

**OUR PRAYERS**

Our Ministers            Our Church  
Our Leaders            Our Ministry Teams  
Our Children & Youth    Our Homebound  
Our College Students    Our Missionaries  
Our Police Dept        Our Fire Dept.  
Our City                Our Military

**Homebound and Assisted Care**

Martha Allen    June Burton    Carolyn Escue  
Ray Escue        Marcelle Farrow    Mava Dell Fry  
Earl Galloway    Doris Hight        Marie Hughes  
Margaret Kenley    Wayne Lawrence    Ted Lewis  
Betty Ray        Bernice Shelby    Emmett Smith  
Betty Smithmier    Martha Wallace

**Vanderbilt Hospital**

Cindy Garner Stanfil

**Special Prayers** for

...the Vargas family  
...disaster victims  
...immigrants

**Hospice Care**

Mildred Hight

**Memphis Jewish Home**

Doris Bellott    107

**OUR PRESENCE - April 23**

Sunday School  
Worship

**OUR GIFTS - April 23**

Offering                    \$  
Month to Date            \$ 6,128  
YTD                         \$ 42,271

**OUR SERVICE - April 30**

**Greeters**..... Lilian Garcia  
                          Audrey Weaver

**Liturgist**..... Rebeca Ernst

**Scripture**..... Jay Finzel

**Children's Time**..Rebeca Ernst

**Lock-up**..... Neil DeLong

**OUR WITNESS**

**May Scripture Readers**

7 Dean Tutor  
14 Happy Gbeneneh  
21 Jane Hight  
28 Audrey Weaver



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**OUR PRAYERS (con't)**

Kristen Boggs    Tom Boillot    Palma Borgognoni  
Jim Brazile        Brenda Brazile    Melissa Cole  
Jaunay Davis     Miriam Davis    Corella Edwards  
Gordillo Family    Diane Harrison    John Hight  
Kay Hudak        Chris Hudak        Jeff Irwin  
Freda Lipford     Ursula Lewis     Bill McClain  
Jesse McClerkin    Teresa McMullin    Lou Ella Morris  
Richard Morris    Joe Moseley        Karen Mosley  
Boyd Pilkinton    Ruth Pilkinton    Moira Pomije  
Wade Reeves        Stephanie Roberts    Janet Snow  
Brad Weaver        David Weaver     Shannon Weaver  
Charlie Whitaker    Margie Williamson

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**Song of the Saved**

By [Melanie Kerr](#)

I'm drowning in a sea of sin, I'm drifting far from shore.  
I've danced around the boundaries and dared that one step more.  
Temptation like the tide has tugged and drawn me far away,  
I lack the strength to swim against the waves that bar my way.  
I've flirted with my wickedness and flaunted bold my sin.  
I've proudly claimed I could control the storm that brewed within.  
Too late I know my helpless state, that I will surely drown.  
Guilt like seaweed grasps my feet and pulls me slowly down.  
There are no words to plead my cause, there's no one I can blame.  
Had I the chance to live again I'd do things just the same.  
I hear a shout - not far away, hope flares, a steady light.  
There is a man who'll rescue me, who understands my plight.  
He feels my tears upon his feet, the softness of my hair.  
Inhales the perfume emptied out and sees my heart stripped bare.  
"I forgive," His words become like ground beneath my feet.  
"Your faith has saved you, go in peace." Restored, I'm made complete.  
I owed so much, I could not pay, beneath my burdens drowned.  
He rescued me and set my feet on pure and holy ground.

Amen to that.

Blessings,  
*Virginia*

**Scriptures Readings:**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
I Peter 1:17-23

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Luke 24:13-35

<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	
Sun. 4/30	9:30a Fellowship Time hosted by the Oxford Class 10:30a Combined Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 5/1	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian 12:00p News Deadline
Tue. 5/2	7:00p Church Council
Wed. 5/3	10:00a <b>Asbury</b> Bible Study 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 5/4	<b>National Day of Prayer</b> 9:00a <b>Asbury</b> Food Pantry 10:00a Bible Study 5:45p Girl Scouts
Fri. 5/5	<b>Friendship Day</b> Offices Closed 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 5/6	7a-2p <b>Asbury</b> Flea Market 9a-2p <b>Aldersgate</b> Spring Festival
Sun. 5/7	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship



JOIN OUR  
**STUDY**

### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

...on May 4th with a new study, "Bonhoeffer—Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy". Books for this study are available in the church office.

