

Spring 2023

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“Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.”

Philippians 3:20-21

Our goal as Christians is to become like Christ. This transformation is a lifelong process. The Scriptures tell us that Christ will do this work in us, but we as individuals must cooperate with Him. We short-circuit the process by ignoring the goal and living for ourselves. This drive to live for ourselves is at the core of our nature, permeating our mind, our emotions and our will. We would prefer to avoid the process of transformation, live unto ourselves, and rationalize that we are sufficient and able to do most everything. We turn to God only in dire circumstances.

The Apostle Paul laments in verses 18 and 19 of Philippians chapter 3 over some who have accepted Christ, but have refused to cooperate with Him. Paul says of them that *“their god is their belly.”* They sell their spiritual birthright for a mess of pottage. He says that they *“glory in their shame.”* They justify themselves, and convince themselves of such unreality, that evil becomes good, and they rejoice in their delusion. He says that their minds are set on earthly things, and they lose their relationship to the living God. They are *“enemies of the cross.”* They refuse to deny their natures, and to make the daily choices to cooperate with God as God seeks to change them. Their end is destruction.

Just as Jesus in the Gospel yearned to gather the people of Jerusalem under His protection, so He longs to help, heal, nurture, and protect His followers today. He likens His desire to care for us to that of a mother hen gathering her chicks under her wings in comfort and security. Not only did those in Jerusalem rebel and refuse to cooperate, but they wiped out those who challenged them, and did violence to any who would help them. So what about us, we who are called by the name of Christ today? Will we cooperate with our Lord as He seeks to transform us into His likeness, or will we choose to follow our own selfish nature against His? Lent is the season of inner change. So, let us take advantage of this opportunity and ask the Holy Spirit to transform us into the people that God made us to be!

In the Name of Christ,

Buddy 

*Easter Day
Worship*

April 9, 2023

8:00 am Community
Sunrise Service at the
Dave Clark Pavilion
A Hot Breakfast will follow in
Fellowship Hall.

9:30 am Sunday School
for all ages

11:00 am Worship
Celebration of the
Resurrection

(in person and on Facebook)



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Easter Breakfast



All are invited to a breakfast following the 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service. Meal provided by the Adult Sunday School class. Contact Anne Ward if you would like to help.

Ladies Luncheon

Prayer Group

The Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month a 12:30 pm. This will be March 6, April 13 and May 11.



Hostesses for the month will provide coffee and dessert. Please bring a sandwich.

All women of the church are invited to attend each month for prayer, a meal and fellowship.

Early Church Service

Beginning on May 28, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, we will be changing to a 10:00 am start for our Worship Service. There will be no regularly scheduled Sunday School during the summer worship services. We will return to an 11:00 am start time the weekend after Labor Day.

Easter Party

Our Easter party will be on Saturday, April 8, from 10 am to noon. Children age 4 through grade 5 can learn the Easter Story through classroom lessons, music and crafts followed by the age-appropriate Easter egg hunt. It is a great way for your child to learn that Easter is more than just the Easter bunny and candy.

Message from the PFEI Committee

(Personnel, Finance, Endowment, Investment)

Those of you that have looked over the Church Budget for 2023, may have noticed that we have a severe loss budgeted for the year - \$23,133.38 to be exact. This is a rather large deficit in relation to the total budget. It comes from many reasons: loss of income, loss of members, rising building operating costs, and increasing labor costs (2.5%), just to name a few. Fortunately, we were blessed last year by those who gave special gifts to help us meet last year's expenses; but the question arises, "What about this year?"

I received a call from one a long-time member suggesting that maybe we should consider asking everyone to increase their giving by 10%, which would help address this deficit. We know that not all are able to make this sacrifice; however, I know I am able and have done so. As we look forward to the year ahead, please think and pray about what you are able to give. We want to be able to continue to grow our mission and ministry, through in-house programs, as well as through our local and worldwide mission giving.

I plan to give periodic reports so everyone knows how we are doing. I have faith that we will make it through the year without asking for another big gift to our budget. If you have any questions on the budget, our Endowment or Investments give me a call @ 814-723-3074, 814-688-2073.

