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THE COMMUNICATOR – MAY, 2018
MOTHER’S DAY/ GRADUATIONS



Ada/Minneapolis United Methodist Community
Christ’s Ambassadors by Inviting, Sharing, Nurturing and Forgiving
From the Heart of the Pastor!

On Sunday April 29, 2018, I announced to the Minneapolis/Ada United Methodist Community that I will be moving to a new appointment beginning July 1, 2018. This announcement triggered the beginning of a transitional process that involves the clergy and laity within the United Methodist Community as well as the larger community. Countless times the bible identifies God as “the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob” because God, being eternal, thinks long term. Ministry is a relay and not competition! Paul reminds the church at Corinth that, “I planted and Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants and the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each! For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's fields, God's buildings.” ! Corinthians 3:6 – 9. In ministry, we must run the race, but run it keeping in mind those who have run before us and those who will run after us. I am thankful and thoughtful of all the clergy and laity who have been part of this Minneapolis/Ada United Methodist Community; the majority of whom have since passed on. Those who have passed on now form a cloud of witnesses watching from beyond while those living form part of our extended family. I give thanks to all these for the good work they did. Let us give thanks to God for their vision and foresight; their hard work and sacrifices, remembering Paul's words to the Romans that “ suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us ,because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” Romans 5: 3 – 5. In high school, I was part of our relay teams. I loved it. In a relay race the most important and crucial part of the race is the handoff or changeover. This requires honest and vulnerable communication. No matter how fast the other team is, if the batton is dropped, they will be disqualified. The interesting thing about the passing of the baton is that there is a range of space known as the exchange zone where it can be passed. We are, as a church at a transition, or passing zone. I thank you all for the work we have been doing together.. We have been building on the work of Saints; those who have gone before us. Those who have given us so much. Yes, we have experienced good days and some bad days. I have made some mistakes, genuine mistakes. I am just human! I hope I have not run anyone from the church. My greatest comfort is the knowledge that we have a forgiving God and we have the capacity to forgive each other. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, being eternal, thinks long term! The future is bright! We are not alone! God is with us as our territory is being expanded. We have a future to take care of for the sake of future generations. Jeremiah reminds us that, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places from which I sent you into exile.” Jeremiah 29:11 – 14. Let us transition with hope! Let us let the Holy Spirit lead us to the next level of our calling. Let us pray for one another. I, for sure will be praying for you and your new pastor. I hope you will be praying for me also.

Thank you all. God bless you all.
Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza.

MAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

LITURGISTS

6 - Tamala Lott
13 - Tamala Lott
20 - Dale Henderson
27 - Lance Johnson

ACOLYTES

6 - Kaleb and PJ Ocker
13 - Maddy and Dalton Krueger
20 -
27 -

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

6 - Shayla Bailey
13 - Puppeteers
20 - Jill Runnion
27 - Pastor Kennedy

GREETERS

6 - Eldin and Jane Smith
13 - Eldin and Jane Smith
20 - Al and Joan Miles
27 - Steve and Pat Baccus

NURSERY

6 - Becky McDuffee & Deb Pounds
13 - Becky McDuffee & Angie Darrow
20 - Becky McDuffee & Tamala Lott
27 - Becky McDuffee, Paul & Kristi Ocker

ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Rick & Deb Nichols
25 - Steve & Pat Baccus
29 - Nickolaus & Andrea Hernandez
31 - Justin & Anne Abell

BIRTHDAYS

4 - Tammy Knox and John Darrow
10 - Linda Rae Hendrixson and Garrett Pounds
11 - Breckin Dean Weatherman
12 - Gretchen Cleveland
14 - Rodger Peck
14 - Bryan Weatherman
17 - Cody and Ty Hamm
20 - Andrew Kuder
26 - Evan Atwell
29 - Susan Mukwindidza
30 - Meleah Griffin

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – ADULT

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following are the lessons that will be discussed in May:

6 - Giving From a Generous Heart
13 - Bringing First Fruits
20 - Remembering With Joy
27 - Rejoicing in Restoration



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, 5-15 - 7:00 p.m. UMW in the Fellowship Hall, Ena Ealihovic, MHS exchange student from Montenegro will present about her home country. All are welcome to join in for a time of information and fellowship as we encourage her on her life journey. Tea and cookies will follow the presentation. A brief business meeting will follow.

