

# PATHWAY

a Wesleyan church

May 13, 2018

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I recently asked my son how many moms he has and he said, “two, a birth mom and ‘this’ mom.” Your mom might not be your birth mom. Maybe it’s your grandmother or an aunt? Maybe it’s a step mom or a friend of the family that took you in? Moms come from different places. Sharing the same blood doesn’t make you a mom. Taking care of a child, watching them grow, kissing their booboos, reading bedtime stories and cheering them on at baseball games, those are some of the things that make you a mom. The interesting thing is that all moms have a common thread. They love their sons and daughters and they love them unconditionally.

We don’t all get to start out life with the kind of love the TV commercials show. Sometimes life is messy, but hopefully somewhere along the line a woman takes us into her heart and becomes our mom or at least a mom figure. That woman “mothers” us like God wants us to be mothered. For that, I am thankful.

In Exodus 1:15-22 there is a story of the Hebrew midwives Shiphrah and Puah. They were instructed by the king of Egypt to kill all the male Hebrews as they were delivered. They chose to be disobedient to their king and didn’t kill any of the boy babies. They chose to be obedient to God and not to the Egyptian king. They didn’t know these children, they just knew that they needed to live. Because of their obedience they were blessed by God.

No matter what kind of mom you are, we are grateful. Thank you for meeting us in the womb or meeting us later in life. As children of “mothers” we love your imperfect love. Thank you!

-Brendon Lake

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## Coming Up

- **TODAY: Mother's Day**
  - Saturday, May 19: Mother-Daughter Dessert Night, Ebenezer Center, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
  - Sunday, May 20: Cookout at Pastor Mark and Ellen's home immediately following service
  - Thursday - Saturday, May 25-26: Multi-Family Garage Sale Fundraiser for Cliff Curtis
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## Announcements

- All Mothers and/or Daughters are invited to a Mother/Daughter Dessert Night on **Saturday, May 19** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Please bring a dessert to share as we enjoy getting to know each other better. Husbands and older sons are invited to come to lovingly serve beverages and do clean-up. You will be richly rewarded with yummy desserts and the pleasure of seeing your lovely wives and daughters enjoying an evening of fellowship.
  - Pastor Mark and Ellen will be hosting a cookout at their home on **Sunday, May 20** immediately following the service. Hot dogs, burgers, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair.
  - There will be a Garage Sale Fundraiser for Cliff Curtis on **Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26** at the Ebenezer Center. You may drop off items on the evening of Wednesday, May 23. Set-up will be Thursday, May 24. Please contact Mary Pohl if you would like to donate items for the sale or help with set-up.
  - WKFM (Wesleyan Kids For Missions) sent \$300 to the Albanian Child Care Project; thank you especially to our Honorary Members (all you adults for Missions) that contribute regularly to our quarterly missions projects. Our next project is to support the Community VBS in Saranac, which will be July 9-11, 2018. Several churches and organizations are raising the funds to make VBS possible again this year. Our goal is \$300 by July 1st !
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Pathway - A Wesleyan Church  
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Traditional Service, West Berlin Chapel, 8:15 am  
Contemporary Service, Ebenezer Center, 10:00 am  
Monday: Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 pm

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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,040 (75%)  
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$0(0%)  
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$10,545 (70%)