

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 118 YEARS OF MINISTRY



Redeemer Lutheran Church
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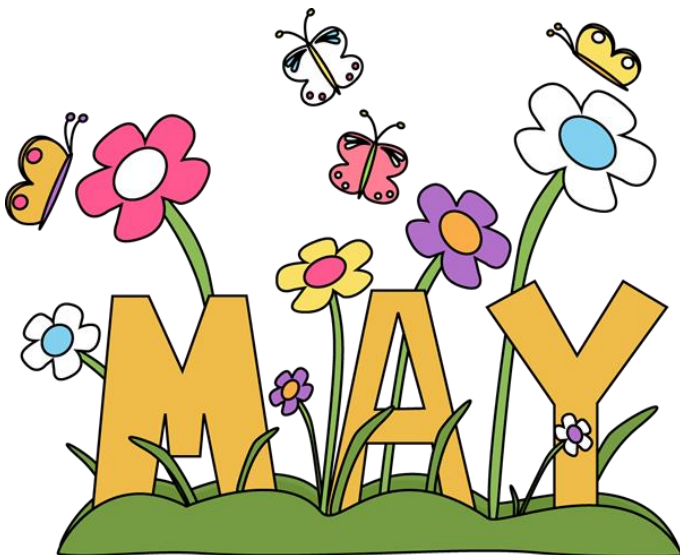
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Our Mission:

**As a community of faith we worship the Triune God. We are called to love
and serve all God's people and creation through word and deed.**



**Redeemer
Herald
May 2023**

Visitors and Neighbors:

Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Our door is open to you!

**We would be happy to have you join us as
a Partner in prayer, in song, and in the
hearing of God's word.**



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Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you from God, the Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

“But Christ has been raised to life! And He makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. ... Christ will bring life to all of us.” 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

My dear beloved in Christ, as St. Paul affirms, those who belong to Christ will share in His victory over death. Jesus has conquered sin and death when he rose on the first Easter morning. His rising from the dead is a promise that many would rise after Him. In Adam, all die ... In Christ all shall be made alive in glorious bodies in our final victory, as the last enemy - authority, rule, and power - will end in destruction by the power of divine love of Jesus.

No matter how hard we work to acquire power, it will eventually fade away. In the meantime, we are to hold authority responsibly, and use it wisely to further God's purposes. Jesus welcomes all of us today into His family. Because we have experienced the same gifts from God – forgiveness and hope – we are now brothers and sisters in Christ. The living Spirit of Christ is the fountain of life which gives that life to others.

The Apostle Paul says the dead will be raised to life with new spiritual and transformed bodies. This is more than a resurrection of the spirit alone (1Corinthians 15:12). The confession of our faith in the Apostle's Creed, speaks of the resurrection of the body, just as Jesus was resurrected. (Romans 6:5). God's people will be raised to Life. Paul invites us to “watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all you do be done in love” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14), as in Christ, all shall be made alive.

Yes indeed, Because He lives, we too shall live!

Almighty God and Father, we praise and thank you for your gracious love in Jesus Christ with the assurance that everyone who has faith in Jesus will have eternal life and never die, as they belong to Christ. Help us to live in the hope of the Resurrection and to love as you have loved us, In the name of Jesus, the resurrected one, Amen.

Pastor Mukesh



Prayer Concerns

Members:

Lois Hershberger, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Beth Connolly, Linda Bartleson, Lynn Leppo, Marty Danielson, David Erdman, Elizabeth Reinas, Don Farnham, Jim Reinas, Denise Robinson, Judy Lamb, Dee Grover, Rev. Karl Hommen, Rich Moulder, Mike Dunn, Katherine Patelunas,, Heather Palladino, Ilene Kersten, Stephanie Rager, Ally Hommen, Michelle Morris, Jane Leppo, Edith Williams.

Relatives and Friends of our Members:

Jamie Strohl, Maggie Taley, Mark Mullin, Francis Mullin, Al Degen, George Rehm, Jim Mosman, Beverly Jones, Henry Krajewski,

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military:

Chad Durban, Joseph Piel, Mason Burgess, Kelly Cahill, Matthew Brandon Winter, Reid Furman, Julia Furman, Anne Furman, Matt Glaze, John Dichoso, Nicholas Ropars.

Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of Redeemer, and our Nations Leaders:

Pres Joe Biden, Vice Pres Kamala Harris, Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives

Prayer Initiative for May

On May 14, 2023 please pray for:

Erica Bose; Beth Bowe and Family; Denise and Bob Brad and family; Shirley Brendinger; Karen Brown

On May 28, 2023 please pray for:

Michelle and Dean Brownlee, and their family; Andrea Cancila; Annette Carson; Carole Chatelain and Mike Burlingame; Pastor Mukesh, Cameel and Family

Activities happening at Redeemer

Filling Easter Eggs for Penndel Borough Egg Hunt



19 volunteers participated and stuffed 2000 eggs with candies.

Shared Meal Ministry



**LAMA (Langhorne Area Ministerium Association)
Cross Walk on Good Friday 4/7/2023**



Pastor participating in the Chrism Worship Service at the Synod



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Penndel Borough Egg Hunt



Redeemer Worship Services

Easter Vigil



Redeemer held it's first Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8th.

We hope to make this an annual event.

Easter Worship Service



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services. Without your assistance, we wouldn't have been able to provide such beautiful worship experiences. We really appreciate you sharing your time and talents with the congregation.

Council Highlights for the month of April 2023

Council met on 4-11-23 for our monthly meeting. The following are the highlights from the meeting.

Worship Team - The first Easter Vigil went well. In the future, we may alternate the format of the Lenten services as we have done in the past. Pastor thanks Gail Blinstrub for all her hard work during Lent and Easter. Thank you to the Worship and Music Team, to Trevor and Jasmyn and to the choir and the bell choir for our beautiful worship services.

Faith Formation - The VBS dates will be Sunday, July 23, 2023 through Thursday, July 27, 2023. There will be a celebration on Friday night which will be July 28, 2023.

Stewardship Team - Maybe bring back Walk with Jesus? New Consecration Sunday - a new program under review by Stewardship and Pastor.

Shared Meal Ministry - Shared Meals continue in-person on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 PM. No delivery available which was announced in church on 4-16-23 due to the meals are now in-person.

Evangelism Team - The meeting date for Evangelism will now be the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 PM on Zoom. This will be printed in the bulletin insert with the Zoom number information.

Social Ministry - Easter baskets were made for the families at the Penndel Shelter. Thank you to all the congregation members for their generous donations of candy. The case manager for the shelter picked up the baskets to deliver to the families. The mothers also received a \$25.00 Target gift card along with their basket of candy.

Gail Blinstrub is acting secretary at this time. Interviews will still be held for secretary position when more resumes are received. Looking for a few people to answer the phones and be in the office a few days a week. If you are interested in helping at this time, please let Gail or Pastor know. You also may leave a message on the church office phone.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Vitale, Church Council Secretary

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Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship News shared by Denise Robinson

The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains, the world, and all those who dwell in it. Psalm 24:1

I recently found a site that has helped me look at my personal giving decisions. The following characteristics might give you some insight into the type of giver you see yourself as well. This text comes from the site [The Better Way Giving Series – Biblical Stewardship Resource Library \(stewardshiplibrary.com\)](http://TheBetterWayGivingSeries-BiblicalStewardshipResourceLibrary(stewardshiplibrary.com))

Generous Living & Giving

When you “give”, what attitude guides your decision? Guilt? Pride? Duty? This six lesson Bible study examines New Testament giving characteristics, helping believers to frame a solid, biblical basis for their personal giving decisions. You can find the actual bible studies series on the above website.

1. **A Motivated Giver** The reason many believers are not significant givers is because they have never been significant receivers. They have never fully accepted God's extraordinary flow of unconditional love that constantly pours over them. Until you fully receive God's unconditional love, you will never be passionately motivated to love Him back.
2. **A Joyful Giver** Would the word *joyful* describe how you feel when you give? Many believers would answer that question, “No, not really.” And there may be several reasons for this. We may be giving with feelings of obligation or duty or simply because we don't know how to say no when we are asked. It seems far too rare that people experience any high degree of joy in their giving.
3. **A Reliable Giver** When you hear the term reliable giver, you may think about how your church, or your favorite ministry views your regular giving to them. Consider how God views reliable givers. In other words, when God sees a need or an opportunity that He wants to fund, how certain can He be that if He gets those needed funds to you that you would actually deliver them.

