

Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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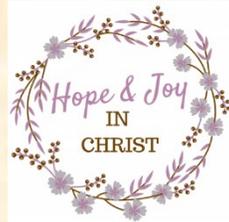
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For Today:

Not a Fan of Mother's Day

My youth was a mess filled with sin and pain. At the age of 15, I miscarried my first child. Afterward, the doctor sat me down for a good 'talking to' and explained my future. "There is something wrong with you" still echoes in my mind. "It is likely that you will never have children." That day marked the beginning of many dark years in my life. I would never be a mother – all my dreams were crushed with that one sentence.



The enemy began to whisper lies – lies I believed. I was damaged, broken, not good enough to be a mother. Life seemed hopeless – a bleak future stretched out before me. My life would be meaningless, loveless, and hopeless, until I died (and I prayed for death daily). Does that snake ever whisper lies to you? The "diagnosis" was paired with many harsh words from well-meaning adults in my life. "Gods calling on your life may not include motherhood" they suggested. "You are blessed to have lost that child. It would have ruined your life," they assured.

I crashed into depression – shunning anything and everything that had to do with children (still a child myself). My relationship with my mother was broken. She did the best that she could with me, but I was a handful, and she was in a place of brokenness herself. That was the start of my dislike for Mother's Day.

Every year on Mother's Day, I sat in bitterness at church. Unexpectedly, I had company. It seems many women struggle with Mother's day. Women who never had children, lost children, who's children had grown distant, had a difficult relationship with their living mother, or who had lost their mother. For many of us, Mother's Day was and is a challenge.

I was blessed by many Spiritual Mothers—women who walked with me through my dark time. They encouraged me to stop living in the brokenness of lost dreams. They encouraged me with Scripture, and it changed me. God restored my relationship with my mother, but it was hard to learn to forgive. God had to take me on a journey to find a pathway to forgiveness. That pathway leads to freedom.

God had a plan, although I didn't understand it 20 years ago. I wish I could wrap my arms around that 15-year-old girl and tell her God loved her, that she wasn't broken and shouldn't live her life hopelessly... but I can't go back. All I can do is tell you. God loves you. God has a plan for your life, and you can trust Him.

You are not broken, either. There is hope in Jesus Christ that can cover all the hurt. So many years ago, I chose that as my name and my calling—Hope Joy in Christ. It can be yours!

from hopejoyinchrist.com

A Mother is a Gift from God graphic. The top half features a close-up of yellow and pink daisies. The text "A Mother is a Gift from God" is written in a large, elegant script font. Below the text is a black and white illustration of a mother holding a young child. The bottom half of the graphic is a light green background with a large yellow daisy in the foreground.

A Mother
is a Gift from God

A mother's smile to greet us
at the rising of the sun,
A mother's gentle comfort
when the day is done,
A mother's love to hold us
each season of the year...

A mother is a gift from God
we hold forever dear.

Every good gift and every perfect
gift is from above, and cometh
down from the Father.
James 1:17

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Sabbath, May 8, 2021



Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome	Wally Remitz
Sabbath School Superintendent	Wally Remitz
<i>Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:35 a.m.</i>	Robert Steele

God's Family in Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Hymn of the Month, "Hold Fast Till I Come"	Hymn 600
Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m.	Wally Remitz
Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.	
Opening Hymn, "This Is My Father's World"	Hymn 92
Scripture: Proverbs 23:26 (see below)	
Prayer and Praise	
Congregation Hymn	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.</i>
Call for Morning Offering:	Disaster and Famine Relief
Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	Hymn 694
Children's Story	Jayne Betat
Special Music	Clark Fork Ensemble
Sermon:	At the Door Olaf Betat
Closing Hymn, "Jesus Paid It All"	Hymn 184
Benediction	

*My son, give me thine heart, and
let thine eyes observe my ways.*

Proverbs 23:26

Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please join us for potluck in the Fellowship Hall, following our service. Vegetarian/vegan contributions preferred.

Announcements

Church Board Meeting, Sunday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. Our agenda for this brief meeting will be:

- Review of food bank storage solutions
- Health Testing on June 9
- Schedule a work bee for painting the church
- Schedule regular board meetings for the rest of 2021
- Schedule communion services for the rest of the year
- Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend.



General Conference Presents Global Camp Meeting, May 19–23:

The Adventist Virtual Global Camp Meeting will bring the entire world church together to worship, be inspired, and learn. Powerful preaching, more than 400 online seminars, roundtable discussions with church leaders, and an exhibit hall with more than 100 Adventist organizations sharing their resources for mission. To register, go to 2021.campmeeting.com.

Virtual Camp Meeting, June 14–19. Main speakers are Randy Maxwell, Ron Halvorsen, Jr., and John Freedman. More information will be coming, and will be posted on our camp meeting page at uccsda.org/campmeeting.

Clark Fork Vacation Bible School, Week of June 14, every day from 9 a.m. to noon: Theme "Guarding the Castle," led by Yvonne Eller-Hunt.

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays from 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group is continuing its study of the book of Daniel. All are welcome to attend!

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, please call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526. No matter how small, no matter how large your request!

Quote from a recent letter from Minner Labrador Jr., President, UCC:

Jason Worf, our pastor up in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, has an amazing story about a couple that recently moved to the area. In their move, they stumbled upon an old George Vandeman book, "Planet in Rebellion." It sparked an interest and they started doing their research. The couple is now scheduled to be baptized this Spring! God is so good. He is always winning. The Lord is unstoppable!

Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 8:09 p.m.; next Friday night: 8:17 p.m.