

**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	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Doris Hight	Marie Hughes	Wayne Lawrence
Ted Lewis	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Emmett Smith	Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace

**Methodist Germantown** **Special Prayers** for  
 Marcelle Farrow 439West ...disaster victims  
 (Hopes to go to rehab by ...immigrants  
 the end of this week) ...the remaining kidnapped  
 Nigerian girls

**Hospice Care**  
 Mildred Hight

**At Home**  
 Peggy Brightwell  
 Karen Mosley  
 Mary Lockhart

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
 ...Family & friends of Margaret Kenley

**OUR PRESENCE - May 28**

Sunday School	47
Worship	65

**OUR GIFTS - May 28**

Offering	\$ 2,399
Month to Date	\$ 15,453
YTD	\$ 48,632

**OUR SERVICE - June 4**

**Greeters**.....Audrey Weaver  
 Jeanette Leslie

**Liturgist**.....Bruce Hughes

**Scripture**.....Tom Lockhart

**Children's Time**.....Bruce Hughes

**Lock-up**.....Ed Stanley

**OUR WITNESS**

**June Scripture Readers**

11 Lisa Hughes  
 18 Lana Solomon  
 25 Warren Petty



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**OUR PRAYERS (con't)**

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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**THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS**

By Dan Flournoy

*"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph 4:32).*

Expressing kindness is such a little thing, yet it means so much. An anonymous writer has well said: "The ministry of kindness is a ministry which may be achieved by all men, rich and poor, learned and illiterate. Brilliance of mind and capacity for deep thinking have rendered great service to humanity, but by themselves they are impotent to dry a tear or mend a broken heart."

Despite his busy schedule during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln often visited the hospitals to cheer the wounded. On one occasion he saw a young fellow who was near death. "Is there anything I can do for you?" asked the compassionate President. "Please write a letter to my mother," came the faint request. Unrecognized by the soldier, the Chief Executive sat down and wrote as the youth dictated: "My Dearest Mother, I was badly hurt while doing my duty, and I won't recover. Don't sorrow too much for me. May God bless you and father. Kiss Mary and John for me."

The young man was too weak to go on, so Lincoln signed the letter for him and then added this postscript: "Written for your son by Abraham Lincoln." Asking to see the note, the soldier was astonished to discover who had shown him such kindness. "Are you really our President?" he asked. "Yes," was the quiet answer. "And now, is there anything else I can do?" The lad feebly replied, "Will you please hold my hand? I think it would help to see me through to the end." The tall, gaunt man granted his request, offering warm words of encouragement until death stole in with the dawn.

If only we could remember that everyone is carrying some kind of burden that kindness could help them bear. How many hearts are aching for a little smile, a little word of encouragement or sympathy.

Another anonymous writer penned these words: "Do a deed of simple kindness, Though its end you may not see; It will reach like widening ripples, Down a long eternity!"

Brotherly kindness is one of the "Christian graces" one needs to add to his life in order to make one fruitful in the Lord's service and thus entrance into that eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you. (2 Pet. 1:5-10). May we learn the lesson of kindness and practice this Christ like quality in our daily lives.

Blessings,

*Virginia*

**Scriptures Readings:**

Acts 2:1-21

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

John 7:37-39

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Sun. 6/4 **Pentecost Sunday**  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
 2:00p Annual Conference begins at Collierville UMC
- Mon. 6/5 7:30a Annual Conference  
 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian
- Tue. 6/6 7:30a Annual Conference  
 12:00p News Deadline
- Wed. 6/7 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 6/8 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry  
 5:45p Girl Scouts
- Fri. 6/9 Offices Closed  
 5:45p Girl Scouts
- Sat. 6/10 No Church Activities  
 10a-12p Second Saturday **Free Legal Aid Clinic**,  
 Central Library,  
 3030 Poplar Ave.
- Sun. 5/11 **Trinity Sunday**  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
 12:30p UMW Unit Meeting w/  
 Salad Pot Luck Lunch



**FOOD PANTRY FOR JUNE**  
 Peanut Butter  
 Jelly  
 Crackers

**THANK YOU NOTE**

My Dear Friends,  
 Your love and kindness have meant so much to us and to me since Terry's passing. Your cards, calls, gifts and prayers upheld me through many trying days. I miss you and am so grateful for your concern. God bless you.

Margie Williamson

The most successful people are those who are good at Plan B



— SENT TO SERVE —  
**GOD AND NEIGHBOR**  
 MEMPHIS CONFERENCE 2017

**2017 Memphis Annual Conference**  
**June 4-6 - Collierville UMC**

**OUR JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING**

...will go to the Annual Conference Offerings for the Mama Lynn Center/Congo Women Arise and the Jerusalem Fund. The Memphis Conference along with the Tennessee and California-Pacific Conferences are partnering with the East Congo Episcopal Area to help address the needs of rape survivors in a location often called the rape capital of the world. The Mama Lynn Center will be located in Kindu, Democratic Republic of the Congo. In association with local churches, the Center will provide support for women and help them rediscover their value in society.