Friday, 5-25 - 8:00 a.m. UMW Bake Sale downtown in front of the Lyon's Den. Come for fresh baked goods. Proceeds will go to Missions.

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

On Sunday, May 13, the Outreach/Fellowship Committee will be having cake and punch at 9:30 a.m. prior to Worship Service to honor all graduates. The Bulletin Board has been placed in the Foyer to acknowledge graduates. If someone needs added they will need to contact me.

ntkrueger@twinvalley.net or 785-826-5702.

Also, on May 13, we'll be celebrating Mother's Day with goodies given out for Mom's in attendance at church.

There will be no Second Sunday Dinner
We'd love future plans for the graduates also.
Deb Nichols and Tammy Krueger,
Co-chairpersons

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

June 3 at 9:30 a.m. will be the annual Outdoor Service at the Bennington State Lake. This will be a combined service for the Ada and Minneapolis Churches.
Colette Henderson and Pat Baccus,
Co-chairpersons

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

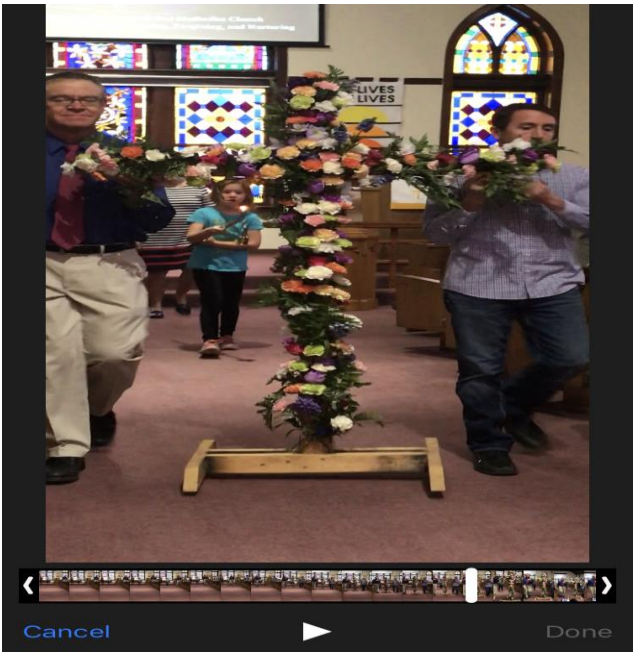
Please remember to pay for and pick up your Silent Auction items.

To the Parents of Church Camp Attendees:
Please pay your \$50 deposit per child to attend Church Camp. Also mark on your check "Camp Fund" and for whom it is being paid.

September 8, Missions will be holding a garage sale, so start collecting your items for the event.

There are packages of shaved ham and turkey in the freezer that are for sale. Prices are marked on the packages of meat. The money goes to the camp fund.
Blythe Atwell and Rosalee Tibbits, Co-chairpersons

EASTER SUNDAY



Dale Henderson and Justin Abell carrying the cross covered with flowers out of the sanctuary after Easter Sunday service.

World Day of Prayer Schedule - May 3

Spread the Word that the Rain Location for the National Day of Prayer is at the Community Bldg. See the schedule if it doesn't rain. If it does rain we will just do all of this in the community building!

