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| Sat. 5/3  | <b>LÖÖKING AHEAD</b><br><b>8:00a Book, Bake Yard &amp; Food Sale</b>  |
| Sun. 5/4  | <b>Golden Cross Sunday</b><br>9:15a Prayer Time<br>9:45a Sunday School<br>10:55a Worship                      |
| Mon. 5/5  | <b>Christian Family Week Begins</b><br>10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian<br>Noon News Deadline |
| Tue. 5/6  | 6:00p Cub Scouts  |
| Wed. 5/7  | 6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:00p Choir Rehearsal   |
| Thu. 5/8  | <b>NO Bible Study</b><br>10:30a Leave for Lunch & trip to the IMAX Theater                                    |
| Fri. 5/9  | Offices Closed  |
| Sat. 5/10 | 9:00a AFLS  |
| Sun. 5/11 | <b>Mother's Day</b><br>9:15a Prayer Time<br>9:45a Sunday School<br>10:15a Muffins for Mom<br>10:55a Worship   |

**KEY WOMEN'S MEETING OPEN TO ALL**

On Wednesday, May 21, the UMNC Key Women will host their annual luncheon featuring the children from Miriam Day Care Center, with featured speaker, David Waters, of the Commercial Appeal. It will be a pot luck salad lunch and will be at Centenary UMC. Meeting begins at 10 a.m. In addition, there will be a Unique Boutique for a great shopping experience. Brother Paul has offered to drive anyone wishing to go from Aldersgate. Please let him know if you plan to attend.

**LENDING A HAND TO UMNC**

Our United Methodist Neighborhood Centers emphasis for May will be *copy paper* and *cleaning supplies*. Dish washing liquid, detergent, Mr. Clean, hand soap (liquid or solid) are a few suggestions. Your help is so needed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

**THANK YOU**

...to Paul, Barbara, Tom, Sharon, Jimmie, Diana, Lisa, Barry, Andrew, Aleita, Lorelle, Peggy, Mary & Cathy for helping with the 'Faith in Action' clean-up last Saturday. We were able to get everything accomplished and then some...we picked up at the park, the school, the church and the surrounding streets—we even had time to clean up an abandoned lot on Willow. A neighbor on Cherry stopped to thank us and a man running track also helped. Feedback like this makes it all worth it! A special thanks to Barbara for spearheading this project—we couldn't have done it without you.

If you ordered a t-shirt for the occasion, they are \$12.00, and payment may be made to the church office. Make checks out to Aldersgate UMC and note 't-shirt' in the memo line.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

For love, both given and received, be thankful!

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK  
May 5 - 11**

Please note the insert in Sunday's bulletin for suggestions to observe this special time.

**GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY - MAY 4**

Our Golden Cross offering on May 4th is dedicated to enhance the daily living and well-being of residents of Wesley Living Communities through the Senior Residents Fund. 100% of your gifts will assist with rent, food, furniture and medical emergencies, as well as programs and activities that create a better life for our seniors. Lists of suggested items are on the table outside the Sanctuary or you may leave your monetary gifts on the communion rail, drop in the offering plate or bring it by the office. Checks may be made out to Aldersgate. Please note with cash or checks "Golden Cross". Thank you.

**GOING PLACES  
Tour Time**

Our next tour is a day trip to Mississippi's DELTA BLUES TRAIL, on June 17. Brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Call Carolyn, 861-0841, for information and/or reservations.

**UMW NEWS**

**Scholarship Seeds Success**

Having to flee his home in Sierra Leone to a refugee camp in Ghana when rebels overran his home, Abdul Kamara counts himself truly blessed by a United Methodist Women International Ministries scholarship. Gaining an education in a refugee camp is near impossible but Abdul eventually earned a high school "certificate" through a United Nations scholarship. Wanting desperately to continue his education, he tried for more than four years to find financial assistance to no avail until he visited the General Board of Global Ministries website and contacted Lisa Katzenstein. Lisa promised to put him on the list for a scholarship. Reminding her every month that he was waiting, Abdul finally received an e-mail confirming his scholarship. Now in pursuit of a degree in business information technology, Abdul has great hopes for the future and plans to become a computer systems information analyst. Abdul says, "I want to thank all members of United Methodist Women for the support. I am grateful to God for people like you." Excerpts from Response Magazine

**THE UPPER ROOM**

...for May/June is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Don't miss any of these great devotionals. Pick one up today.

**FOOD PANTRY FOR MAY**

Tuna and Peanut Butter

**GREETERS NEEDED**

Friends: Half the year is taken care of but we have June & July, September, October, November and December still open for greeters. Please sign up on the office window for the month you would like.

