

OUR PRAYERS

Jcksn/Mad County

Mildred Hight

Corinth MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

Patterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Mexico

Misael Hildago
(Gaby's grandfather)

Memphis Jewish Home

Janet Milewski 303
Earl Galloway

Highlands-Memphis

Antinette Guy-Scott

At Home

Peggy Brightwell
Goyo De la Cruz
Wayne Lawrence
Freda Lipford
Eloise Miller
Richard Morris
Marie Park
Aquiles Quispe
Betty Ray
Lana Solomon
Terry Williamson

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...disaster victims

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Mava Dell Fry
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 24

Sunday School	47
Worship	72
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS - April 24

Offering	\$ 1,288
Month to Date	\$ 14,067

OUR SERVICE - May 1

Greeters	Jane Hight Betty Jones
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Nubari Deekae
Children's Time	Dean Tutor
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

May Scripture Readers

8	Peggy Brightwell
15	Tom Lockhart
22	Faith Gbeneneh
29	Jane Hight



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Send the Fire Truck! (copied)

In a small eastern Kentucky town, the local police chief also served as part of the Volunteer Fire Department. His job was to answer the phone and in the event of a fire was to ring the fire bell to summons all the volunteer firemen in the county.

One Saturday morning, the phone rang and the chief answered, "Fire department." Out of the ear phone came the terrified voice of a woman yelling, "Hurry, send the fire truck!", but immediately hung up the phone. The chief sat there stunned. "Send it where?"

In a very few minutes, the phone rang again, and the chief again answered, "Fire department." Once more, in hysterical cries, the voice on the other end of the phone cried, "Hurry! Hurry!, send the fire truck," and again immediately hung up the phone.

The chief was even more perturbed. He ran out into the street and surveyed the scene for a full 360 degrees, looking for smoke. No smoke. Where was the fire? Whose house was going up in flames? Were there children who were in danger? All these things flitted through his mind.

He heard the phone rang again, and on the way back to the station office, he devised a way to keep the lady on the phone long enough to find where to send the fire truck. He grabbed the phone, and yelled, "Where's the fire?" The voice on the other end returned the yell by saying, "In the kitchen!" and promptly hung up the phone once more.

So much of what is called religion is a lot like this humorous situation. Insufficient information leaves people insufficiently informed and the lack of information promotes nothing but insufficient confusion. Only the full truth of God satisfies every situation in life.

It is by "every word" that comes from God's mouth, that our Lord says life in him is possible.

Blessings!

Scriptures for the Week:

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22:5

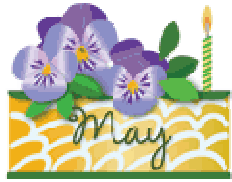
Psalms 67
John 14:23-29

Aldersgate UMC



May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6th Sunday of Easter May Day 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service	2 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline 6:00p Worship Committee Mtg. (with light supper) 6:00 Prayer Walk @ Asbury	3 ← Christian Family Week May 2-8	4 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	5 Ascension of the Lord National Day of Prayer Cinco de Mayo 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Y.E.S. Camp Parent Mtg.	6 May Friendship Day 11:00a Brow Bag Lunch at Germantown UMC Offices Closed 9:00a Art For Life's Sake 6:00p Spanish Worship Service @ El Redentor
8 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday Festival of the Christian Home Mother's Day 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service	9 Noon News Deadline 6:00 Prayer Walk @ Asbury	10 10:00a Koinonia Group @ Church 6:30p Love/Hope Pot Luck (Bring Recipe)	11 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:30a Methodist Hops. Aux. 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadline	12 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 11:00 Golden Cross Key Women 11:15a Bingo & BBQ 5:00p Girl Scouts	13 10:30a Sr. Game Day @ Asbury Offices Closed ← Change the World Weekend
15 Day of Pentecost Change the World Weekend 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 	16 Noon News Deadline 6:00 Prayer Walk @ Asbury	17 ← General Conference	18 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:30a UMNC Key Women's Luncheon @ St. Luke 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	19 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	20 Offices Closed → Remember to Pray Each Day
22 1st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday Heritage Sunday 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 6:30p Pre-Conference Briefing at St. Paul UMC	23 Noon News Deadline 6:00 Prayer Walk @ Asbury	24 Aldersgate Day	25 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	26 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony - FH	27 11:30a Young at Heart @ Asbury Offices Closed 9:00a Art For Life's Sake 7:00p Prayer Vigil @ El Redentor
29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service	30 Offices Closed	31 7:30a Y.E.S. Camp Begins →	Aldersgate United Methodist Church Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel Outreach Ministries: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz Choir Director: Lisa Hughes Organist: Lana Solomon Pianist: Lynn Coffman 4459 Willow Road Phone: 901.683.8861 Website: www.agumc.org Memphis, TN 38117 Fax: 901.683.1374 Email: office@agumc.org		



