

**CUMC NEWS**  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the month of May we celebrate mothers. We give thanks to God those who are still with us and those who have gone before us. I actually am spending time with my mom and dad in Florida for a few days which happens to be around her birthday. How it came about was earlier this year I told Jamie that I'd like to see my parents, just me. And when I happened to look up flights, there was a deal and I called my dad and mom and said when I wanted to come out and the days restricted to the cheap plane ticket. They were more than happy to have me visit. It just happens to be that this year my three siblings and/or their spouses have gone and seen my parents in Florida, whether for vacation or work-related events in Orlando.

In recent years I have learned even more about the importance of staying connected to loved ones, family and friends. It's not that I do not do that already, but in recent years I have become moved to the point of being more intentional about it and not allowing myself to "let life to get in the way" of living and loving when it comes to the people I love. I am really looking forward to spending some time with my parents, revisiting good memories, talking about our family history, and simply enjoying being with each other.

God created us to be in relationship with one another, healthy and Christ-based relationships that allow us to share the love and saving grace of Christ through our loving words and actions. As we celebrate our mothers this month, take time to give thanks to God for all those God has placed in your life. And as you're able, do more than give thanks; build upon those gifts of relationships.

In Christ's Love,

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