**COME SEE 'JERUSALEM' AT THE IMAX**

Time is running short for you may sign up for our church outing on May 8, for lunch at the Women's Exchange at 11:00a, and 'Jerusalem' at the IMAX Theater. 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 or you may call the church office, 683-8861. Please indicate if you will drive when you register.



**BOOK, BAKE, YARD & FOOD SALE  
IS MAY 3rd**

To sign up or rent a table at our **BBY&F Sale**, you may contact Cathy Boice, 493-2886, or Mary Robbins, 683-0281 or by email at [dgboice@aol.com](mailto:dgboice@aol.com). To have goodies picked up, call Aleita Tutor, 274-0089, or you may bring them to the church on Wednesday night or Thursday or Saturday morning. Other items to be picked up, call Mary, 683-0281. Book donations may be brought to the church at anytime. You may rent a table for \$10 or sign up for the Aldersgate Table if you have only a few things for sale. You may also sign up to help the UM Men with food and cooking. The start of business that Saturday is 8 a.m. Proceeds will go to the Lakeshore Scholarship Fund. Donations will also be gratefully accepted.

**MUFFINS FOR MOM**

**On Mother's Day - May 11**

Fellowship Time at 10:15a will be in honor of our mothers and our 'other mothers' with a Muffins for Mom celebration. A special table will be provided to display photos of Mom, Grandma, Auntie and other special women who have influenced our lives. Please place name cards with the pictures. Muffins will be provided by the Sunday School Classes.

You also have the opportunity to give an honorarium or memorial to the church in recognition of your special woman.

**HONOR THY MOTHER**

... or a special woman by giving a gift in her name. A special insert will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin. Please complete this form, enclose payment, and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please place gift(s) in Hon/Mem Fund or \_\_\_\_\_ Fund

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**Methodist North**

Betty Smithmier 272 ICU

**At Home**

David Weaver Martha Wallace  
Betty Ray Pat Tully  
Sue Petty

**Hospice Care**

Mary Stanley Lynda Park

**OUR PRESENCE**

**April 27**  
Church School 48  
Worship 55  
Visitors 1

**OUR GIFTS**

**April 27**  
This Week's Offering \$ 2,206  
MTD \$ 10,072

**OUR SERVICE**

**May 4, 2014**

**Greeters** Ginny Lawrence  
Wayne Lawrence  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Brother Paul  
**Children's Time** Brother Paul  
**Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

**OUR WITNESS**

**May Scripture Readers**

4 Brother Paul  
11 Renee Little  
18 Peggy Brightwell  
25 Jane Hight



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

On Sunday, I talked about overcoming self-doubt. Here is something written by Yann Martel author of the *Life of Pi*.  
"If Christ spent an anguished night in prayer, if He burst out from the cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?', then surely we are also permitted doubt. But we must move on. To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as a means of transportation."

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for May 4<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Sermon Title

"By Invitation Only"

# Aldersgate UMC



# May 2014

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| 4459 Willow Road<br>Memphis, TN 38117<br><br>Pastor: Dr. Paul Scheirer<br>Choir Director: Jo Ann Shelton<br>Organist: Lana Solomon   |  |   | Phone: (901) 683-8861<br>Fax: (901) 683-1374<br><br>Email: office@agumc.org<br>Website: www.agumc.org   |  | <b>1 National Day of Prayer</b><br>10:00a Bible Study<br> | <b>2 May Friendship Day</b><br><br>Offices Closed     | <b>3</b> 8:00a Book, Bake, Yard & Food Sale<br>Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships<br>9:00a AFLS |
| <b>4 Golden Cross Sunday</b><br><b>NO Fellowship Time</b><br>9:15a Prayer Time<br>9:45a Church School<br>10:55a Worship Service  | <b>5</b><br>10:00a Church Women<br>United @ Buntyn<br>Presbyterian<br>Noon News Deadline                           | <b>6</b><br><br>6:00p Cub Scouts  | <b>7</b><br><br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:00p Choir Rehearsal<br><br>Christian Family Week  | <b>8</b><br><br>No Bible Study<br>10:30a Lunch & IMAX  | <b>9</b><br><br>Offices Closed   | <b>10</b> 9:00a AFLS                                  |   |
| <b>11 Mother's Day</b> <br>9:15a Prayer Time<br>9:45a Church School<br>10:15a Muffins for Mom<br>10:55a Worship Service | <b>12</b><br>Noon News Deadline  | <b>13</b><br>10:00a Koinonia<br><br>6:00p Cub Scouts<br>7:00p Love/Hope | <b>14</b><br>10:00a Methodist Hospital<br>Auxiliary Meeting @<br>Methodist Univ. Hosp.<br><br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:00p Choir Rehearsal | <b>15</b><br>No Bible Study  | <b>16</b><br><br>Offices Closed  | <b>17 Change the World Weekend</b><br><br>9:00a AFLS  |   |
| <b>18 Change the World Weekend</b><br>9:15a Prayer Time<br>9:45a Church School<br>10:55a Worship Service<br>12:15p Walk-a-thon & Fish Fry-<br>Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships                           | <b>19</b><br>Noon News Deadline  | <b>20</b><br>9:00a Clergy Mtg. at<br>Aldersgate<br><br>6:00p Cub Scouts | <b>21</b><br>10:00a UMNC Key Women's<br>Meeting & Lunch<br><br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:00p Choir Rehearsal                                | <b>22</b><br>10:00a Bible Study  | <b>23 Last Day of School</b><br><br>Offices Closed      | <b>24</b> 9:00a AFLS<br><br>4:00p 90th Birthday Party |   |
| <b>25</b> 9:15a Prayer Time<br>9:45a Church School<br>10:55a Worship Service   | <b>26</b><br><br>Offices Closed | <b>27</b><br><br>No Cub Scouts  | <b>28</b><br><br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:00p Choir Rehearsal  | <b>29 Ascension of the Lord</b><br>10:00a Bible Study<br>11:30a Box Lunch & Bingo<br><b>Lunch Reservations<br/>                     Required</b> | <b>30</b><br><br>Offices Closed  | <b>31</b> 9:00a AFLS                                  |   |