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Stewardship Ministry, continued

4. **An Extravagant Giver** Extravagant giving (1) exceeds what is expected; (2) exceeds what is affordable; and (3) exceeds what is needed. If we really want to become one of the Lord's obedient and extravagant givers, we need to open our minds, open our hearts, and open our secret vault of hidden treasures to Him.
5. **A Selfless Giver** At first blush the idea of selfless giving seems pretty safe and nonthreatening. But the truth is that this selfless giving characteristic may be the most challenging and dangerous of them all. As you will see, depending on where people choose to "stand" when they do their giving may cause them to exchange their *eternal* reward for a *temporal* one.
6. **An Expectant Giver** It is this expectant giving characteristic that can turbo-charge our giving beyond anything we are currently aware of. You see, giving is not just about having the right attitude, or even about giving properly and effectively, it is also about having very specific expectations about what is going to happen when we give.

I pray this quick explanation encourages you to look deeper into your stewardship. The first step you can take is read through the bible study. As faithful disciples through stewardship, we fall into these brackets, maybe not all the time and maybe more than one. God owns everything, God has given us all we have and wants us to use it to do his work. As Redeemers stewardship mission statement says, "Discipleship through stewardship is how one uses the gifts and resources God has blessed us with to fulfill Gods mission through stewardship." May we live our lives as faithful stewards, caring for what God has entrusted to us.

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MAY-Discipleship through Dialogue

Read the following Bible verse, lesson, and prayer. You might want to discuss the ending questions with a family member or fellow churchgoer.

And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out ... (Matthew 10:1-5a)

Very early in His ministry, Jesus called disciples to learn from Him. But they would do more than that—they would go out into the cities and villages ahead of Him and teach and preach and heal. They would get things ready for Him to come there. You could call them His arms and legs. They did the work that a single man could never do.

So early on we see Jesus assembling the body of Christ around Him! These are the people who will serve Him, yes; these are the people who will be eyewitnesses to His suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection. And these are the people who will ultimately carry the Good News to the ends of the earth—to you and to me, so that we can

believe.

I am so glad Jesus chose these people! If He had not, how would we know about Him at all? They told us the Good News faithfully and gave their lives to make sure that we would hear it.

Now it's our turn. Who will hear about Jesus from us?

WE PRAY: Dear Savior, use me so that others will trust in You. Lord Holy Spirit, use me to strengthen my fellow Christians. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

- * What kind of people did Jesus choose for His disciples?
- * Why do you think He chose these kinds of people?
- * How is Jesus using you right where you live?

(Dr. Kari Vo, Daily Devotion, LHM.org, February 1, 2023)



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Food Pantry Ministry

The Boy Scouts from Troop 82 at Our Lady of Grace surprised us with a large donation of food right before Easter. They hung bags with a paper attached stating they were collecting for Redeemer's food pantry. They also donated 7 frozen turkeys. We are very grateful for what they do for us.

May 13th is the Postal Food Drive. It is the same day as our Calendar Luncheon. After the luncheon we will move tables and make a spot for the food like we did last year. We will need volunteers again to help us unload the mail truck. If you can, please come to help and bring a hand truck as it makes it so much easier to bring it into the parish hall. We of course will then need volunteers to come in and sort through it all. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

Karen Kondrk & John Slaughter



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Community Day

COMMUNITY DAY FLEA MARKET WELCA at REDEEMER Saturday, June 3

Mark Your Calendar

Bring your flea market items to the library area any time.

Plan to bake for the bake sale on June 3.

We'll need your help on Sunday, May 28 to bring things from upstairs to downstairs.



Come out on June 3. Shop and have lunch to support WELCA and Redeemer. It's always a good time!

WELCA Ministries

Welca held the annual Easter Bake Sale on Palm Sunday, April 2. Thank YOU to everyone for baking and to everyone who shopped. You helped make \$240.00 for the current fund.



