OUR PRAYERS

At Home **Houston Hosp** Betty Ray

Jay Jones ICU

St. Francis Bartlett Sherry Mitchell ICU Savannah Rehab Wanda Treece

Baptist East

Chattanooga Rehab

Dorothy Hyatt 5130

Randy Morris

Bapt. Rehab

Dean Shipley 220

OUR PRESENCE

May 2 Church School 49 61 Worship

OUR GIFTS

May 2

Tithes & Plate Offering 6331 Church School 21 6352 Total Rec'd

May MTD 6352

YTD apportionments \$ 5469

> **OUR SERVICE Assisting May 9**

Ginny & Wayne Lawrence Greeters

Bruce Hughes Liturgist Scripture Dean Tutor

Children's Time

Wayne Lawrence Lock-up

May Scripture Readers

16 Jane Hight 23 Lisa Hughes 30 Brother Paul ALDERSGATE United Methodist Church 4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117-6917

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FROM THE PASTOR

It's rainy. It must be Memphis in May! For those of us who live in the Memphis area, it probably does not seem too unusual to have rain on the first weekend of the month which coincides with Memphis in May Beale St. Music Festival. In my twenty years in the Memphis area, there always seems to be some wet weather for the concert goers at Tom Lee Park.

What does not always accompany the rainy weather though, is severe thunderstorms with the threat of tornadoes. This weekend I was awakened at 4:30 on Saturday morning and 1:30 on Sunday morning to the sound of the warning sirens for tornados in Shelby county. I hope everyone stayed safe, and must thank our weather professionals in Memphis for almost working around the clock this weekend to keep us informed and out of harms way. See you on Sunday for Mother's Day.

> Peace and Grace. **Brother Paul**

Scripture Reading for May 9 Psalm 67 Acts 16:9-15

Sermon Title "A Call to Respond"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., May 9 - Sat., May 15 Festival of the Christian Home Week

Sun. 5/9	9:15a 9:45a 9:45a 10:30a	Prayer Room Prayer Room Church School Caring for Aging Parents - FH Muffins for Mom Worship
Mon. 5/10	Noon	News Deadline
Tue. 5/11	6:30p	Koinonia Grp. Girl Scouts Love/Hope Grp.
Wed. 5/12	•	Fellowship & Study Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 5/13	10:00a	Adult Bible Study
Fri. 5/14	Offices	Closed
Sat. 5/15	9:00a 10:00a	AFLS Angelfood Distribution

CHANGES TO THE MAY CALENDAR

- ~ Missions/Outreach Sun., May 16, 9 a.m. ~ Church Council - Sun., May 23 at 12:15
 - **MUFFINS FOR MOM**

Mother's Day ~ May 9 10:30 in Fellowship Hall



FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

...is the week of May 9-15. Plase note the bulletin insert on May 9 as we encourage each family to participate in this special celebration of the Christian family. The Christian home is the backbone of our society. Let's strive always to bring our families closer together with God and each other.

COMING UP



Annual Conference is coming up June 6-8 at Collierville UMC.

THANK YOU NOTES

My Dear Friends.

Your loving care and kindnesses have helped me through this trying time. There's nothing like "family" who are there for you. My grateful appreciation for all you have done. May God bless each of you always.

Betty Ray

I want to thank all those who, in addition to my son, daughter & neighbor, drove me to the "unending" doctor's appointments the last several months: Wayne & Ginny Lawrence, Neil & Jean DeLong and Martha Wallace; and to Joyce Kernodle for picking up my meds. My M.D. has moved far out east so I may be calling on you again. Thanks Aleda Kelly again.

IN THE LIBRARY

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis has been donated by Warren Petty. Check it out!



THE FINCHERS ARE COMING

...to Aldersgate on Sunday, June 13, at 5:00pm. Mark this date on your calendar. You won't want to miss the wonderful music! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come with you. Everyone who has heard these men sing have only the greatest praise for them.

UMW NEWS

Summer will soon be here but our UMW activities continue.

Thanks to all who helped with the Wesley Foundation meal.

We are trying to get a speaker from Methodist Hospital Auxiliary for our June meeting. This was postponed earlier due to Earline's health.

I have the study books for the August Spiritual Growth study. It will be on the Gospel of John and promises to be very meaningful. Please be in prayer for Betty Rowan, St. Matthews UMW president. She is critical and if she survives, probably won't go home for months. She and her Unit always attend our studies.

Please keep in touch with Jean McCarty as she adjusts to her new home and being without a car.

Aleda Kelly

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How far must we reach out to touch another's heart?

GOLDEN CROSS KEY WOMEN - ADVOCATES FOR SENIORS

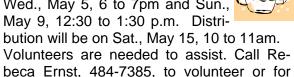
The Golden Cross Key Women's Group, partnering with Wesley Senior Ministries, will enhance the lives of residents in assisted and independent facilities. Your willingness to help will make their outreach as advocates so much easier. Items may be left in the blue tub in the hall by the office.

Paper Towels Toilet Paper Detergent Hand Soap Disinfectant Shampoo Lotion Deodorant Combs Stamps Toothpaste **Tooth Brushes** Hair Brushes Bath Powder Window Cleaner Scouring Powder

ANGELFOOD INFO

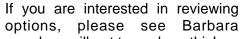
Orders for May will be taken on Wed., May 5, 6 to 7pm and Sun.,

more information.



Everyone is eligible. Simply place an order with the host site.

TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!!!



Scheirer and we will get to work on this!

HELP! CLEANING BUCKETS NEEDED



Cleaning Buckets are urgently needed. At least 500 right now. You may donate the value of a cleaning bucket, \$55, or fill one or more with the following **NEW ONLY** items:

5 gal. bucket with re-sealable lid

2 - 1 qt. or 1-82 oz. bleach

5 scouring pads 7 sponges

50 clothes pins 1 scrub brush 5 dust masks 2 pair latex gloves

1 pair work gloves 100 ft. clothes line

18 cleaning towels (re-usable wipes)

2-25 oz. or 1-50 oz liquid laundry detergent

1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz bottle

1 disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz bottle

24 bag roll heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gal.

(removed from box)

1 insect repellant spray

1 air freshener, 8 or 9 oz

Aerosol cans **must** have protective caps.

Please include nothing other than these items in bucket.