

**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

**Hospice Care**

- Mildred Hight
- Cindy Garner Stanfil

**Special Prayers** for

- ...disaster victims
- ...immigrants

**At Home**

- Brad Weaver
- Aleita Tutor

**OUR PRESENCE - April 30**

- Sunday School    39
- Worship            54

**OUR GIFTS - April 30**

- Offering            \$ 2,945
- Month to Date     \$ 7,524
- YTD                 \$ 43,667

**OUR SERVICE - May 7**

- Greeters**.....Anna Deekae  
  Nubari Deekae

- Liturgist**.....Barry Mathis

- Scripture**..... Dean Tutor

- Children’s Time**.....Dr. De la Cruz

- Lock-up**.....Jimmie Bedwell

**OUR WITNESS**

**May Scripture Readers**

- 14 Happy Gbeneneh
- 21 Jane Hight
- 28 Audrey Weaver

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**OUR PRAYERS (con't)**

- Kristen Boggs    Tom Boillot    Jim Brazile
- Brenda Brazile    Melissa Cole    Jaunay Davis
- Miriam Davis    Corella Edwards    Gordillo Family
- Diane Harrison    John Hight    Kay Hudak
- Chris Hudak        Patty Hudak    Jeff Irwin
- Dennis LeClear    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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**Watchman**

by [Debra Burgess](#)

The man was tired; his eyes scratchy from the wind and grit of looking into the distance. Worse still was the dryness of his throat where he had been crying out time and time again, warnings or encouragement to others, from his manned position on the watchtower. His was a lonely post where the elements took their toll. At times he felt the desire to descend from this place of watching, into places of more comfort and less responsibility.

Now and again he'd put his foot onto the rung of the ladder leading down into a safer, more inviting, environment. It was in these moments when he'd be reminded of all those he was watching out for. Bowing his head he'd rinse his eyes with fresh water and take a good hearty drink, refreshing himself and his voice once again.

It was time to stoke the fire which kept him warm. It wasn't enough to poke at coals for comfort; it was time to stir them into a fiery signal to be seen at a distance. His brothers and sisters needed to be encouraged he was watching with them.

*I love to encourage the heart of people to be who they are meant to be in Christ, individually made and uniquely designed.*

Blessings,  
*Virginia*

**Scriptures Readings:**

Acts 2:42-47

I Peter 2:19-25

Psalm 23

John 10:1-10

<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	
Sun. 5/7	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 5/8	12:00p News Deadline
Tue. 5/9	10:00a Koinonia Group 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 5/10	10:00a <b>Asbury</b> Bible Study 10:30a Meth. Hospital Auxiliary 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 5/11	9:00a <b>Asbury</b> Food Pantry 10:00a Bible Study 11:00a Golden Cross Key Women 5:45p Girl Scouts
Fri. 5/12	Offices Closed 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 5/13	No Activities
Sun. 5/14	<b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30a Muffins for Mom 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a Worship



#### 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'.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is a blessing to turn to God in prayer. Be sure to take time every day to receive this special blessing.



#### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

...on May 4th, 10:00a, with a new study, "Bonhoeffer—Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy". Books for this study are available in the church office.



#### 12th National Gathering of UM Men

...July 7-8, 2017, in Indianapolis. Bus transportation will be available to and from Indianapolis and to and from your hotel to the church. Please contact Steve Ragsdale at 901-647-7546 or [stevier56@yahoo.com](mailto:stevier56@yahoo.com) to reserve a seat. Send checks to: Steve Ragsdale, 571 S. Graham, Memphis, TN 38111. Registration deadline is June 15th.

For complete info, 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).



#### CONGRATULATIONS

...to **Doctor Goyo De la Cruz Cutimanco**, who will be awarded his Doctor of Ministry degree on May 20th at Boston University School of Theology. The last three years have seen Goyo travelling to Boston twice a year, covering the required online classes and travelling to Mexico, all as part of his preparation for this degree. He and his family will be going to Boston for the graduation service. Congratulations, Goyo, and may God bless you!

#### LOOKING FOR 2016-2017 GRADS

Are you or do you know someone in our church family who has/is graduating any time since last June? Please call the office, 683-8861 or email [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org), with the graduate's information.

#### MAY FOOD PANTRY Noodles of Any Kind



Cash is also welcome.  
Thank you.



**JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING WILL GO TO  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE GIFTS FOR  
'JERUSALEM FUND' AND  
'CONGO WOMEN ARISE'**



#### Koinonia and Love/Hope Meet May 9th

Ladies, you are encouraged to take part in a "Baby Shower" for the Miriam Day Care Center at UMNC. Items that are especially needed are: wet wipes, bibs, and onesies for the infants, and detergent, hand soap and paper supplies for every day. You may bring your gifts to Circle Meeting on the 9th, or any time through Sunday morning, May 14th.

#### Metro District UMW Social Action Day - May 20

...from 10am to Noon at Mullins UMC, 4 N. Mendenhall Road.

Women from across the District will gather to hear speakers from:

HANNAH'S HOPE, that provides assistance to children and families through adoptive services, foster care, parenting, crisis pregnancy and adoption counseling;

WORLD RELIEF, that began resettling refugees and working with immigrants in 2012. Their prayer is that the local Church will embrace these sojourners and their mission is to equip the church to serve the vulnerable;

RESTORE CORPS, whose mission is to eradicate human trafficking by empowering survivors, equipping communities and seeking justice through systemic change and who sponsors the TN Human Trafficking Hotline.

No reservations required. Come with an open heart and mind to gain insight into issues facing our area.



#### NEW ADDRESS FOR OLD FRIENDS

Wayne & Ginny Lawrence  
1385 Secretariat Path  
Apt. 103

Cordova, TN 38016-9152

Their phone number remains 901-743-7454

#### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

**Memorial Fund**

In memory of Terry Williamson by

Betty Smithmier

Ben & Pat Carr



...is on Saturday, May 6, from 9a to 2p. Bake Sale, Cookbook Sale, Estate Sale, Food Court, Moon Bounce and more! All are encouraged to bring at least two items for the Bake Sale. The goodies are gone in a flash, so...the more the better.



...is the same day, May 6, from 8a to 3p, 2969 S. Mendenhall Road. **(Please Note Time Change)**



#### HAVE YOU MISPLACED YOUR UMBRELLA?

Several were left at church last Sunday, after that cold, very wet morning. They are in the umbrella stand by the office. Check them out. See if any look familiar!



Spend your Saturday morning with us on May 13 for a clean up to remove trash and debris from MIFA's neighborhood. Join people from diverse backgrounds to work together and get acquainted while helping to beautify the streets in 38126 zip code. Reserve your space today by [emailing](mailto:) Isaiah Swanson or calling (901) 529-4521.