### DECISION AMERICA TENNESSEE TOUR

As part of Rev. Franklin Graham's Decision America Tennessee Tour, he will be in Memphis on May 21, 7:30 p.m., at Tiger Lane at the Liberty Bowl, 335 S. Hollywood St. Local churches and communities will come together to pray for Tennessee, its communities and its leaders. Each rally will include a time of praise, worship and music. Dove Award winning singer/song-writer Jeremy Camp and guitarist/singer Dennis Agajanian will offer their talents in sharing the Gospel.

### SENIOR EXPO AT AGRICENTER

The Professional Network on Aging (PNA) has set their 2017 Senior Expo for May 2nd, from 9a to 2p at the Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road. Free parking. Free admission. This is metro Memphis' premier event for seniors and caregivers. You may contact the PNA office at 901-730-0528 with any questions.

### SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS PRE-K SCREENING IS 2 DAYS IN MAY

The screening and application process for pre-K students at Willow Oaks will take place at Willow Oaks School, 4417 Willow Road, on May 18-19.

#### Pre-K Program Requirements

The District's Pre-K program is open to all families in Shelby County.

Children must be 4-years-old on or before August 15th of this year.

Parents must provide a current physical and immunization record.

Priority will be given to students considered "at-risk," as defined by the [State's guidelines](#).

Parents of children admitted into the Pre-K program are required to participate in a mandatory parent orientation.

Spaces are limited. Transportation is not provided.

### BROWN BAG LUNCH AT GERMANTOWN UMC IS FRIDAY, MAY 5

Hear local columnist, Dan Conaway, speak on his book, "I'm a Memphian: Character Reference for a City", at Germantown UMC's Brown Bag Lunch on May 5. Program starts at 11, lunch is at noon.

A lifelong Memphian, Mr. Conaway is a communication strategist and freelance writer. He has never lost his fascination or his frustration with his storied hometown, and he shares his passion for both equally in his columns and posts. His column, Memphis, is posted weekly at [wakesome-bodyup.com](#), and published weekly in The Memphis Daily News and in The Memphis News.

No reservations are needed for lunch. Just bring your sack lunch. The church will supply the beverages.

Questions? Contact Luci Cromer, 755-0803 or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107



### Muffins for Mom

...will be hosted by the United Methodist Women on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. We encourage everyone to bring photos of Mom for display. Please be sure pictures are labeled so we can know 'who's who'.



Guys—

Have you put July 7-8, 2017, on your calendars for the National Gathering of UM Men in Indianapolis? Registration is now open. For all the info you need, please contact the General Commission on United Methodist Men, 1000 17th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212 at 615-340-7145 or 866-297-4312 or [gcumm@gcumm.org](mailto:gcumm@gcumm.org)

### SENIOR ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WHAT COULD BE BETTER?

..."The Word Made Flesh" will be held at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island, Georgia, May 22-25. You're gonna' sing! You're gonna' pray, you're gonna' tell Bible stories, you're gonna' laugh, you're gonna' color, and, you're gonna' eat - a lot! Senior saints and sages are invited to revisit the old, old story in very new and fun ways through music and story telling by one of United Methodism's most popular speakers, Ed Kilbourne, and Christina Goodwin, instructor, dance captain and manager of shows for Norwegian and Crystal Cruise Lines. The full schedule and registration is at [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org) or 912-638-8688.



### ALDRSGATE SPRING FESTIVAL

Plan to join us on Saturday, May 6, from 9a to 2p at our Spring Festival. Check out the Food Tent, the Bake Sale, the Estate Sale, the Bring & Buy and so much more. You never know what goodies you may find!

Have something you want to share or sell? Call Judy at 652-4821 for all the info.

### ASBURY FLEA MARKET

...is the same day, May 6, from 7a to 2p, 2969 S. Mendenhall Rd., and you know—one man's trash is another man's treasure! Stop by and look things over.

### OFFERINGS FOR 'JERUSALEM FUND' AND 'CONGO WOMEN ARISE' WILL BE TAKEN AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

To make a donation to these very worth-while causes, our Communion Offerings in May and June will be set aside for these purposes.

