

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

Special Prayers for

- ...disaster victims
- ...immigrants
- ...the remaining kidnapped Nigerian girls

At Home

Daniel Boice

Birmingham, AL

Paige Mathis(surg. Wed.)

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to ...

- ...Rebeca & Rick Ernst and family in the loss of her father, John Grinstead
- ...Family and friends of Tom Boillot
- ...Family and friends of Cindy Garner Stanfil

OUR PRESENCE - May 7

Sunday School 39
Worship 64

OUR GIFTS - May 7

Offering \$ 2,964
Month to Date \$ 10,488
YTD \$ 46,632

OUR SERVICE - May 14

Greeters.....Anna Deekae
 Nubari Deekae

Liturgist.....Barry Mathis

Scripture.....Happy Gbeneneh

Children's Time.....Andrew Baker


Lock-up.....Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

May Scripture Readers

21 Jane Hight
28 Audrey Weaver

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

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| Kristen Boggs | Jim Brazile | Brenda Brazile |
| Melissa Cole | Jaunay Davis | Miriam Davis |
| Corella Edwards | Gordillo Family | Diane Harrison |
| John Hight | Kay Hudak | Patty Hudak |
| Jeff Irwin | Dennis LeClear | 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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Mothers of U.S. Mother's Day were West Virginia Methodists

By the United Methodist News Service

The celebration of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greece, but the [mother of Mother's Day](#) in the United States was Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, a Methodist from West Virginia. Her daughter, Anna, led a successful campaign in the early 1900s to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday.

Anna was not quite 2 years old when her family moved to Grafton, four miles south of Webster, W.Va. According to historical records, Anna heard her mother express hope that a memorial would be established for all mothers, living and dead.

After the death of her father in 1902, Anna — along with her mother and sister, Lillie — moved to Philadelphia to reside with her brother, Claude. After Ann's death on May 9, 1905, Anna began an intense campaign to fulfill the wish of her mother.

On May 10, 1908, the third anniversary of Ann's death, a program was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and in Philadelphia, launching the observance of a general memorial day for all mothers. Subsequently, the church observed Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May each year, making Andrews the mother church of Mother's Day.

The church, no longer an active Methodist congregation, was incorporated as an international shrine in 1962 and is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday between April 15 and Oct. 15.

For the first official Mother's Day service in 1908, Anna sent 500 white carnations to the church to be given to the participating mothers. During the next several years, she sent more than 10,000 carnations there. Carnations -- red for the living and white for the deceased -- became symbols of the purity, strength and endurance of motherhood.

In her campaign to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday, Anna called on clergymen, business leaders and politicians for help. Those included John Wanamaker, who presided over a Mother's Day service in the 5,000-seat auditorium of his Philadelphia store on May 10, 1908. More than 15,000 reportedly tried to attend the event, where Anna spoke for more than an hour.

The first Mother's Day proclamation was issued by West Virginia's governor in 1910. The day was celebrated in most states in 1911. In 1914, the U.S. House and Senate approved a resolution proclaiming the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. President Woodrow Wilson endorsed it, and Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan proclaimed it.

Today, countries around the world celebrate Mother's Day. Some -- including Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium -- have joined the United States in observing it on the second Sunday in May.

Anna spent her remaining years promoting the Mother's Day movement but was unsuccessful at thwarting what she considered commercialization of the day.

She died in 1948 at age 84 and was buried in Philadelphia. On the day of the funeral, the bell on Andrews Church in Grafton tolled 84 times in her honor.

Scriptures Readings:

Acts 7:55-60

I Peter 2:2-10

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

John 14:1-14



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 5/14	Mother's Day 9:30a Muffins for Mom 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 5/15	12:00p News Deadline
Tue. 5/16	No Activities
Wed. 5/17	10:00a Asbury Bible Study 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 5/18	9:00a Asbury Food Pantry 10:00a Bible Study 5:45p Girl Scouts 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury
Fri. 5/19	Offices Closed 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 5/20	10:00a UMW Social Action Day @ Mullins UMC
Sun. 5/21	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 2:00p Pre-Conference Briefing @ St. Paul's UMC 7:30p Decision America w/ Franklin Graham @ the Liberty Bowl Tiger Lane 335 S. Hollywood St.



MUFFINS FOR MOM

...on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m., sponsored by United Methodist Women. Join us for Fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to bring photos of Mom for display. Please be sure pictures are labeled so we can know 'who's who'.



BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

...each Thursday at 10 a.m. with "Bonhoeffer—Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy". Books for this study are available in the church office. If you can't make it on Thursday mornings, you are invited to try Wednesday mornings at 10a at Asbury, for the same study.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

We have more graduates to celebrate:

Alyssa Little graduates from Houston High School on May 18th. The ceremony will be at Bellevue Baptist Church. Alyssa will be entering the nursing program at the University of Arkansas. Her proud family are parents, Glenn & Renee and brothers Jackson & Christopher.

Lindsay Weaver graduated from Arizona State University on May 8, receiving her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction: Applied Behavior Analysis. Her proud family are parents, David & Shannon, brother Brad, and grandmother, Audrey Weaver. Lindsay has been working with autistic children and plans to continue on that path.

Reid Tutor graduated from The Fogelman School of Business and Administration at the University of Memphis on May 6, with a degree in accounting. Reid is currently employed at Federal Express. His proud family are wife, Melinda, children Kelsey, Daniel and Everett and his parents, Dean and Aleita Tutor.

Congratulations all, 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 thru this June? Please call the office, 683-8861 or email office@agumc.org, with the graduate's information.



CAREER DAY AT WILLOW OAKS

...will be Friday, May 19th. Willow Oaks School is asking for volunteers from the work force to come represent their field. Preparation would be a 10 minute interactive presentation that shows a snippet of what you do at work. The School would be honored to have persons from Aldersgate join them for this event.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact JoAnn Kwan, 901-416-2196 or kwani@scsk12.org



Metro District UMW Social Action Day - May 20

...from 10am to Noon at Mullins UMC, 4 N. Mendenhall Road. No reservations required.

Memphis Conference 2017 'Mission u'

...will be held July 28-29, at First UMC in Jackson, TN. Study materials, guides and e-books are available on the UMW Mission Resources website at www.umwmissionresources.org. Topics covered this year include:

Geographic Study: "Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the United States" w/Dr. Birgitte French

Spiritual Growth: "Living as a Covenant Community" w/Rev. Gregory Waldrop

Issue Study: "Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action" w/Heather Bennett

Youth Study: "In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences" w/Lindsay Freeman
Put this date on your calendar now!



LOOK WHO WE FOUND

...in the University of Memphis Magazine! Our own Karen Hall, distinguished Life Member of the Uof M Alumni Association.

Earning her JD (Juris Doctor) Degree in 1997, she has gone on to open her own law firm, serve as a board member of Lambuth Alumni Chapter (current), Wesley Senior Ministries (current), past president of the Association for Women Attorneys, past president of Community Legal Center and founder of "Strut! Memphis", a fundraising event supporting the Community Legal Center, founding member of Mid-South Collaborative Divorce Alliance and was honored as 2007 Woman of Wisdom, Reaching Beyond Borders by the Women's Foundation for Greater Memphis.

Give her a hug or a pat on the back the next time you see her and let her know we are proud of her.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Honorarium Fund

In honor of The Homebound Ministry Team

By Betty Smithmier and family

Memorial Fund

In memory of Lloyd 'Coach Mac' McDougal for his birthday by

Carolyn McDougal

In memory of Terry Williamson by

Jeffrey & Anita Mitchell



MAY FOOD PANTRY Pasta of Any Kind

Cash is also welcome.
Thank you.



CHURCH 'FAMILY & FRIENDS' PICNIC

The annual picnic is coming up on Sunday, May 28th. We have invited the Asbury church family to join us for the food, fun and fellowship.

Our men are cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks and tableware will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a side. Need a suggestion? ...maybe potato/green salad, cole slaw, broccoli slaw, baked beans, chili for the dogs, cheese, sliced tomatoes, sliced/chopped onions, lettuce, chips and dip, fruit, pickles, veggies, deviled eggs or whatever you prefer.

There will be a **Home-made Ice Cream Contest** for dessert, with a great prize for the winner. To those of you who make ice cream: get out your churns and enter your most delicious concoction.



If anyone has an ice cream maker they would be willing to loan us, just in case we need it, call Judy Stanley, 652-4821, or Barry Mathis, 299-2746. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window—name and number in your party and what you will bring, please (if you know).

Plan to join us May 28th—bring a dish and a friend!