

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 4/28 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 4/29 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 4/30 6:00p Cub Scouts
- Wed. 5/1 6:00p Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 5/2 National Day of Prayer 
10:00a Bible Study
5:45p Prayer Rally @
the Liberty Bowl
- Fri. 5/3 May Friendship Day
Offices Closed
- Sat. 5/4 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 5/5 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p Party for Perry



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

...to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Robbins who were married in our Sanctuary on April 20th. The bride is the former Regina Peacock. The couple will reside at 4150 Macon Road, Memphis, 38122.

HONOR THY MOTHER

...thy grandmother, thy aunt or a special woman in your life by giving a gift in her name. A special insert will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin listing those honored. Please complete this form, enclose payment, and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office.



Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please place gift(s) in Hon/Mem Fund or _____ Fund

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

DESIGNATED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS

The first Thursday in May, (this year May 2), as designated by the U.S. Congress, people are asked to turn to God in prayer and meditation for our nation. The National Day of Prayer is recognized by many religious groups as Americans assemble in prayer at courthouses, churches, synagogues, mosques and temples, in parks and back yards to pray. In his 1983 declaration, Ronald Reagan said, "From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history. This occasion provides our Nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future."

You are invited to join Mayor Luttrell, Steve Gaines and area pastors for the Community Prayer Rally at the Liberty Bowl at 5:45 p.m. on May 2, for a time of worship and praise.

HELP NEEDED WITH DELIVERY OF UPPER ROOM

Our homebound do so look forward to receiving the Upper Room every other month and the visit that goes along with it. Your assistance would be very much appreciated with this delivery. If you are able to help, please contact Lynn Coffman, 684-1906 or 490-6833.



...Sunday is May 5.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

... coming up May 6-12

MUFFINS FOR MOM ~ May 12 ~ 10:15

Bring your favorite photos for display.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Affirm your faith to all around you, confident and at peace in God's love.

UMW NEWS

The UMNC Key Women's luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 15, at Germantown UMC. The speaker will be Peter Able, Director of *Books for Life*. This organization will become a tenant of UMNC's agency at 3000 Walnut Grove Road so we are all anxious to hear about his program.

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What Kind of Paper Do You Use?

The Women's Division and the United Methodist Church advocate for elimination of dioxin, a highly toxic by-product of the chlorine bleaching process used in making paper. The dioxin problem applies to paper we use at home: toilet paper, napkins, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, etc., and that we use commercially like copying paper. Here are some do's and don'ts on using chlorine-free paper:

DO read labels carefully. DO look for unbleached paper. If hydrogen peroxide is used, that's okay. DON'T buy elementally chlorine-free paper. The bleaching process still produces dioxin and organochlorines.

There are two types of chlorine-free paper: TCF-totally chlorine free and PCF-processed chlorine-free. TCF uses virgin pulp not produced with chlorine compounds or bleaching agents. PCF is 100% recycled paper not re-processed with the offending chemicals and compounds. Both kinds of papers have been selected out of our concern for the health of people and our planet.

Excerpts from The Clarion

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

...sponsored by Church Women United, celebrated on the first Friday in May, is an opportunity to "Swing Wide the Doors" of hospitality. How open are we toward the newcomer, the person who is different because of race, ethnic group, sexual orientation, or physical, mental or emotional handicaps? Our May Friendship Celebration is to help find ways to grow in relationships and minister to one another. Look for opportunities to open wide the doors to God's people, whoever they are and wherever we meet them in our faith journey.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for:

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Frances Coffman by

- Priscilla Morris
- Bernice Shelby
- Elaine Jones
- Patricia Banks

SURPRISE PARTY!!!

Perry Wilson, our beloved choir director, is passing on his baton after 50+ years of directing choirs at St. Paul's and Aldersgate. We will surprise him with a party on May 5, at 12:15p in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited, especially former choir members. Please let us know if you will attend by calling the church office, 683-8861. Meat, bread, drinks & dessert will be provided, you supply the side dishes. No gifts, please. Your presence will be gift enough.



DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Articles of Faith of the

Evangelical United Brethren Church

Article VII - Sin and Free Will

We believe man is fallen from righteousness and, apart from the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, is destitute of holiness and inclined to evil. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. In his own strength, without divine grace, man cannot do good works pleasing and acceptable to God. We believe, however, man influenced and empowered by the Holy Spirit is responsible in freedom to exercise his will for good.

Article VIII - Reconciliation Through Christ

We believe God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. The offering Christ freely made on the cross is the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, redeeming man from all sin, so that no other satisfaction is required.

The Book of Discipline 2012



FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL

Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce

OUR PRAYERS

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Jimmy Hight Lorelle Woodard
Richard Hall Jane Pifer

Please also remember our homebound and those in assisted care.

