

A message to the children and young at heart from Rev. Rick

Hi guys.

I hope you are still doing well and making good use of your shelter-in-place time. I'm sure you feel like me occasionally, wishing that it would soon be over and we could have life as usual. I'm not sure that is going to happen anytime soon. All of us need to be patient and make the best of things.

What we need is special occasions and times to celebrate. Guess what, this Sunday is a special day when we celebrate mom's and grammas. It's Mother's Day! You are lucky if you will be able to celebrate this day with your family. Some of us like my wife, Linda, who is a mom, will not be able to celebrate the day like we usually do. However, I am sure that there will be a meeting time, electronically, and we will celebrate.

When my oldest daughter was six, (she is now 46) she, with the help of a teacher made a gift for her mom. It was a recipe for cookies that you don't have to bake. It was on a little clothespin stand with a note that said,

"When you're baking by the hour
And your hands are full of flour,
how handy I will be to hold your recipe."

It also said ***To Mommy***

I am going to share the recipe with you and perhaps when mom or grandma aren't too busy you could make these cookies together.

Chocolate Drops. (Do not bake)

½ cup butter.

½ cup milk

2 cups white sugar

2 cups oatmeal

1 cup coconut

2 tablespoons cocoa

Bring to boil in pan on top of stove. When it starts to boil remove and add a pinch of salt and a teaspoon of vanilla. Drop by a teaspoon onto a baking sheet and let set.

From Beth

Mom's are very special people, especially now, with everyone at home and lots of meals to prepare and lessons to be supervised and fun activities to be created.

So, give mom or grandma a big hug and say thanks, I love you.

I hope you enjoy the cookies.

Let's say a prayer.

God, we thank you for our mothers and those who have been like a mother to us. We are grateful for all the love and support they have given us over the years. We pray today for mothers all over the world, especially in those places where life is really difficult and mothers struggle to find food and shelter for their children. We thank you God that in all the tough times of life you are with us loving us as a mother loves her children. We pray for all of our church family that they would be safe. Amen