

## The Bridge

You are encouraged to join us for 11:00 a.m. church services.

We continue to socially/physically distance, wear face coverings, and wash our hands as necessary.

Please stay health and safe!

**May 7: "Now is the Month of Maying"** – Jimmy Merritt

**May 14: "And What Does the Lord Require of You"** – Reverend Barry Whittemore – This sermon will ask the question of how one is to be in the world, utilizing passages from Hebrew and Christian scriptures as a starting point as per our traditional roots.

**HOMECOMING!!**

**May 21: "Reverence and Religion"** – Reverend Brian Clougherty – In her book, "Moral Clarity," Susan Neiman notes that critics of the Enlightenment claim it is anti-religion, even atheist. She argues that the Enlightenment was not opposed to religion, but to abuses of religion exercised by religious institutions. The Enlightenment promoted Reverence, a respect and awe for the majesty of creation

**May 28: Memorial Day Weekend Service** – Linda Jones – Patriotic readings and memories of our servicemen.



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### Dates to Remember

**May 11: Lunch at Johnny's Seafood; AUW meeting.**

**May 14: Mother's Day: HOMECOMING!!**  
**Covered-dish lunch following services.**

**Quilting each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise announced.**



## “AMERICAN PRESIDENTS SPEAK ON MEMORIAL DAY”

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Humanitarian, educator, and former tennis player Arthur Ashe once said, “True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.” As Memorial Day approaches, spare a moment to think about the many soldiers who died fighting for liberty.

The 34<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, expressed it beautifully, “Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free.” As another American president, Abraham Lincoln, put it, “Freedom is the last, best hope of earth.” Lincoln steered the country through the Civil War, saved the Union and ended enslavement. Who better to define freedom for us?

These are some of the best Memorial Day quotes from American presidents. Read their words of inspiration and understand the heart of an American patriot.

**John F. Kennedy:** “Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

**Richard Nixon:** “Peace is the real and right memorial for those who have died in war.”

**Benjamin Harrison:** “I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it.”

**Woodrow Wilson:** “Therefore this peculiar thing comes about, that we can stand here and praise the memory of these soldiers in the interest of peace. They set us the example of self-sacrifice, which if followed in peace will make it unnecessary that men should follow war anymore.”

**Lyndon Johnson:** “Peace does not come just because we wish for it. Peace must be fought for. It must be built stone by stone.”

**Herbert Hoover:** “An ideal is an unselfish aspiration. Its purpose is the general welfare not only of this but of future generations. It is a thing of the spirit. It is a generous and humane desire that all men may share equally in a common good. Our ideals are the cement, which binds human society.”

**Bill Clinton:** “You fought for freedom in foreign lands, knowing it would protect our freedom at home. Today, freedom advances all around the world, and for the first time in all human history, more than half the world’s people choose their own leaders. Yes, America has made your sacrifice matter.”

**George Bush:** “Whether we observe the occasion through public ceremony or through private prayer, Memorial Day leaves few hearts unmoved. Each of the patriots whom we remember on this day was first a beloved son or daughter, a brother or sister, or a spouse, friend and neighbor.”

**Barack Obama:** “They, and we, are the legacies of an unbroken chain of proud men and women who served their country with honor, who waged war so that we might know peace, who braved hardship so that we might know opportunity, who paid the ultimate price so that we might know freedom.”