Gary Olson, Chairman, PFIE, President of Trustees

March Events 2023

Birthdays

Mar 01 Rylee Arlington
01 Bill Boyles
02 Tanner Robeson
05 Ken Bakewell
05 Jerry Schultz
06 Raymond Barrett
06 Mynda Rossman
07 Mark Nickerson
08 Rachel Hughie
08 Leslie Swanson
10 Eric Jones
12 Drake Lawson
12 Neil Morrison
13 Andrea Larsen
15 Gary Olson
21 Emily Jones
22 Brenda Scott
23 Londa Barrett
24 Anaya Hughie
25 John Schultz
26 CJ Mix
26 Michael Schultz
27 Emma Jones
29 Zoey Spicer

*Happy
Birthday!*

Anniversaries

Mar 01 William & Sharon Boyles
14 Jack & Lynn Collins
17 John & Marcia McKown
22 Pete & Marlene Engman
26 Gary & Kathy Olson
26 Bruce & Linda Swanson

Girl Scout Sunday

March 5, 2023



Lay Leaders

Mar 05 Ruth Morrison
12 Marcia McKown
19 Gloria Lindell
26 Anne Ward

After Church Coffee

Mar 12 Chris & Denny McClellan
26 Shirley Betts/Judy
McElhatten

Sound Booth

Mar 5 Drake Lawson
12 Rick Blumquist
19 Philip Nickerson
26 Kelley Wood

Nursery

Mar 5 Nancy Bullock
12 Susan Stout
19 Nancy Bullock
26 Chris McClellan

Sanctuary Flowers


Mar 5 John & Donna Caito
12 Mark & Sheryl Ash
19 Bryan & Lynn Olsen
26 Gary & Kathy Olson

Greeters / Ushers

Carol Pusateri
Darrell Pusateri

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Penny Sunday 5</i> Girl Scout Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	No School 6 NO Christian Ed	7	8	9 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	10	11
<i>Daylight Savings Time Starts 12</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	No School 13 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Community House Committee	14	15	16	17 	18
19 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	20	21	22 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	27 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	28	29 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	30	31	

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April Events 2023

Birthdays

Apr 03 Bruce Swanson
06 Anna Nickerson
07 Paige Rimer
09 Joseph Arlington
09 Zoey Port
12 Jamie Caito
12 Marge Jones
12 Sara Nickerson
15 Lee Jones
15 Tammy Mix
15 Jayna Sowers
16 Amanda Knopf
19 Heidi DeWald
20 Kathy Swartz
20 Janene Zaffino
22 Chad Hamilton
22 David Snyder
23 Elizabeth Lucks
25 Megan Grady
26 Emily Jones
26 John McKown
28 Lois Marshall

Anniversaries

Apr 01 John & Jerry Schultz
13 Mark & Sheryl Ash
17 Raymond & Londa Barrett
23 Don & Roxy VanOrd (40)
25 David & Janene Zaffino (25)

Lay Leaders

Apr 02 Bill Gross
09 Carol Pusateri
16 Celia Gross
23 Ruth Morrison
30 Chris McClellan

After Church Coffee

Apr 23 Bill & Celia Gross

Sound Booth

Apr 02 Drake Lawson
09 Teresa Blumquist
16 Philip Nickerson
23 Darrell Pusateri
30 Kelley Wood

Nursery

Apr 02 Nancy Bullock
06 Megan Grady
09 Soojye Gustafson
16 Nancy Bullock
23 Amanda Knopf
30 Nancy Bullock

Sanctuary Flowers

Apr 02 Palms
09 Easter Flowers
16 Mark & Sheryl Ash
23 Ellen Nelson
30 Mynda Rossman

Greeters / Ushers

Sally Clark
Mary Putnam

Maundy Thursday – Elders will greet



May Events 2023

Lay Leaders

May 07 Gloria Lindell
14 Anne Ward
21 Bill Gross
28 Susan Stout

After Church Coffee

May 07 Nancy Bullock
21 Jack & Lynn Collins

Sound Booth

May 07 Rick Blumquist
14 Philip Nickerson
21 Drake Lawson
28 Teresa Blumquist

Nursery

May 07 Chris Case
14 Nancy Bullock
21 Susan Stout
28 Amanda Knopf

Sanctuary Flowers

May 07 Bill & Celia Gross
14 Kathy Whitmore
21 Barb Hoehn
28 Lee Jones

Ushers / Greeters

Bill Gross
Celia Gross

Birthdays

May 01 Liam Ferry
02 Caroline Benson
04 Soojye Gustafson
08 Connie Mahan
08 Andrew Owen
08 Bill Ransom
11 Fletcher Blumquist
11 Tristan Brumagin
12 Gary Brumagin
16 Natasha Ferry
17 Danell Sowers
18 Logan Bullock
18 Cindy LaRusch
21 Brodie McElhatten
22 Mary Putnam
23 Chris McClellan
25 Terry Hockensmith
29 Denise Cederquist
29 Brian Wood
30 Spencer Dunagan
31 Jennifer Slack

