19th we will have one last get together at the Lions Park to celebrate the great school year! Both classes and their families will enjoy some crafts, lunch and play time on the playground.

~Open Hands is currently enrolling for both classes, please pass the word around to anyone with 3-6 year old children. There is a registration form on the churches webpage that can be printed out or feel free to email us at openhandschool@aol.com

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- *Everyone that made this year so wonderful for the children and our staff!
- *All who participated in OH Spring fundraiser.
- *Waterman Community Chest for their generous donation towards OH Classroom!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 19th—OH End of the Year Picnic, 10:00am, Lions Park. All invited!

Ms. Prusa ~ ~ Mrs. Hardenbergh ~ ~ Mrs. Merchant ~ ~ Mrs. Nix

VACATION: WPC Church secretary will be on vacation June 25th thru July 4th. June newsletter items will be due into the church office by Sunday, July 2nd



Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as Mothering Sunday." Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s because of the efforts of Anna Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity.

While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies. Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

WHAT: National Day of Prayer Gathering, hosted by WOW/Women of the Word

WHEN: May 4, 2017, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Waterman Presbyterian Church, 250 N. Cedar, Waterman

WHO: All men and women of Prayer

WHY: To join in Prayer and Petition for our nation. I Timothy 2:1-4, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ..."