

 **THE MESSENGER** 
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“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”

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Psalm 19:1 states, “the heavens declare the glory of the Lord, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork” This is one of the clearest biblical statements that nature itself is meant to show the greatness of God. That is, the heavens are declaring and the sky is proclaiming the creative work of God. What we see in nature is meant to constantly show us that God exists and tells us what an amazing Creator He truly is.

In God’s hands, spring brings feelings of renewal, optimism, and energy, along with sunny days and blooming flowers. Springtime can be a renewal of seasons, often described as a fresh start that brings new life, growth, and vibrant energy back to the world. It represents a symbol of new beginning or rebirth, where blooming flowers, green growth, and longer sunny days encourage people.

All of this sounds lovely-the energy that the season brings, but what of the energy and renewal that Our Lord brings us? He created all these things for our delight. He renews life daily, showing His authority over creation so we can experience a touch of heaven now.

He loves us deeply and, through the revelation of His power, teaches us to love Him in return, to look upon, enjoy and live out a little piece of heaven right now here. In the spring season, God brings a seance of renewal and the energy of days warmed by the gentle heat of the sun. Through the vibrant colors of the flowers and the singing of the birds, He reveals His love to every human being.

Spring is the ideal time to appreciate the Creator for sunny days, birdsong, vibrant flowers, and a sense of renewal. How wonderful is this God in whom we believe and whom we worship.

Pastor Emilce Erato

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA
5/11, 5/18 Girl Scouts 4-6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA

Wednesdays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA
Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

DaySpring Christian Fellowship Church
Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Fridays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA

Saturdays

9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary
1-3 p.m in Parish Hall
9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA

Sundays

10:00 a.m. Worship service
DaySpring Christian Fellowship Church
11:30-1:00 p.m.
5/24 DaySpring Celebration



Bob Skarda 5/12
Ginni Hart 5/15
Virginia Strong 5/15
Sebastian A. Zuniga 5/15
Brian Gasperetti 5/20
Declan Graham 5/26
Pastor Emilce Erato 5/26
Gustavo S. Zuniga 5/29

MAY OUTREACH



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The following need your prayers...

Chuck Albers, Stephanie Baio, Tom Barrett, Teri Biancardi, Tina Bugalia, Terry Catalioti, Gray Collingwood, Marilyn Dreyfus, Richard Fritz, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Joanne Kempel, Ken Kempel, Cynthia Listort, Jane Macchia, Bill McGowan, Robbie Meekins, Chuck Miata, Nicki, Penny Petersen, Caren Prill, Jim Quigley, Joseph Randazzo, David Sacks, Dawn Sekeres, Moira Sheldon, Carl Strievski, Kevin Sullivan, Sanzio Vagnini, Russ Van Tine, and Deanna Ventura.



Memorial Fund Contributions

A gift has been given in memory of Miriam Valder by Lois Altvater.

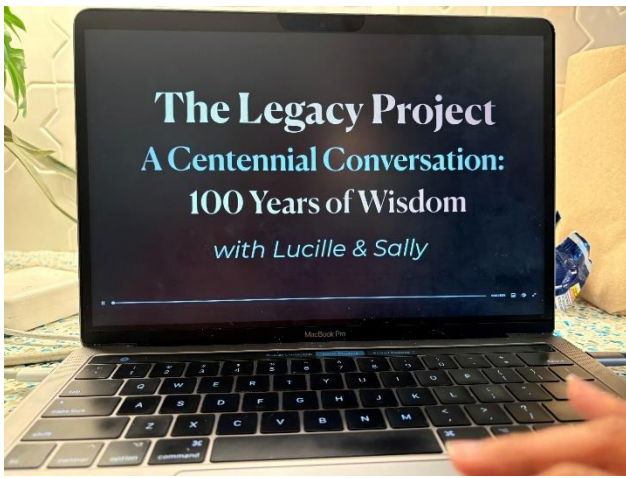
A gift has been given in memory of Miriam Valder by Eleanor and Guenter Betz.



Kathy and Bill Voellm welcome their second grandchild, Theodore Wade Crenshaw. Born

4/17/26 at 4:02 p.m.

8 lbs. 4 oz. 20 1/2 inches.



***The Bristol, East Meadow
February 14, 2026***

On February 14, 2026, The Bristol Assisted Living held a Legacy Program honoring Lucille Fritz who is 100 years old.

Carole and Jim Brosnan attended the reception which also honored another resident who achieved the milestone birthday of 100. The program director had both ladies seated in front of the room and introduced the honorees to those gathered. She told a little history of the ladies and then asking pointed questions she asked them to tell everyone about living to 100,, what were the highlights...what were they surprised about...what was their work history...their early childhood, etc. Both ladies gave insightful and thoughtful answers.

Lucille, a longtime member of Ascension, told of her early childhood, her employment with the airline industry, which afforded Lucille and Charlie to travel the world. She spoke lovingly of Charlie, who also lived into his 100s, and her beautiful family. Her children live out of state and were unable to join in this event since they were just in to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Lucille is just as articulate, knowledgeable and gentle as she always was. The director remarked how well-liked Lucille was among the residents and she engaged in almost all the activities offered.

Jim and I were honored to be there to celebrate Lucille.



Lucille Fritz and Carole Brosnan