Anniversaries

May 02 Charlie & Natalie Lucks
03 Buddy & Anne Ward
20 Chris Case & Allen Cracker
26 Harold & Jennifer Slack
29 David Snyder & Susan Stout
30 Ken & Audrey Bakewell
30 Andrew & Deborah Owen




Mother's Day

May 14, 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:00 PM Christian Ed 1	2	3	6:00 PM Deacons 4	5	6
<i>Penny Sunday 7</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Community House 8	9	10	12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group 11	12	13
<i>Mother's Day 14</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 AM Worship	 <i>Memorial Day 29</i> No School	30	31			

May 2023



About the Father's Business in...

...TRINIDAD

Praises & Prayers



Ash & Betsy Aeschliman

Pastor & BSN-RN

Global Medical Missionaries

Mission to the World

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"...so that with one heart and one mind you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." Romans 15:5-7

What joy, what a privilege to once more serve alongside Pastor Ricky Gosyne and members of *Covenant Reformed Evangelical Church*.

We so love and appreciate our long-time police officer friends in its *Inter-Agency Task Force*. These elite men quickly and safely escort our team bus through crazy traffic to and from clinics (see above). They serve under the direction of brother-in-Christ Senior Superintendent Oswain Subero.



In *Beetham Gardens*, a dangerous area of the capital, we are **not safe** without them, but a solid friendship of 13 years has also led them to get us easily through traffic to Ricky's much safer neighborhood, *St. Augustine*, where they kindly help us set up, remain with us and even run errands.



Triage leader, RN Sam Suttle, prays for his patient, for we know that meeting medical needs is temporary but **meeting spiritual needs is eternal**. In 4 days of mission, we are thankful to have touched the lives of nearly **300** patients who heard the Gospel and were prayed over *multiple times* in their time with us.

Lawyer Wesley Ramnarine and seminary student Josiah Gosyne modeled for us passionate evangelism and strategic sharing of Jesus with patients.



RN Sharon Shingleton welcomed many to clinic in Triage and served in Lab and Pharmacy, too. Sharon observed, "While our patients may have been impoverished or severely lacking in medical care, they didn't lack kindness of heart and warm spirits."

Returning lay-servant Justin Brown ministered in Triage plus accompanied our morning worship and devotions with guitar. **All glory to God!**



Wholistic care like that of Jesus (Matthew 9:35) is our desire for each patient. Sweet Arlene, 78, met with Sam Suttle. Dr Sam's face always radiated **compassion** and communicated **'I've-got-all-the-time-you-need.'**



A breast cancer survivor, Arlene struggles to manage her diabetes and hypertension, and she has painful, arthritic knees. She also told Sam, "**I can't sleep**" then shared how she tragically **lost her daughter** a year ago to community violence. **Being heard and validated** were beautiful adjuncts to a mild sleep-aid we could offer... of course, hugs and prayers work well, too!

Arlene next met **OT Michelle Andrews** and received *more* love plus a soothing hand-massage AND a walker to off-load her knee joints and make ambulating safer. I'm sorry these photo-angles do not allow visualizing her **big smiles and happy tears** with both Sam and Michelle.



Certified Athletic Trainer Brooke Owens returned to serve a third time in Trinidad. She and Michelle teamed up to **blend their unique giftings** and a **common love of Jesus** in ministry. They gave away canes and knee braces (never enough—please save yours for me!), did vestibular re-training, taught strengthening exercises and ministered with so much more!

And I'm grateful that God so frequently provides Ultrasound for both vital diagnostic aid and to show mothers their unborn babies. **Sonographer Autumn Fair** has ministered with us in 2 countries so far. Turn the page for a truly **miraculous outcome** after one woman's dangerous fetal-ultrasound-finding from July 2022! **All glory to God!**



Placenta accreta occurs when the placenta grows too deeply into the uterine wall. A placenta typically detaches after childbirth, but with *accreta*, all or part of it remains attached and can lead to post-delivery hemorrhage.



Diana needed high-risk monitoring after Autumn and our providers diagnosed this by ultrasound. Sadly, it was unavailable to her, but God became her *High-risk Specialist!* Ariana was born 8 weeks early last October... AND Diana did not hemorrhage! Ariana thrived in a neonatal nursery for 2 months and now weighs 8 pounds. Autumn and NP Corrie Brown pose with proud father Rodney and his family on a visit to show Ariana off to us. They are now visiting Ricky's church. All glory to God! (Please pray for their conversions.)