Welca met for the monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 18 at 12 Noon with twelve (12) members present. Deb Farnham helped us celebrate Earth Day with a devotion about creation. Mary Lou Robinson spoke to us about fraud prevention. Lynn Engel spoke to us about the benefits of Thrivent and her Thrivent trip to Washington DC. Katherine, Elaine, and Marilyn provided wonderful refreshments.

We decided our May 16 meeting will be dinner at a restaurant.

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PENNDel – HULMEVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Redeemer will participate in the Memorial Day parade from Hulmeville to Penndel on Saturday, May 27, 2023. There will be an opportunity to ride or walk the parade route. If you would be able to help represent Redeemer for the parade, please meet at the church on May 27 at 8:00 AM. We will provide transportation to where Redeemer is assigned to line up.



Social Ministry



We would like to thank the members of Redeemer for their support this Easter Season. With your help, we were able to provide gift baskets and Target gift cards to the families at the Penndel Shelter.



Join us in July (July 23 - 27th) as we travel back to the time of castles and dragons! Throughout the week, we will discover how to put on the armor of God. We're looking for kings, queens, knights & jesters of all ages from preschool to elementary (5th grade)!

July 23rd to July 27th



6:15 - 8:30 pm

(light dinner will be offered before
6:15)

All ages from 2 years old to 5th grade
are welcome to join us!

Registration is \$15 per child

To register your child or to join us as a volunteer, go to:

www.myvbs.org/RedeemerPenndelVBS

VBS Program will be Sunday evening through Thursday evening, we will have a family celebration on Friday night to celebrate our VBS program with ice cream and games!

If you have any questions, reach out to Jessica Hotalen, VBS Director
(xmissjessx92x@gmail.com)

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Garden Club News

On Monday, April 3, garden club and property held spring clean-up of the lawn and flower beds around the church building. Thank You to Lou Oser, Don Solt, (Don mowed the grass in the immediate area of the church.) Linda Winter, Rita Solt, Deb Farnham, and Carole Chatelain, it all looks nice. We postponed two Saturdays because of rain but got clean-up done for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



May 14, 2023

REDEEMER WILL CELEBRATE ALL OUR LOVELY WOMEN WITH A **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! COME JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.



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Music Sunday 6/4/2023

On Sunday, June 4th we will be celebrating Church Music Sunday. You may be asking yourself what is church Music Sunday?

Here is a description provided by the ELCA:

For centuries, the Introit (a small portion of a psalm text chanted at the beginning of the liturgy) for the Fourth Sunday of Easter was from Psalm 98, “Sing to the Lord a new song” (“Cantate Domino”). This day was often known as “Cantate Sunday” and in some traditions, became a day to celebrate music in the church. The Introit no longer exists in today’s Lutheran worship. However, the idea of publicly recognizing ministries in the church is an excellent idea. Therefore, we will be celebrating on June 4th and all of our choirs will be singing and the bells will be ringing.

If you would like to participate in this Worship service, please contact Gail Blinstrub or Trevor Davis. Otherwise, please join us for Worship that Sunday as we publicly thank and recognize our musicians.

Summer Hymn Selections

Once again the Worship & Music Committee is planning on singing your favorite hymns during the summer months.

Please write down the titles of your favorite hymns and their corresponding numbers from the hymnals and submit your list to Gail Blinstrub on Sunday mornings or via email Gailaa@verizon.net. You can also email the information to the church Redeemerlutheranchurchpenndel@verizon.net.

Please submit your hymns by May 29 so we can begin singing them in June.

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Book Club Corner



The current selection is Orphan Train, by Christina Baker Kline.

The next meeting of the book club will be Sunday, May 21st, at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

The book is available on Amazon and several used bookstore sites, and from the Bucks County library as an audio book, e-book, and print.

All are welcome to participate.

Financial Ministry

We continue to collect tapes from Redner Supermarkets and Brown's Shop Rite Stores. We do receive a percentage of money from these tapes which goes to the Current Fund. Please try to keep them current. You can drop off your tapes Monday through Friday 12-1 or mail them to the church using the address of 239 Fairview Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047, or you can drop them in the basket in the narthex.

Thank you for your help.