OUR PRESENCE

April 21

Church School	43
Worship	57
Visitors	4

OUR GIFTS

April 21

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,873
MTD	\$ 9,808
Apportionments TD	\$ 3,809

OUR SERVICE

Assisting April 28

Greeters	Elizabeth Godbold Jeanette Leslie
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Judy Stanley
Children's Time	Lisa Hughes
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

May Scripture Readers

5	Brother Paul
12	Jane Hight
19	Lisa Hughes
26	Tom Lockhart



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Barbara Brown Taylor, in her book *The Seeds of Heaven: Sermons on the Gospel of Matthew*, shares the following: "To be where God is – to follow Jesus – means going beyond the limits of our own comfort and safety. It means receiving our lives as gifts instead of guarding them as our own possessions. It means sharing the life we have been given instead of bottling it for our own consumption. It means giving up the notion that we can build dams to contain the bright streams of our lives and letting them go instead, letting them swell their banks and spill their wealth until they carry us down to where they run, full and growing fuller, into the wide and glittering sea."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for April 28th:

Psalm 148
John 13:31-35





Sermon:

"A New Commandment"

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May 2013

MONDAY		TUESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 Pastor: Rev. Paul Scheirer Director of Music: Perry Wilson Organist: Lana Solomon		Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374 Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org	1 May Day  6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	2 National Day of Prayer  10:00a Bible Study	3 May Friendship Day Offices Closed	4 9:00 AFLS
5 No Fellowship Time (See next week @ 10:15) 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Surprise Party	6 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline	7 National Teacher Day 6:00p Cub Scouts 6:30p Pre-Conference Briefing @ St. Paul's	8 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal Christian Family Week	9 10:00a Bible Study 	10 Offices Closed	11 9:00 AFLS 3:00p Cao/Parrish Renewal of Vows & Reception
12  Mother's Day 9:45a Church School 10:15a Muffins for Mom 10:55a Worship Service	13 Noon News Deadline	14 10:00a Koinonia 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope	15 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00a Bible Study	17 Offices Closed	18 Armed Forces Day 9:00 AFLS 
19 Pentecost  9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	20 Noon News Deadline	21 6:00p Cub Scouts	22 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00a Bible Study	24 Offices Closed	25 9:00 AFLS
26  9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	27 Memorial Day Observed  Offices Closed	28 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Cub Scouts	29 NO Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	30 10:00a Bible Study	31 Offices Closed	 ALDRSGATE Invite someone to church



Happy Birthday

- May 1 Norma Park
- 2 Ezekiel Robertson
- 3 Becky Graves
- 5 Joan Oyoo
- Agnes Broyles
- 6 Mike Kelly
- 12 Michael Florow
- Ian Lee
- 14 Martha Meyer
- 15 Earline Gabriel
- Richard Mann, Jr.
- Barry Pilkinton
- 21 Brooke White
- 24 Wanda King
- George Washington, Sr.
- 28 Emmett Smith
- 30 Gail Wilson
- 31 Chris Bond



Happy Anniversary

- May 16 Ben & Pat Carr (64th)
- 19 Bruce & Lisa Hughes (26th)
- 21 Brad & Jennifer Weaver (2nd)
- 25 Barry & Perri Mathis (28th)

ASSISTING IN MAY

- Greeters** Mary Robbins
Barbara Scheirer
- Liturgist** Bruce Hughes
- Scripture** Brother Paul
Jane Hight
Lisa Hughes
Tom Lockhart
- Children's Time**.....
- Lock-up** Wayne Lawrence

Birthstone:
Emerald



Birth Flower:
Lily of the Valley

Date Your Mate Month
Older Americans Month
5 - 11 Nurse's Week

National Blood Pressure Month
National Hamburger Month
19 - 25 National Bike Week

- 1 Mother Goose Day
The Empire State building was dedicated in 1931
- 2 David Becham's birthday
- 3 National Space Day
Joe DiMaggio made his major league debut in 1936
- 4 Star Wars Day
The Academy of Motion Pictures was founded in 1934
- 5 Alan Shepard becomes first American in space on "Freedom 7" in 1961
- 6 John Deere produced the first steel plow in 1833
- 7 The first inaugural ball was held in honor of George & Martha Washington in 1789
- 8 The U.S. Post Office was established in 1794
- 9 The "Golden Spike" was driven into the tracks at Promontory Summit, Utah, creating the first transcontinental railway in 1869
Mike Wallace's birthday
- 11 International Migratory Bird Day
Einstein presented his Theory of General Relativity in 1916
- 13 Stevie Wonder's birthday
- 15 National Chocolate Chip Day
President Lincoln established the Dept. of Agriculture in 1862
- 16 Love a Tree Day
Charles Hires invented root beer in 1876
- 20 Be a Millionaire Day
The Hubble Space Telescope transmitted photos from space in 1990
- 23 Lucky Penny Day
- 27 Sun Screen Day
The pop-up toaster was patented in 1919
- 29 Learn About Composting Day
Sir Edmund Hillary reached the summit of Mt. Everest in 1953
- 31 National Macaroon Day
The trans-Alaska pipeline was completed in 1977

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861 or email office@agumc.org. Thank you.