### LUNCH AND LEARN "INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS" IS MAY 7, AT CHRIST UMC

This session will help answer questions that WebMD can't answer! Feel free to ask all kinds of questions related to behavioral, social, social media, emotional and relational issues while speaking with a child health care professional. The meeting will be from 12:15p to 1:30p on Sunday, May 7. Registration and lunch are free. Meet in the Parlor at Christ UMC, 4488 Poplar Ave. More info at 901-683-3521 or [info@cumcmemphis.org](mailto:info@cumcmemphis.org)



### APRIL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Vegetables  
(NO glass jars, please)

Cash is also welcome.




Thank you.

# ALDRSGATE

## United Methodist Church



May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian  Noon News Deadline	<b>2</b>  7:00p Church Council	<b>3</b> <b>10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury</b>  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>4 National Day of Prayer</b> 9toNoon Food Pantry at Asbury 10:00a Aldersgate Bible Study	<b>5 May Friendship Day</b>  Offices Closed	<b>6 7a-2p Asbury Flea Market</b>   <b>Aldersgate 9a—2p Spring Festival</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10:15a Sunday School</b> 11:30a Worship	<b>8</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>9</b> 10a Koinonia  7:00p Love/Hope	<b>10</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:30a Meth. Hospital Auxiliary  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 10:00a Aldersgate Bible Study 11:00a Golden Cross Key Women  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> Offices Closed  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> 9:30a <b>Muffins for Mom</b> Sponsored by United Methodist Women 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship	<b>15</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 10:00a Aldersgate Bible Study  5:45p Girl Scouts 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	<b>19</b> Offices Closed  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>20 UMW Social Action Day</b>  <b>Change the World Weekend</b>
<b>21</b> 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 2:00p Pre-Conference Briefing @ St. Paul UMC	<b>22</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>25 Ascension Day</b> 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 10:00a Aldersgate Bible Study  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>26</b> Offices Closed 11:30a Young at Heart @ Asbury  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Ascension Sunday</b> 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship   12:30p Church Family & Neighbor Picnic	<b>29 Memorial Day</b>   Offices Closed	<b>30</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>31</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury Last One  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<p align="center"><b>Aldersgate United Methodist Church</b></p> <p align="center">             Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel    Associate Pastor: The Rev. Goyo De la Cruz              Choir Director: Lisa Hughes    Organist: Lana Solomon    Pianist: Lynn Coffman              4459 Willow Road    Phone: (901) 683-8861              Memphis, TN 38117    Fax: (901) 683-1374              Website: www.agumc.org    Email: office@agumc.org           </p>		



## Happy Birthday

- May 1 Norma Park
- 3 Becky Graves
- 5 Joan Oyoo
- Agnes Broyles
- 6 Mike Kelly
- 10 Linsy Gordillo
- 12 Ian Lee
- 13 Henry Blanks
- 14 Alexzandria Craft
- 15 Richard Mann, Jr.
- Barry Pilkinton
- 21 Brooke Anderson
- 24 Wanda King
- 26 Oliver Flores
- 28 Emmett Smith
- 30 Gail Wilson
- 31 Chris Bond



## Happy Anniversary

- May 16 Ben & Pat Carr
- 19 Bruce & Lisa Hughes
- 21 Brad & Jennifer Weaver
- 25 Barry & Perri Mathis

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY

Greeters .....	Anna Deekae
	Nubari Deekae
Liturgist .....	Barry Mathis
Scripture .....	7 Dean Tutor
	14 Happy Gbeneneh
	21 Jane Hight
	28 Audrey Weaver
Children's Time.....	7 Goyo De la Cruz
	14 Andrew Baker
	21 Goyo De la Cruz
	28 Lana Solomon
Lock-up .....	Jimmie Bedwell



## FOOD PANTRY FOR MAY



Cash is also welcome.

Cash is used to purchase goods by the pound, at a great discount.  
Please make checks out to Aldersgate  
and note 'Food Pantry' in the memo line.

Thank you!

## Memphis in May

Columbia is the honored country for 2017



BBQ Cooking Contest May 17-20  
4 days this year — first time ever!



General Admission Tickets    \$9 one day only    \$35 all 4 days

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](mailto:office@agumc.org)