LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 4/20	Easter Sunday			
	9:15a Prayer Time			
	9:15a Easter Breakfast			
	(donation only)			
	9:45a Sunday School			
	10:55a Worship/Cantata			
	"Risen This Day"			
Mon. 4/21	Noon News Deadline			

Tue. 4/22	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 4/23	NO Fellowship & Study NO Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 4/24 10:00a Bible Study

World Malaria Day UMW Assembly in Louisville Offices Closed

Sat. 4/26 8:30a Faith in Action Clean-up 9:00a AFLS UMW Assembly In Louisville

Sun. 4/27 9:15a Prayer Time

Fri. 4/25

9:45a Congregational Meeting In Fellowship Hall 10:55a Worship UMW Assembly in Louisville



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

Plan to join us at 9:15 on Easter Sunday, April 20, for breakfast sponsored by our United Methodist Men. You will have your choice of Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, French Toast, Biscuits, Fruit, Coffee, Milk and Juice. There is no charge but donations will gladly be accepted. Wear your Easter Bonnet or Easter Tie and enjoy the food & fellowship.

ALDERSGATE'S 'FAITH IN ACTION' CLEANUP

No experience needed! Grab a few friends and join us at Aldersgate on April 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m., to clean up our neighborhood around the church. Have questions??? Want to register??? Contact Barbara at 901-746-8949 or *bhs4639@comcast.net*.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR <u>ALL</u> MEMBERS OF ALDERSGATE

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend an important congregational meeting April 27 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Cynthia Davis, will be here to discuss and answers questions regarding Aldersgate's new "Parish Model" and our new "Ministering Team".

Please make every effort to attend to be further enlightened on Aldersgate's future and "moving forward". A light breakfast will be served.

Thank you for your continued prayers and we look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

Your Staff/Parish Relations Committee



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

4/17	Maundy Thursday Communion	6:30 p.m.
4/18	Good Friday	
4/19	Holy Saturday	
	Choir Rehearsal	2:00 p.m.
4/20	Easter Sunday	
	Breakfast by UMM	9:15 a.m.
	Worship/Cantata	10:55 a.m.

WIN'S FIRST SOLIDARITY BREAKFAST IS APRIL 19

Come together in solidarity with Mid-South workers and learn more about the ongoing fight for justice and equality in Memphis from leaders in the movement such as workers from the historical 1968 Sanitation Workers Strike; President of the Memphis AFL-CIO, Irvin Calliste; and Kevin Bradshaw, President of BCTGM's locked out Kellogg workers. You may purchase tickets for \$25 at *workersinterfaithnetwork.eventbrite.com* for the 9a.m. meeting. A light breakfast will be provided by Stone Soup. Please contact Emilie with any questions at 901-332-3570.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK					
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<u>1 Cross</u>					
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UMW NEWS

With the changes in the way Aldersgate will be continuing as a parish church, a book from the UMW Reading Program under the Leadership category would be a timely read. *Lord, I Love the Church and We Need Help* by Virginia Bassford, a former pastor and current UMC DS, offers encouragement to congregations like ours that are going through change.



FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL Canned Tuna Crackers Peanut Butter

GOING PLACES Tour Time

This is your last chance to sign up for our Gulf Coast Adventure, April 28-May 1. We will be touring Bellengrath Gardens in Mobile, AL, outlet shopping in Foley, AL, and tour the Naval Air Base, home of the Blue Angels, in Pensacola, FL. These reservations should be made immediately.

Day Trip

June 17th we'll travel the Delta Blues Trail to Merigold and Mound Bayou, MS, to visit award winning pottery shops. Then on to Indianola, MS, to B.B. King's Museum and the Delta Interpretive Center. Reservation must be made by May 15. Please call Carolyn for more info or to make reservations, 861-0841.





LUNCH AND THE IMAX

Our next church outing is May 8, for lunch at the Women's Exchange at 11:00a, then on to the IMAX Theater for a showing of 'Jerusalem'. IMAX admission is \$8.00.

We will need to carpool for this event and will leave the church at 10:30a. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window. Please indicate if you will drive when you register. Call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for complete details.



'BBY & F' FUNDRAISER FOR LAKESHORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Join us for the Book/Bake/Yard & Food Sale on Saturday, May 3, from 8a to Noon. Sponsored by the Outreach/Missions Team, this will be a fundraiser for Lakeshore Summer Camp Scholarships. Boys and girls, get out your aprons and toques blanches (chef's hat) and make your best creations for the Bake Sale. Clean out those book cases and attics for the Book Sale. You may rent a table for \$10 to clear away those unwanted treasures or sign up for the 'Aldersgate Table' if you have only a few things to offer. You will also have the good fortune to enjoy some down-home cookin' by our Methodist Men.

To sign up or rent a table, please contact Cathy Boice, 493-2886, or Mary Robbins, 683-0281 or by email at *dgboice@aol.com*.



MUFFINS FOR MOM ...is coming up on May 11.



LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

This offering helps make it possible for the Foods Resource Bank of UMCOR to provide emergency relief in areas experiencing famine and to aid in long term prevention of hunger by helping farmers learn to grow food and care for livestock. Our Offering will be collected at Easter Sunday service.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

A few Sundays ago I shared this modern day rewriting of 1 Corinthians 13 as part of my sermon. Some of you have asked for a copy, so here it is:

- 1. Though I can speak 5 languages, if I do not have enough love to keep from gossiping, I'm just making noise.
- 2. Though I read the Bible regularly and pray every day, if I don't have enough love to sacrifice personal desires, my spiritually means nothing
- 3. Though I give to charity, and provide for my family, if I do not show love to those I live and work with, my hard work is worthless.
- 4. Love has a long, hard day at the office yet doesn't get snappy and short tempered.
- 5. Love is happy for others. Love doesn't have to drive the fanciest car, live in the biggest house or have all the latest gadgets.
- 6. Love isn't rude or selfish. Love is too busy being concerned about others to worry about its own. Love believes the best of people.
- 7. Love knows what it hears and reads will affect its attitude.
- 8. Love is flexible and gives others the benefit of the doubt. Love never runs our of patience, even with those who may not do their share. Love has all the time in the world.
- 9. Love never fails. I fail others; others fail me. We all can be misguided and confused at times. Our words and deeds fall short and may not play out the way we want.
- 10. We're frail and foolish and our understanding of the world is partial at best.
- 11. But when God's Spirit lives in us...that changes everything.

As we celebrate Easter, let us remember that "God's love was revealed among us in this way; God sent his only son into the world so that we might live through Him".

Happy Easter, Brother Paul