Happy Birthday

May	1	Norma Park
	3	Becky Graves
	5	Joan Oyoo
		Agnes Broyles
	6	Mike Kelly
	10	Linsy Gordillo
	12	Michael Florow
		Ian Lee
	13	Henry Blanks
	14	Alexzandria Craft
	15	Richard Mann, Jr.
		Barry Pilkinton
	21	Brooke Anderson
	24	Wanda King
	26	Oliver Flores
	28	Emmett Smith
	30	Gail Wilson
	31	Chris Bond



Happy Anniversary

May	16	Ben & Pat Carr
	19	Bruce & Lisa Hughes
	21	Brad & Jennifer Weaver
	25	Barry & Perri Mathis

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY

Greeters	Jane Hight
	Betty Jones
Liturgist	1 Bruce Hughes
	8 Warren Petty
	15 Warren Petty
	22 Warren Petty
	29 Warren Petty
Scripture	1 Nubari Deekae
	8 Peggy Brightwell
	15 Tom Lockhart
	22 Faith Gbeneneh
	29 Jane Hight
Children's Time	1 Dean Tutor
	8 Andrew Baker
	15 Goyo De la Cruz
	22 Goyo De la Cruz
	29 Goyo De la Cruz
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Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org



Y.E.S. CAMP COMING TO ALDERSGATE FOR THE SUMMER

(Youth Empowerment Summer Camp)

Want your child, age 4-14, to enjoy academic enrichment, arts & crafts, spelling bees, sports, dance, martial arts, field trips, talent show, cheerleading, magic shows, physical fitness, empowerment sessions, games, a camp picnic and so much more? Sign them up for Y.E.S. Camp this summer. Beginning Monday, May 31 and ending July 29, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, kids will get hot meals each day, and relish all the fun activities. A one-time fee of \$75, **due before camp begins**, covers registration, activities and t-shirt. In addition, the weekly fee is only \$65. A Mandatory Parent Meeting will be held Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Aldersgate if you want your child to attend this camp.

More information may be had at 901-488-1112 or www.a1empowerment.com.



COLLIERVILLE UMC TO HOST A 1-WEEK WINSHAPE CAMP

WinShape Camps for Communities provides an unprecedented day camp experience for campers who have completed grades 1-9. It is expected to draw between 350 and 500 youngsters from our area. WinShape Camps were begun by Chick-fil-A founder, S. Truett Cathy.

Whether you like sports, dance, cooking, gymnastics, painting, arts & crafts, whacky science or many other options, there is something for everyone at WinShape Camps for Communities! Come be a part of this incredible adventure where we combine recreation, arts, Bible study and worship into one incredible week. Registration will continue until June 27 or until all spots are filled. Remember, this is for children who have completed grades 1 through 9. Day Camp fee is \$204 for the week. Special scholarships are available for this camp, to be held June 27—July 1. You may contact WinShape Camps at www.winshapecamps.org or <http://www.winshapecamps.org> or by calling 1-800-448-6955.