Internist Frank Witter and pediatrician Craig Lem completed our roster of providers. Both



love the Trini people and are burdened for their medical and spiritual needs. Between serving in Lab, Triage and Pharmacy, medical assistant Ann Rose Conner was able to shadow them, Sam and Corrie to gain valuable wisdom and experience before PA school, prayerfully, in 2024!

Corrie works in an ER and is Spanish-bilingual like Craig. As in years past, we served Venezuelan and Cuban patients. Receiving care in their heart-language blessed many immigrants!



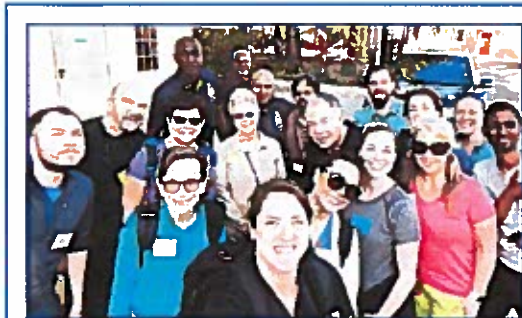
Cheryl Erb, also a lover of the Trini people and culture, served again as "traffic cop", facilitating patient-flow through our clinic stations. She also got to enjoy the kids!



After 3 missions to Trinidad as our expert in reading-glasses, Beth Black could safely add optometrist to her CV! Readers also help patients 38 years old and up perform their jobs more easily and safely. Beth shared the gospel and bathed her patients in prayer after fitting them with needed powers and styles they liked.

The mission' did not end for some after departure. Corrie and Craig responded to a call-for-aid on their flight to JFK when a 14-month old developed seizures. Thankfully they stopped, and only oxygen and monitoring were needed until diversion to a hospital in Puerto Rico. All glory to God for His onboard providence of a praying pediatrician and a praying ER clinician to help a stricken baby and comfort his parents!

Praise God for... joining us on mission through intercessions, encouragements & financial partnerships, either on 'the home team' or as traveling colleagues ...our Christiansen-Aeschliman 'brood' of 6 children & 15 grands (grade 4 to out-of-college-married in GA, AL, MS, OH) are healthy, employed or in school & all walking with the Lord ...a great-granddaughter due in March!
Please pray for... a final provider for my upcoming Dominican Republic team ...Holy Spirit to prepare patients' hearts to receive Jesus through our care & then follow-up by churches ...Ash's and my health as 'seniors' ...wisdom, discernment & guidance for me as Team Leader ...my sister Wendy in OH ...2 Chronicles 7:14 evidence worldwide.
Upcoming Schedule ...February 25-27 Christ Community Church Ladies' Retreat, Thomasville GA ...March 5 Cahaba Park Church, Birmingham AL ...March 12 First Alliance Church, Atlanta GA ...April 22-29 Dominican Republic medical-evangelism team.



Bless you for partnering in God's Kingdom work through medical evangelism!
Until He returns or calls,
Ash & Betsy

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News from the Pews

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News from the Megills



Greetings from a place where we often find ourselves in the breakdown lane of the information superhighway, especially now that Irene (17), Emmett (15) and Alethea (12) are persevering through homeschooling/internet schooling. Tara is a jack of all trades teacher. Irene spent a month away from us in the US this summer visiting various colleges and planning future possibilities. Emmett enjoys local soccer pickup games when he can. Alethea is learning piccolo and expanding her skill in art. We often enjoy a family soccer game, joined by John (10), who is a pretty tough defender. He continues to enjoy the small English-language K-6 school in our community.

We just passed 14 years of service at SIM Galmi Hospital and are thankful for a dynamic team of 235 African employees and 30 expatriate missionaries, serving 55,000 Nigeriens a year. Matt is currently Regional Director and interim Chief Medical Officer, so more of his workday is administrative and not clinical. He still enjoys serving the 1500 HIV patients enrolled in the hospital's treatment program. Tara has enjoyed an increased role with Bible schools around the country.

Sending our love and wishes for a blessed year. From the Megills.

Women's Bible Study

January 30 - March 27, 2023

Teach Us to Want

We all want things: certain relationships, just the right job affirmation from others, a life full of passion and purpose.



Christianity seems to send a different message: Wanting is sinful and selfish. Faith is about obedience and sacrifice. How do we reconcile the longings in our hearts with the God we're called to follow? In five sessions, based on her 2015 book *Teach Us to Want: Longing, Ambition and the Life of Faith*, author and Bible teacher Jen Pollock Michel takes women on a brave journey through their many desires, longing and ambitions.