6:30 Worship - Luke Park in Ada at the Bottom of the Hill on Main Street

6:40 Prayer Journey

1 st Station	Granary	Farmers
2 nd Station	Firehouse	Emergency Services

3 rd Station	Post-Office	Federal, State, Local Governments
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4 th Station	Methodist Church Missionaries
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5 th Station	Baptist Church	Local Church Ministries
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6 th Station	Community Center	Ottawa County
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7:00 Free Meal -Sloppy Joes or Hot Dogs, Chips, Salad, and Dessert

(Provided By The Ada Community's Churches)

God Bless,
James D. Blake
Pastor of the Ada-Minneapolis Baptist Parish
Director of New Hope Biblical Counseling Center
IABC Certified Biblical Counselor
Director of Camping ABCCR



The Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation announces the next President and CEO will be the Rev. Dr. Dustin Petz

HUTCHINSON, KS – The Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation Board of Trustees is proud to announce that the Rev. Dr. Dustin Petz will be the next President and CEO of the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation of the Great Plains Annual Conference effective July 1, 2018. Petz comes to the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation from his pastoral appointment at First United Methodist Church of Norfolk, NE.



“Dustin’s vital strengths for this role are his financial expertise and understanding of the joy of giving generously toward a vision that changes lives,” said Bruce Schwyhart, Foundation’s Board of Trustees Chairperson. “We could not be happier that he will be leading the Foundation into its next chapter to continue to develop and deepen relationships with the clergy and laity of our Conference. His ability to lead, manage, and inspire will strengthen the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation’s effectiveness in generosity and in planned giving to sustain the various ministries in our local churches throughout the Great Plains Conference.”

An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Petz has been a pastor for the past 18 years, serving communities and congregations across Kansas and Nebraska. Petz has experience serving on the General Council on Finance and Administration of the

United Methodist Church as Chair of the Fiduciary, Foundation, and Property Matters Committee and the Investment Committee, as well as on the Board of Trustees for Saint Paul School of Theology. He is currently the Vice Chairperson of the Council on Finance and Administration for the Great Plains Conference and serves on the Philanthropy Council of Northeast Nebraska.

“I am very excited to serve God and the Great Plains Conference in this role. The people in the pews and the pastors in the pulpits are our greatest strength. I am grateful for the opportunity to get to know them more closely, as an ally, a resource, and as the next President and CEO of the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation,” said Petz. “My wife and I are Kansans. We both have served in a variety of leadership roles and ministry settings in all areas of the Great Plains Conference. We know Kansas, this conference, and many of its people. I see my leadership skills continuing with the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation, a ministry through which I am called to give back to those of the church of today and for generations to come.”

A 1998 graduate of Kansas State University a Bachelor of Science, Agribusiness, Petz received a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Saint Paul School of Theology, 2003, a Master of Theology (Th.M.) from Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005, and earned a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) from Wesley Theological Seminary in 2013. He currently resides in Norfolk, NE with his wife Shelly and their two children.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 p.m. Noah’s Ark Preschool Board Mtg.	2 5:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Mtg.	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5
6 Communion 1:30 p.m. Parker Roth’s Piano Recital	7 6:00 p.m. OCMA Family Pot Luck Picnic Markley Park	8	9 7:00 p.m. Ad Council Mtg.	10 7:00 pm Noah’s Ark Tue & Thurs Student Program & Graduation	11 7:00pm Noah’s Ark M-W-F Student’s Program & Graduation	12
13 Mother’s Day –No 2 nd Sun. Dinner Graduates recognized. 2:45 – 3:30pm Ada/ Mpls UMC @ LTCGoodSams 3:30 p.m. - Graduation	14	15 7:00 pm UMW Mtg in Fellowship Hall	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 8:00 am UMW Bake Sale in front of Lyon’s Den	26
27 Peace w/ Justice Sun.	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

Noah’s Ark Preschool

The Noah’s Ark Preschool’s year is winding down. The Pizza Fundraiser was a big success. The Preschool earned \$1006.00 profit. This will go toward paying our insurance and state fees for next Fall. Congratulations to Maxton Nagle, our top pizza kit seller. Maxton sold 67 pizza kits! WOW! That is awesome! Thanks to all who purchased pizza kits! We appreciate it so much.