### Happy Anniversary

- May 1 Norma Park
- 2 Ezekiel Robertson
- 3 Becky Graves
- 5 Joan Oyoo  
Agnes Broyles
- 6 Mike Kelly
- 12 Michael Florow  
Ian Lee
- 14 Martha Meyer
- 15 Richard Mann, Jr.  
Barry Pilkinton
- 21 Brooke White
- 24 Wanda King
- 28 Emmett Smith
- 30 Gail Wilson
- 31 Chris Bond

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

| ASSISTING IN MAY             |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Greeters</b> .....        | Ginny Lawrence<br>Wayne Lawrence                               |
| <b>Liturgist</b> .....       | Bruce Hughes   |
| <b>Scripture</b> .....       | Brother Paul<br>Renee Little<br>Peggy Brightwell<br>Jane Hight |
| <b>Children's Time</b> ..... | Brother Paul<br>Bruce Hughes<br>Rebeca Ernst<br>Lisa Hughes    |
| <b>Lock-up</b> .....         | Emmett Parrish   |

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](mailto:office@agumc.org)

**Birthstone: Emerald**  
Derived from the Greek word *smaragdus*, meaning *green*, the emerald is said to grant the owner foresight, good fortune and youth.



**Birth Flower: Lily of the Valley**  
This carefree flower signifies sweetness, humility & a return to happiness. A bouquet given to a loved one shows that your life is complete with them.

### What can we do in May ? 2014 Memphis in May salutes Panama

- Daily When is the last time you watched the Peabody ducks march down the red carpet? Every day at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., you can observe this strange and funny spectacle.
- Daily except Sundays—Memphis Mojo & Sun Studio Tour. Leave from Blues City Café for 3 hour tour. Approximately \$50 per person. Book through Backbeat Tours, 901-272-2328, email: [tours@backbeattours.com](mailto:tours@backbeattours.com) or at the ticket window inside Blues City Café.
- 1 “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” will be onstage at the Orpheum. Join the “fearless” adventurers on their quest. A great family show. 6:30p
- 2 Cooper Young Night Out. Get out and explore the Cooper Young area and enjoy an evening full of events.
- 2—4 Beale Street Music Festival. Head down to Tom Lee Park for a weekend of live music
- 7 Farmers’ Market at Memphis Botanic Garden. Every Wednesday, 2 until 6 p.m.
- 9-10 Memphis Greek Festival. This much loved event is at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 573 N. Highland, from 11a to 8p. More info? Call 327-8177.
- 10 Enjoy a Redbirds game at Autozone Park with fireworks after the game. 175 Toyota Plaza. Call 901-721-600 for time and tickets.
- 17 Trail Blazin’ Volunteers will work at the Lichterman Nature Center from 9 a.m. to noon, helping to keep paths open. Bring work gloves. Beverages will be provided. 5992 Quince Road. For details, call 901-767-7322.
- 21 Lunch & Learn at the National Civil Rights Museum. Bring a lunch and learn about civil rights history and contemporary issues. 450 Mulberry Street, 901-521-9699.
- 26 Take an art class with Jane Croy...any subject, any style, any skill level. First class is free at Hobby Lobby, 7926 Hiway 64, Bartlett, TN. Contact Jane at 901-497-8073.
- 31 Visit the “Elvis: Live from Las Vegas” exhibit at Graceland, 3734 Elvis Presley Blvd. For times and fees, call 901-332-3322.