Featuring real-life stories of women wrestling with their desires-Jen offers insight from her own life, dives deep into Scripture and asks what it means to desire as a Christian:

~Is it true that the hardest, least desirable choice is the most obviously holy?

~Is it true that personal desire must never be trusted?

Jen will show biblically how it's not only OK to name and voice our desires – it's actually holy to. When we freely let God know our desires and allow them to be informed by Scripture and reformed by our spiritual practices, we'll discover a God more loving and generous than we ever imagine.

Feb 13 – Grace, Good News & Scripture

Feb 27 – Prayer & Petition

March 13 – Confession & Community

March 27- Commitment

April 10 – no Study, Easter Monday



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NEW Women's Bible Study

April 24 – July 3, 2023

The Good Gospel

So many of us claim to know the gospel, but sometimes we can forget parts of the story. God has created a narrative of salvation that reveals who he is—and so much more.

Because of the gospel, we can experience life with God

Because of the gospel, we are free from sin and death.

Because of the gospel, we have an eternal hope no matter what happens.

Do we live like we believe every part of the gospel? In this six-study with Jennie Allen, Jamie Ivey and Jackie Hill Perry, learn about the foundation of our faith to discover how God brings us from death to life, from fallen to free.

April 24 – Created for This

May 8 – Why We're Broken

May 22 – The Greatest News

June 5 – The Turning Point

June 19 – Raise the White Flag

July 3 – You Are Free

Note from Deacons

Thank you to everyone who supported the Angel Gift program and the Thanksgiving Food boxes. We could not help as many of our friends and neighbors without you.

If you know of any one in need, please let the Deacons know. They will assist in any way that they are able. Thank you.

Bill Gross, President of the Deacons

Trash & Treasure Day

Boy Scout Troop 13 will have a sale on April 29 in the Dave Clark pavilion to benefit the North Warren Community House.



Donations (no clothes) may be put in the church youth room any time before April 29.

Daylight Savings Time



Be sure to turn your clock ahead one hour Saturday night, March 11.

Daylight savings time begins March 12.

Youth Recreation

Join us 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the N. Warren Community Center. See calendars for the Wednesdays we will be having REC. This is open to all youth in grades 5 through 12.

Easter Candy

Individually wrapped candy will be needed to fill eggs for our Easter party. You can bring the candy to the church office. A container will be placed in the office for your convenience. **PLEASE NO PLASTIC EGGS!!** We have plenty from previous years.



Volunteers are needed to stuff the eggs on Friday, April 7 and 10 am. It takes a few hours, but with more hands, the time goes fast and we have a great time socializing. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Caito at 814-313-1647 for librarylady1649@yahoo.com



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One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

Self-Development of People (SDOP) invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

Received during the season of Lent (February 22 - April 9), each gift helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Your donations to One Great Hour of Sharing are greatly appreciated. The enclosed envelope can be placed in the offering bowl

or mailed to the church office. Final collection is Palm Sunday, April 2.

All checks should be made payable to North Warren Presbyterian Church (NWPC).

Warren Public Library

Toyland Story Time: Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 am in the Slater Room. Join Ms. Susan for a few stories about a little girl named Trixie who is very attached to her favorite toy. The program culminates with each child choosing a homemade wooden toy provided by the Toy Shoppe of Warren to keep.



Registration Mandatory - begins April 1.

Read your way through the Farm: A new reading incentive for a new year. Children ages 2 and up are encouraged to read 25 books about farm animals. For more details, pick up a Read Your Way through the Farm form on the Children's Dept. staff desk or download a PDF form on the library's web page. Participants have until Monday, April 17 to submit their form.

Youth Art Month: Wetmore Gallery, 3rd floor of Library in March (dates tba). Talented students from Warren Co. School District, St. Joseph Elementary School and local homeschoolers in grade K-12 will have teacher-selected pieces of artwork on display in celebration of youth Art Month throughout March.

In conjunction with National Library Week, children who attend Toddler Time on April 24 will receive a copy of one of the 2023 Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child title, which is yet to be announced.

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Happy
Mother's
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MOTHER'S DAY

*You painted no Madonnas on chapel walls in Rome,
But with a touch diviner, you lived one in your home.*

*You wrote no lofty poems that critics counted art,
But with a nobler vision you lived them in your heart.*

*You built no great cathedrals that centuries applaud,
But with a grace exquisite your life cathedraled God.*

*Had I the gift of Raphael, or Michelangelo,
Oh, what a rare Madonna my Mother's life would show!*

T. W. Feddenden