Both classes enjoyed a joint venture to the Rolling Hills Zoo on April 27th. Their graduation and promotion programs will be the second week of May. The promotion program for the T-Th class will be the 10th of May in our church sanctuary at 7 PM. The following night on May 11th in the sanctuary, the M-W-F class will have their graduation, and perform a play, also at 7 PM. Both programs will be a delight, as they always are. The kids are so much fun to watch. The church is welcome to join the students’ families in these celebrations of the kids’ accomplishments. Our sanctuary will be filled with moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas. Aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings. Some years it is standing room only. Join us in these celebrations of our preschool year.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall both nights. Art work and class projects will be on display and will be taken home then. Please thank Megan Grimes for the great job she does as Noah’s Ark Preschool teacher. Our Noah’s Ark Preschool has gained the reputation of being the top academic preschool in Minneapolis. That is something we all can be proud of. Hope to see many church members on May 10th and 11th. God bless you all and thank you for the support our congratulation gives to Noah’s Ark Preschool.

Submitted by Sharon Foust



JUST A NOTE

Dear Minneapolis UMC,
Thanks again for letting us use your facilities for the National Guild of Piano Teacher’s Audition. The Students enjoy playing the Grand Piano. There were two teachers with 12 students this year, and our judge was from Emporia.

Musically yours,
Verna Davidson, Guild Chair



1st Methodist Church, Minneapolis
Thank you so much for the use of your church for our Music club Student recital.
Norma Gasaway
Ottawa County Music Club

THANK YOU!
I would like to thank all of you for your cards, thoughts, words and prayers for my 90th Birthday.
Donald Serrien

YEAH!
We met our goal for church camp funds!



Our young artist, Riley Bohl, kept track of the funds by “adding flames to the fire” on his drawing.



