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**THE REAL MEANING BEHIND MEMORIAL DAY AND ITS CUSTOMS**  
 BY [CRAIG HLAVATY](#) UPDATED 7:48 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016



*(Copied as is from the article above ...)*

All too often around Memorial Day we tend to forget exactly why the holiday was created: to honor those American men and women who died during combat.

*(PICTURED ON THE LEFT) CUB SCOUT EASTON KULM, 8, OF FLORENCE, N.J., PLACES A FLAG*

*AS SCOUTS PLACED THOUSANDS OF FLAGS ON VETERANS GRAVES AT BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM C. DOYLE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015, IN WRIGHTSTOWN, N.J. (AP PHOTO/MEL EVANS)*

The holiday, instituted in 1866 in the wake of the Civil War, was first known as Decoration Day. It was set aside to remember both Union and Confederate soldiers alike. It's crazy to imagine, but during the Civil War we lost more Americans (620,000) than we did in both World Wars combined (521,000). By the 1880's, the holiday came to be known officially as Memorial Day. A federal mandate in 1971 set the observance on the last Monday of May. This ensured long weekends for those of us lucky to have the day off to grill, travel, visit with friends and family, and do whatever else we want on Memorial Day.

Given that it's also the traditional beginning of the summer season, there seems to be some confusion by the general public over what the holiday honors. Memorial Day is for the American troops who didn't get to come back home and drink a beer at a homecoming party or retire from their branch of service quietly. They died in the field of combat and instead returned home under solemn circumstances, inside flag-draped coffins.

Veteran's Day and Armed Forces Day, by contrast, both honor those among us who have served or are still serving in the military. On those days -- and of course not *just* those days -- we reach out to vets and current military members and thank them for wearing the uniform and facing grave danger. Memorial Day is reserved for those who can't return a smile or a salute, not to mention the families and friends who have been left behind.

Back in December 2000, President Bill Clinton signed into law the National Moment of Remembrance Act saying that Americans should pause at 3 p.m. each Memorial Day and take a moment to remember the fallen. This usually comes right when some of us are in the depths of a food coma. Set a reminder on your smartphone if you want to take a minute to think about what, and who, we have lost. Fly your American flags at half-staff until noon on Monday. Read more:

[http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2016/05/the\\_meaning\\_of\\_memorial\\_day.html#ixzz49yITU1vy](http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2016/05/the_meaning_of_memorial_day.html#ixzz49yITU1vy) Follow us: [@AmericanThinker on Twitter](#) | [AmericanThinker on Facebook](#)

**MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING**

Pastor Tom's Scheduled Day off	Fridays
Rev. Connie's Scheduled Day off	Thursdays
Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Youth Group	Sundays at 6:00pm
Staff Meeting	Mondays at 10:30am
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:00pm
Civitan Club	3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Standing Stone	4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
AGAPE Chapel	Tuesday and Wednesdays at 10:30am
Girl Scouts #1581	First Wednesday of the month
Girl Scouts #385	Thursdays at 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am - Noon

**JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Liturgist	Linda Jensen
Ushers	John & Marion Barwick
Acolytes	<i>if interested please see Rev. Connie</i>

**A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS** **MAY 29, 2016**

**By Our Gifts**

2016 Budget income needed/week	\$2,737.98
2016 Budget income received last week	\$1,518.00
2016 Budget income this week (under)	\$1,221.98
2016 Budget income year to date (under)	\$14,992.45

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

<b>AGAPE CLOSED FOR VACATION UNTIL JULY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	<b>JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 1:30PM</b>
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL--JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:30PM-8:00PM</b>	
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 6:00PM</b>

**ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS:**

We are asking that beginning next month, when Reverend Jerry Mayo begins preaching at our church, please remember to wear your name tags through July and August to help him learn our names easier. If you do not have a name tag or have lost yours please ask Janet in the office for a new one before the end of June.

Thank you, Susie Cournoyer.

