

## engAGE Topics on Aging

Course for Caregivers and Dementia

May 15 in Canterbury Center

Come and learn how to care for ourselves and our loved ones during this free crash course for caregivers and dementia. Join us May 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Canterbury Center. RSVP to Valerie Boyd at [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## Vacation Bible School

Register Your Child Now for the Week of June 5th

Registration is now open for Canterbury VBS to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, Monday through Friday, June 5 - 9. Sign-up online. Contact Amy Dobbins at [amy.dobbins@canterburyumc.org](mailto:amy.dobbins@canterburyumc.org) for more information.

## First Things First

Consider Prepaying Before Summer

Canterbury's programs for outreach, worship, and learning stay in full swing all summer long. You can prepay your summer giving even if you are headed to the beach, the lake, or the mountains. Contact Jan Coats at 874-1551 or at [jan.coats@canterburyumc.org](mailto:jan.coats@canterburyumc.org).

## Download the Canterbury App

Stay Connected This Summer

Be sure to download our app so that you can stay connected to Canterbury this summer. You can stay up to date with the latest events, listen to sermons, and our new feature, Canterbury Live, will allow you to watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 AM. It will also allow you to watch past sermons in the Archives tab. Head over to the App Store and search for Canterbury UMC. After you download and launch the app, head over to the sermons tab for Canterbury Live.

## Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of May 10)

Pat Alley.....Brookdale  
Snoozy Jones.....St. Vincent's  
Joyce Swisdak.....Grandview

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Howard Sain.....May 4, 2017

Flowers on Sanctuary Altar

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Anne Elise Henderson & Robert Louis Crook, III, who were united in holy matrimony on May 13th.

Roses on the Sanctuary Lectern

The roses on the Sanctuary Lectern are in honor of

- Thaddeus Marlon Carney, son of Allison & Dylan Carney, who was born on April 26th,
- Hill Henderson, son of Sarah & Hiliary Henderson, IV, who was born on April 27th,
- William Carey Crabb, son of Sarah & Brent Crabb, who was born on May 4th, and
- George William Hazelrig Brinkley, son of Kate & Wes Brinkley who was born on May 4th.



# Traditional Worship

MAY 14, 2017

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PREACHING — REV. DREW CLAYTON

LITURGIST — REV. WARREN NASH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

*“While [Jesus] was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, ‘Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.’ But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, ‘Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?’ And pointing to his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.’” -- (Matthew 12:46-50, NRSV)*

I am the fourth of five children. We had great parents—most of the time. We were great kids—probably only some of the time. There were times for each of my siblings and me when we struggled with our relationships with our parents. Like most of you, when I became a father, I gained a greater understanding of my parents and why they did the things they did. I learned how complicated it could be to both love and discipline a child. I learned how frustrating it is when a child fails to grasp an important lesson on the values a parent tries to instill. And I learned how the responsibilities of parenting might lead to feelings of insecurity and inadequacy. Parenting is a tough job, but somebody has to do it!

Imagine how Mary must have felt when Jesus dismissed her in the scripture passage above. Digging deeper into the text, we see the reason Mary and Jesus' siblings were there. They were there to try to “rein him in” and take him back home. They feared for his life because of his radical teachings. By removing him, they thought they would save his life. Of course, as the future revealed, his family (including his mother and his brother James) became significant figures in the church that formed after his resurrection.

So what can we make of this struggle between Jesus and his family? The goal of any parent is to help their children move toward independence and become successful contributors to society. This process is known as individuation. It's a painful process for both the child and the parent. It's where the child develops a sense of distinctive identity as part of a later stage of development that replaces the shared identity of earlier stages of development. In the scripture, Jesus was becoming his own man. Mary was struggling to let him go.

The quality of the parent/child relationship often lies in our ability to navigate the transition from dependence to independence or, put another way, from shared identity to individuation. It's a delicate balance and one that is more often accomplished awkwardly than seamlessly. That's why in graduation pictures of parents and their children if you look closely, you can see both pride and fear in the eyes of the graduate's parents! Happy Mothers' Day to all who strive to help others grow up. Parenting is a difficult job, but somebody's got to do it!

*Dale R. Cohen*

Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor

**WELCOME CHILDREN!** —Parents, make sure your children get a worship activity pack in the Narthex entrance area. The Children's Comfort Room is also adjacent to the Narthex.



Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



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