FOR THE GRADUATE

IF YOU
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YOU
DO

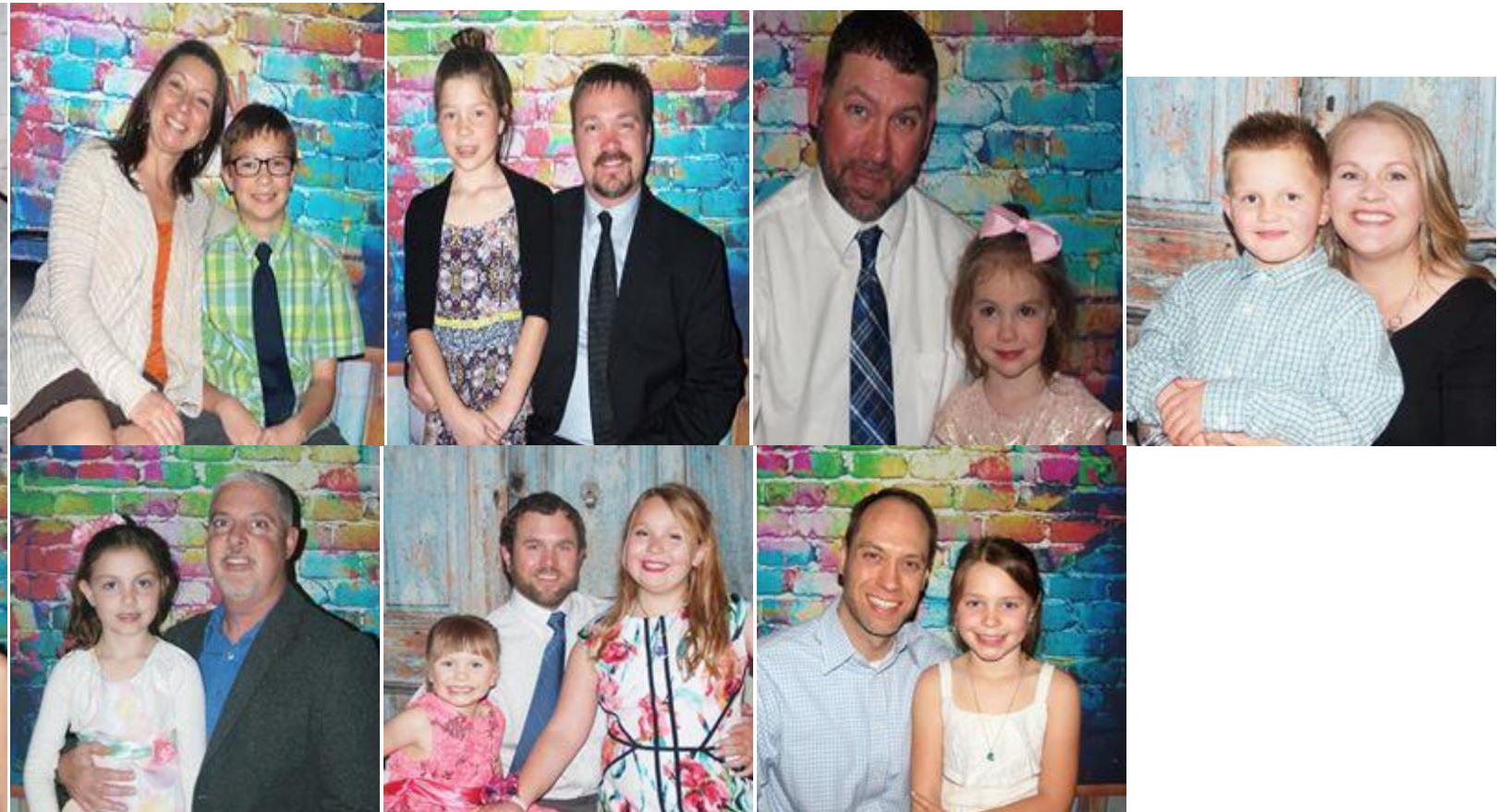
SEE MORE PICTURES TAKEN BY DONNA JOHNSON ON THE
CHURCH WEBSITE

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FUN HAD BY ALL AT THE TIES AND TIARAS BANQUET!!
RECOGNIZE ANYONE?

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Anna Jarvis was the driving force behind the first Mother's Day observances in 1908.



Photo by Bettmann Corbis

By Brian Handwerk, for [National Geographic](#)

As Mother's Day turns 100 this year, it's known mostly as a time for brunches, gifts, cards, and general outpourings of love and appreciation. But the holiday has more somber roots: It was founded for mourning women to remember fallen soldiers and work for peace. And when the holiday went commercial, its greatest champion, Anna Jarvis, gave everything to fight it, dying penniless and broken in a sanitarium. It all started in the 1850s, when [West Virginia](#) women's organizer Ann Reeves Jarvis—Anna's mother—held Mother's Day work clubs to improve

sanitary conditions and try to lower infant mortality by fighting disease and curbing milk contamination, according to historian Katharine Antolini of [West Virginia Wesleyan College](#). The groups also tended wounded soldiers from both sides during the U.S. [Civil War](#) from 1861 to 1865. In the postwar years Jarvis and other women organized Mother's Friendship Day picnics and other events as pacifist strategies to unite former foes. Julia Ward Howe, for one—best known as the composer of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"—issued a widely read "Mother's Day Proclamation" in 1870, calling for women to take an active political role in promoting peace. Around the same time, Jarvis had initiated a Mother's Friendship Day for Union and Confederate loyalists across her state. But it was her daughter Anna who was most responsible for what we call Mother's Day—and who would spend most of her later life fighting what it had become. **"Mother's Day," Not "Mothers' Day"** Anna Jarvis never had children of her own, but the 1905 death of her own mother inspired her to organize the first Mother's Day observances in 1908. On May 10 of that year, families gathered at events in Jarvis's hometown of Grafton, West Virginia—at a church now renamed the [International Mother's Day Shrine](#)—as well as in [Philadelphia](#), where Jarvis lived at the time, and in several other cities. Largely through Jarvis's efforts, Mother's Day came to be observed in a growing number of cities and states until U.S. President Woodrow Wilson officially set aside the second Sunday in May in 1914 for the holiday. "For Jarvis it was a day where you'd go home to spend time with your mother and thank her for all that she did," West Virginia Wesleyan's Antolini, who wrote "Memorializing Motherhood: Anna Jarvis and the Defense of Her Mother's Day" as her Ph.D. dissertation, said in a previous interview. "It wasn't to celebrate all mothers. It was to celebrate the best mother you've ever known—your mother—as a son or a daughter." That's why Jarvis

