

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist University

Antinette Guy-Scott

Corinth, MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

Mexico

Misael Hildago

(Gaby's grandfather)

Memphis Jewish Home

Janet Milewski 303

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria

...disaster victims

At Home

Nancy Blanks

Peggy Brightwell

Goyo De la Cruz

Wayne Lawrence

Carolyn McDougal

Eloise Miller

Richard Morris

Marie Park

Aquiles Quispe

Betty Ray

Lana Solomon

Terry Williamson

We Are Thankful

...that Irvin Scheirer is making good, though slow, progress.

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to

...Family & friends of Tom Zimmer

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen June Burton Mava Dell Fry

Earl Galloway Helen Griffin Doris Hight

Marie Hughes Margaret Kenley Ted Lewis

Doris Palazzini Bernice Shelby Chris Simmons

Emmett Smith Harold Smith Betty Smithmier

Martha Wallace

OUR PRESENCE - April 10

Sunday School 54

Worship 85

Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS - April 10

Offering \$ 5,341

Month to Date \$ 9,337

OUR SERVICE - April 17

Greeters Jeanette Leslie
Lou Pennington

Liturgist Jay Finzel

Scripture Jay Finzel

Children's Time Virginia Finzel

Lock-up Aleita Tutor

OUR WITNESS

Scripture Reader

April 24 Dean Tutor



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BIRDS, BEES, FLOWERS AND FAITH By The Rev. Mark Price

When the weather turns warmer and the grass grows greener, it's easier to understand the promise of new life and renewed hope that Christians proclaim as "Easter people." As we celebrate the Easter season, [the 50 days after the Resurrection](#), we see reminders all around us. So be sure to keep an eye out on your next spring stroll.

Birds

The robin, a very common bird in the U.S., has a red breast and a legend to explain it. Seems that once a gray robin flew to Christ's crown of thorns to draw out a thorn, and when it did, a drop of Christ's blood fell on its breast, leaving a stain forevermore.

Bees

It takes lots of buzzing bees to spread the pollen and make flowers grow. The honey these creatures create is a biblical symbol of God's favor. The Torah agrees, for it describes God's promised land again and again as "flowing with milk and honey."

Flowers

Long considered a symbol of hope and new life, the **daffodil** is one of the blooms most often connected to the Resurrection. Tradition says that giving a gift of daffodils will ensure happiness for the receiver—but always give a bunch: a single bloom signals doom.

The flowering shrub known as the **forsythia** is what I call the Easter tree, because when its spidery branches are moving with the wind, they seem to be arms waving in praise of the season. According to tradition, forsythia means anticipation—an appropriate companion word for Resurrection.

It is said the **dogwood tree** used to grow straight and tall, but after it was used as a crucifix for Christ, God made it short and twisted with a thin trunk so it could never be used as a cross again. The dogwood bloom has four parts, each with a rusty red color on the end and a small hole, a reminder of where the nails were driven into the cross. The center stamens look like the crown of thorns.

Faith

[The traditions that developed around these spring symbols](#) helped explain the concept that God in the flesh took on death and came back to tell us there is life on the other side. [What fantastic news!](#)

Scriptures for the Week:

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 23
John 1:22-30

- LOOKING AHEAD**
- Sun. 4/17 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Birthday Bash for "Kids to Kamp" 🎂
 - Mon. 4/18 Noon Newsletter Deadline
6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**
 - Tue. 4/19 5:30p Men's Fish Fry in Frog Jump
 - Wed. 4/20 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
6:45p Choir Rehearsal
 - Thu. 4/21 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
10:00a Bible Study
6:00p UM Men @ **Asbury**
 - Fri. 4/22 Offices Closed
11:30a Young @ Heart @ **Asbury**
 - Sat. 4/23 9:00a AFLS
1:00p One Harvest Distribution @ **Asbury**
6:00p Spanish Service @ **EI Redentor**
 - Sun. 4/24 **Festival of God's Creation Sunday**
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship

April is Earth Month

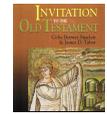


~ **BIRTHDAY BASH** ~
APRIL 17th IS THE DAY 🎂

...for our annual fundraiser for our "Kids to Kamp" Fund. All are invited to attend. The menu:

- Home-made Lasagna
- Gourmet Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Decadent Desserts
- and choice of Beverages

There is **no charge** for the meal, HOWEVER—Your 'tips' to the children or gifts to the event will be considered donations to our Kids to Kamp Fund (and are tax-deductible). Please make checks out to Aldersgate UMC and write "camp fund" in the memo line.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

'Invitation to the Old Testament' is now underway on Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m. Participant books for this short-term Disciple Bible Study, are available in the office for \$8. All are invited and welcome to attend. Need a ride? Call the office and let us know, 683-8861.



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

...is April 16th, marking an initiative to de-mystify the health care decision making process and encourage families to start talking. Ultimately, that talking should lead to an Advance Directive or agreement that will guide future plans and health care decisions should you be unable to make your wishes known.

Lynn Coffman will be available after church on April 17th to help you fill out your Advance Care Plan, which includes designation of health care agent and a Living Will, and he will notarize it for you.

✝ **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** ✝

Because we have God's gift of grace, we can let it overflow into the lives of others, even if it's difficult — especially if it's difficult!

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

I believe in my heart that faith in Jesus Christ can and will lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings, to a broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth. —John Wesley



Covenant United Methodist Women's Fashion Show
Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.
Tickets available at the door.



DON'T FORGET FISH FRY IN FROG JUMP
All men are invited to the annual Memphis Conference United Methodist Men's Fish Fry at 5:30p on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Archer's Chapel UMC, 356 Archer's Chapel Rd., Frog Jump, TN.

BIRDS, BATS AND BUTTERFLIES

April is for celebrating God's gift of earth. The Creation Justice community offers these suggestions as ways of honoring God's gift: Pray for God's creatures; create a habitat with a bird house, bat house or butterfly garden; sign and share a petition to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and/or contact Congress to defend the Endangered Species act.



FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL

Canned Fruit
Cash is always appreciated.
(Make checks out to Aldersgate and write "food Pantry" in the memo line.)
Thank you.



REMEMBER TO PRAY
For our delegates and leaders at...

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THEREFORE GO
Matthew 28: 19-20

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JUNE 19-22



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