**MONTEREY’S JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

In an effort to update our records and to include your information in the newsletter, please send the church your birthdays and anniversaries. *(Please list the name(s) and date(s) of all in your family who are connected to the church. Thank you!)*

Saundra Houston	(6/1)
Morris Stamps	(6/3)
Diantha Zenrick	(6/7)
Angela Mountain	(6/7)
Crystal Crandall	(6/10)
Ann Watson	(6/13)
Clarissa Webb	(6/14)
Len Durham	(6/17)
Bob Coe	(6/18)
Bob Henley	(6/24)
Ken Walker	(6/24)
Wanda Balsley	(6/27)
Michael Mountain	(5/28)
Amelia Jackson	(5/29)
Regina Wiggins	(5/29)

**MONTEREY’S JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Clayton & Penny Pepper	(6/5)
W.T. & Franny Ray	(6/10)
Larry & Ima Reed	(6/10)
Carson & Linda Goddard	(6/12)
Bill & Kay Wiggins	(6/13)
Ron & Debbie Sontag	(6/15)
Ed & Louise Vail	(6/23)
Larry & Blanche Hessel	(6/29)

**COTTAGE CHAT**

April was a great month for donations and sales. We were able to collect \$400.00 to give to our Agape Preschool! We are bursting at the seams, hence the giant yard sale. The Cottage is showing its age and needs several large repairs. The roof needs to be replaced, the heating/cooling unit has stopped working and replacement windows would be great. Some of the flashing is rotten and the front guttering is damaged allowing more water damage. And of course there is always a wish list as well! If anyone has suggestions, please let me know. Thanks to those who donate food to our small supply, we were able to give out 7 bags in about 3 weeks! Some days the journeys of others are so humbling!

God is good all the time!  
Deborah

**YOUTH NEWS:** In an effort to get out of the building and



into the community, we are going to have a work day to equip our side lot with an activity center. Plans are for a volley ball court, a horseshoe area, and badminton. Many have expressed an interest in a permanent prayer walk as well. This is not just for the youth and children but the young at heart as well. Frances

**AGAPE PRESCHOOL** is now on Summer vacation until July 25<sup>th</sup>. Please be watching for ways you can donate or volunteer for our Preschool when they are ready to start their new school year. Also, you are invited to check out/donate on our GOFUNDME site. Please see Victoria Williamson for more information.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** VBS will be held Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Children 2 through 12 are invited to our exciting Cave Quest Vacation Bible School. We will have music, crafts, science experiments, magic illusions, Bible explorations and LOTS OF FUN! Schedule is as follows:

- 5:30 – Snack Supper
- 6:00 – VBS Classes
- 8:00 – Closing time

**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS**

What Makes a Dad  
 God took the strength of a mountain,  
 The majesty of a tree,  
 The warmth of a summer sun,  
 The calm of a quiet sea,  
 The generous soul of nature,  
 The comforting arm of night,  
 The wisdom of the ages,  
 The power of the eagle’s flight,  
 The joy of a morning in spring,  
 The faith of a mustard seed,  
 The patience of eternity,  
 The depth of a family need,  
 Then God combined these qualities,  
 When there was nothing more to add,  
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
 And so,  
 He called it ... Dad

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Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country. Luke 7:14-17 (NIV)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>AGAPE Closed 1</b> 1:30p-Finance Committee 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 <b>1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)</b> <b>Psalm 146</b> <b>Galatians 1:11-24</b> <b>Luke 7:11-17</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 6:00p-Youth	6 <b>VBS 5:30p-8:00p</b>  10:30a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	7 <b>VBS 5:30p-8:00p</b>	8 <b>VBS 5:30p-8:00p</b>  6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	9 <b>VBS 5:30p-8:00p</b>	10 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	11 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
12 <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> <b>1 Kings 21:1-21</b> <b>Psalm 5:1-8</b> <b>Glatians 2:15-21</b> <b>Luke 7:36-8:3</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 6:00p-Youth	13 <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>  10:30a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	14 <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>	15 <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>  6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	16	17 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	18 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
19 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>1 Kings 19:1-15</b> <b>Psalm 42</b> <b>Galatians 3:23-29</b> <b>Luke 8:26-39</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 6:00p-Youth	20 10:30a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	21 6:00p-Civitas <b>6:00p-Administrative Council Meeting</b>	22 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	23	24 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	25 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
26 <b>2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14</b> <b>Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20</b> <b>Galatians 5:1, 13-25</b> <b>Luke 9:51-62</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 6:00p-Youth	28 10:30a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	28 6:00p- Standing Stone	29 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	30 <b>AGAPE Resumes on July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NOTES:</b>	