stressed the singular "Mother's Day," rather than the plural "Mothers' Day," Antolini explained.

But Jarvis's success soon turned to failure, at least in her own eyes.

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Storming Mother's Day

Anna Jarvis's idea of an intimate Mother's Day quickly became a commercial gold mine centering on the buying and giving of flowers, candies, and greeting cards—a development that deeply disturbed Jarvis. She set about dedicating herself and her sizable inheritance to returning Mother's Day to its reverent roots.

Jarvis incorporated herself as the Mother's Day International Association and tried to retain some control of the holiday. She organized boycotts, threatened lawsuits, and even attacked First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt for using Mother's Day to raise funds for charities.

"In 1923 she crashed a convention of confectioners in Philadelphia," happens to loosely coincide with the start of spring. In [Panama](#) the day is celebrated on December 8, when the Catholic Church honors perhaps the most famous of mothers, the Virgin Mary. In [Thailand](#) mothers are honored on August 12, the birthday of Queen Sirikit, who has reigned since 1956 and is considered by many to be a mother to all Thais.

[Britain](#)'s centuries-old Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday of the Christian period of Lent, began as a spring Sunday designated for people to visit their area's main cathedral, or mother church, rather than their local parish.

Mothering Sunday church travel led to family reunions, which in turn led to Britain's version of Mother's Day.

Antolini said.

A similar protest followed two years later. "The American War Mothers, which still exists, used Mother's Day for fund-raising and sold carnations every year," Antolini said. "Anna resented that, so she crashed their 1925 convention in Philadelphia and was actually arrested for disturbing the peace."

Jarvis's fervent attempts to reform Mother's Day continued until at least the early 1940s. In 1948 she died at 84 in Philadelphia's Marshall Square Sanitarium.

"This woman, who died penniless in a sanitarium in a state of dementia, was a woman who could have profited from Mother's Day if she wanted to," Antolini said.

"But she railed against those who did, and it cost her everything, financially and physically."

Mother's Day Gifts Today: Brunch, Bouquets, Bling

Today, of course, Mother's Day continues to roll on as an engine of consumerism.

[According to the National Retail Federation](#), Americans will spend an average of \$162.94 on mom this year, down from a survey high of \$168.94 last year. Total spending is expected to reach \$19.9 billion. The U.S. [National Restaurant Association](#) reports that Mother's Day is the year's most popular holiday for dining out.

As for Mother's Day being a hallmark holiday, there's no denying it, strictly speaking.

[Hallmark Cards](#) itself, which sold its first Mother's Day cards in the early 1920s, reports that Mother's Day is the number three holiday for card exchange in the United States, behind Christmas and Valentine's Day—another apparent affront to the memory of the mother of Mother's Day.

About 133 million Mother's Day cards are exchanged annually, according to Hallmark. After Christmas, it's the second most popular holiday for giving gifts.

Mother's Day Gone Global

The holiday Anna Jarvis launched has spread around much of the world, though it's celebrated with varying enthusiasm, in various ways, and on various days—though more often than not on the second Sunday in May.

In much of the Arab world, Mother's Day is on March 21, which happens to loosely coincide with the start of spring. In [Panama](#) the day is celebrated on December 8, when the Catholic Church honors perhaps the most famous of mothers, the Virgin Mary. In [Thailand](#) mothers are honored on August 12, the

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