Katherine Patelunas



Saying Goodbye to a Friend

Holly Rogerson who has been our church secretary retired in April after 16 years of service to Redeemer. Here are some pictures from her Retirement Luncheon.



We wish her every happiness today and always.

OTHER NEWS:

Kyra O'Connell recently finished her training with the peace corps Thailand. Congratulations! We are very proud of you!



GERANIUMS FOR REDEEMER'S FLOWER BEDS

If you would like to help with geraniums for around the church this Mother's Day, please send your donation and dedication to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 239 Fairview Avenue Penndel, PA 19047 or put it into the offering plate.



Dedications will be part of the announcements in the Mother's Day bulletin. Mark your envelope "Geraniums" Deadline for dedications is Sunday, May 7.

Order forms are available at the back of the church.

If you would be willing to help plant on Monday, May 15th, let's begin around 9:00am. Arrive when you can and leave when you need.

Sharing God's Bounty

May

God's Draft Choices

Two of the most highly watched sporting events on television are not when teams or athletes are competing against each other; rather they involve the drafting of players for the National Football League (NFL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) teams. For many hours, fans of professional sports will watch intently to see whom their favorite teams will draft.

Most of us won't be drafted by professional football or basketball teams, but, as Christians, we receive a greater calling. We, in essence, are God's draft choices. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"* (John 15:16). God has made us a part of his team. We are not chosen by God because we are successful in our careers, great athletes, or wealthy. God chooses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. *"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things ... and the things that are not ... to nullify the things that are"* (1 Corinthians 1:27-28).

Through faith, we understand that we are among the foolish and weak through whom God carries on his life-saving work. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7). God entrusts us ... clay jars ... with this treasure ... the Gospel. Even though we are frail and unworthy of our tasks, God has chosen us to carry his message of love to the world. As humble people of faith, we are empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He transforms and molds us. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is God who does the drafting and the changing. Through faith, we will stay on God's team, and we will bear the fruit that he calls us to bear.

The professional athletes who are drafted are expected to perform. They are paid large sums of money to do very athletic things. As God's chosen people, we may not receive large compensation, but our benefits are out of this world! Therefore, we are eager to use our lives and resources in God's service for his glory. Paul wrote, *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). What a privilege it is to be part of and serving on God's winning team!

If Jesus walked up to you and said: "Come follow me ... I have a lot of work to do and I really need your help," would you tell him to get lost because you are just too busy in your pursuit of personal possessions and worldly comfort? Every day is a time to reflect on all that God has given you and a time to share and care about others. Have you given any consideration to helping Jesus carry out his works in your own church?

May Birthday's and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

1st Charles Saul III
3rd Darrel Martin
4th Marilyn Bilofsky
Lauren Morris
5th Lew Oser
13th Lynn Engle
14th Linda Lee
Philip Herrington
15th Rick O'Connell
17th Kenneth Ward
20th Jasmyn Davis
21st Mukesh Cheedie, PASTOR
Heather Depero
Ian Ryan
22nd Christopher Ryan
Julie Anna Martinsen
25th Karen Brown
27th Karen Kondrk
28th Jane Leppo
29th Ann Marie Winter

May Wedding Anniversaries

5/09/87 Anne Marie Parfitt-Clee &
husband
5/17/80 Bill and Diane Anderson
5/21/88 Patricia & Tom Gallagher
5/21/73 David and Rose Erdman
5/26/96 Erica Bose and husband
5/28/05 Michelle & Dean Brownlee




"Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Sometimes our records are incomplete. Please let us know."

Kid's Page


?? ? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

A. Joshua
B. Levi
C. Caleb
D. Aaron



Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)




PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. _ _ _ _ _

2. _ _ _ _ _

3. _ _ _ _ _

4. _ _ _ _ _

5. _ _ _ _ _

6. _ _ _ _ _

7. _ _ _ _ _

8. _ _ _ _ _

9. _ _ _ _ _

10. _ _ _ _ _

_ _ o _ _ your _ _ ather and _ _ our mo _ h _ r,

so t _ at y _ u may _ _ i _ e l _ ng in t _ e land

the L _ RD _ ou _ God i _ givi _ g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Egg- cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.






What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.