Sun. 5/1 **LOOKING AHEAD**
6th Sunday of Easter
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship

Mon. 5/2 **Christian Family Week** May 2-8
10:00a Church Women United @
Buntyn Presbyterian
Noon Newsletter Deadline
6:00p Worship Committee
6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 5/3 No Activities

Wed. 5/4 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/5 **Ascension of the Lord**
National Day of Prayer
9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
10:00a Bible Study
6:30p Y.E.S. Camp Mandatory
Parent Meeting

Fri. 5/6 May Friendship Day
11:00a Brown Bag Lunch @
Germantown UMC
Offices Closed

Sat. 5/7 9:00a AFLS
6:00p Spanish Service @
El Redentor

Sun. 5/8 **Ascension Sunday**
Festival of the Christian Home
Mother's Day
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship

✠ **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** ✠

The trials of today are but temporary.
Rejoice in Christ's eternal victory.

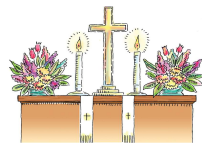


BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m. each Thursday.

THANK YOU, BUT...

At this time, we **no longer** need donations of plastic bags for recycling. You have been most generous. We'll let you know when we run short again. Thank you!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE TO MEET

...on Monday, May 2, at 6 p.m. with dinner provided for the group. All members - please make plans to attend.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Scriptures for May 5:
Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47,
Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

God needs you to be blessed and be a blessing to others as a Worship assistant - Liturgist, July-Dec; Greeter, June-Nov; Scripture Reader, or Children's Time Leader (or all of the above)! Sign-up sheets are on the office window. If you prefer, you may call the office, 683-8861, and give Kathy your preferences.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for May/June is available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up and don't miss a day of the great devotionals.



Growing in Blessedness

As we journey through the Beatitudes in our programs this year, we explore living in blessedness as well as extending blessedness to all. Understanding why the Beatitudes of Christ are crucial to us as disciples will help us meet many needs within our church, community and world. In supporting mission through advocacy programs that address Domestic Violence, Economic Justice, Climate Justice, Health Care, Human Trafficking, Immigration Justice, Racial Justice and Women's Rights, we are changing the world for the better. Through our International Ministries and National Mission Institutions, we are blessing the lives of women, children and youth beyond measure.

Areas for prayer and service for May: Church Women United on May 2; Christian Family Week May 2-7; National Day of Prayer May 5; Friendship Day May 6; Koinonia and Love/Hope Meetings May 10; Methodist Hospital Auxiliary May 11; Change the World Weekend May 14-15.

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

"I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field."
~ John Wesley ~

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Would you like a giving statement for the first quarter of the year? Please call the church office, 683-8861, to make your request. Thank you for helping us be good stewards.

FOOD PANTRY FOR MAY

Pastas and Sauces
Cash is always appreciated and will help purchase goods at a great discount.
(Make checks payable to Aldersgate and write "food Pantry" in the memo line.)
Thank you.



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING
...for the leaders and delegates
at General Conference



BROWN BAG LUNCH @ GERMANTOWN UMC
"I'm a Memphian:"

Character References for a City"
This event is coming up on May 6th, at 11:00 am, lead by Dan Conaway, author, columnist and consultant. No reservations are needed for this FREE (bring your own 'brown bag') lunch. Beverages will be provided. Come enjoy the program and fellowship at 2331 So. Germantown Rd. Want more info? Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107 .



BINGO AND BBQ

Join us for lunch of BBQ sandwiches, chips, desert and drinks and a time of fun and frenzy at BINGO on Thursday, May 12, right after Bible Study (about 11:15). Please sign up on the office window or call the office, 683-8861, to make a reservation. We need to know how much BBQ to purchase. There is no charge but donations will be taken for lunch. Bring your appetite and a prize or two, beautifully wrapped, for our bingo winners. Remember, the more prizes you bring, the longer we get to play!
You are also invited to come at 10a and sit in on our Bible Study!