**From Our Conference President**

Ladies: To give you plenty of notice, mark your calendars for the United Methodist Women's Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, May 18-29, 2018. It will mark the official celebration of our 150th anniversary and a return to the location of our very first Assembly in 1942! Early registration will be available September 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017, for \$295. Regular registration will be \$330. I hope there will be a large Memphis delegation as we celebrate 150 years of putting faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth.

Mary Lou Worth

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Rather than wait for peace to come in the world, offer your peace to the world: be a patient listener, soothe a fearful child, speak words of love and care for others.

**CAN YOU COMPLETE THESE 6 LETTER WORDS?**

- \_\_\_ CIL \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ HID \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ NZE \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ESE \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ LUG \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ SOM \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for  
**Music Fund**  
In memory of John Grinstead by  
 Neil & Jean DeLong

**ST. LUKE'S TO HOST LIVE WEBCAST OF BISHOP'S MESSAGE ON JUNE 4**

Not going to Annual Conference but would like to see and hear Bishop McAlilly's message, "Sent to Serve"? You are invited to St. Luke's UMC, 480 S. Highland St., to watch the live webcast on Sunday night, June 4, at 7 p.m. No registration or sign-up is needed.




The rest of the Annual Conference will also be live-streamed for anyone who wishes to tune in from home or another location. The link is: [www.memphis-umc.net/2017AC](http://www.memphis-umc.net/2017AC)



**"Faith means believing in things you've never seen...like your feet!"**

# Aldersgate UMC

# June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				<b>1</b> 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>2</b> Offices Closed  5:45 Girl Scouts	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Pentecost Sunday</b>  10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service	<b>5</b> 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>9</b> Offices Closed  5:45 Girl Scouts	<b>10</b>
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<b>11</b>  <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 12:30 p UMW Unit Mtg w/ Salad Pot Luck lunch	<b>12</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>13</b> 11:00a Koinonia	<b>14</b> 10:30a Methodist Hospital Auxiliary Meeting @ Methodist Univ. Hosp.  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury  5:45p Girl Scouts 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	<b>16</b> Offices Closed  5:45 Girl Scouts	<b>17</b>  9:00a District UMW Mission Study @ Faith UMC 2450 Frayser Blvd. 358-1651
<b>18 Father's Day</b>  9:30a Donuts for Dad sponsored by UM Men  10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service with Dr. Joe Piercey preaching	<b>19</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>23</b> Offices Closed  11:30a Young @ Heart-Asbury  5:45 Girl Scouts	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship	<b>26</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury  5:45p Girl Scouts	<b>30</b> Offices Closed  5:45 Girl Scouts	



### FOOD PANTRY FOR JUNE

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Crackers

Cash is also welcome

Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'Food Pantry' in the memo line.



### Happy Birthday

Jun	1	John Bellott
		A.J. Martin
	5	Konrad Hughes
	6	Audrey Weaver
	7	Neal Carter
	8	Melissa Lee
	9	Jane Hight
	12	Elise Bond
		Ben Parrish
	15	Bernice Shelby
	16	Nubari Deekae
	17	Lynn Coffman
		Donna Metler
	18	Sandra Shipley
	22	Betty Jones
	23	Kirsten Burton
		Richard Hall
	24	Mary Mann
	25	Rose Oyoo
	30	Tyler Pilkinton



### Happy Anniversary

Jun	13	Jay & Virginia Finzel
	17	Fortune & Happy Gbeneneh
	18	Rick & Robin Bellott
	25	Neil & Jean DeLong
	28	Matt & Morgan Rhea

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

<b>Greeters</b> .....	Jeanette Leslie
	Audrey Weaver
<b>Liturgist</b> .....	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b> .....	4 Tom Lockhart
	11 Lisa Hughes
	18 Lana Solomon
	25 Warren Petty
<b>Children's Time</b> .....	4 Bruce Hughes
	11 Andrew Baker
	18 Bruce Hughes
	25 Bruce Hughes
<b>Lock-up</b> .....	Ed Stanley

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## 2017 Memphis Annual Conference



Sunday, June 4 thru Tuesday, June 6

Collierville United Methodist Church  
454 West Poplar Ave.  
Collierville, TN

Projects: **PETs** (personal energy transport) will be built for those in developing countries with limited mobility. Donations gratefully accepted.

**Project 20/20** will be on hand to collect eye glasses, sun glasses and donations for mission teams serving in underdeveloped countries.

Offerings: **Congo Women Arise** - The United Nations has called the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo the most dangerous place on earth for women. Rape is particularly perverse and rabid there. Survivors need resources to recover physically, spiritually and emotionally. Your gifts can be a light of hope by offering transitional housing, counseling, and income-generating skills.

**The Jerusalem Fund** - A confidential ministry of the Memphis Conference, administered by the Bishop's office, it provides assistance to clergy facing short-term financial hardships. District Superintendents receive requests and make recommendations for grants.

Actionable Items: **2018 Memphis Conference Budget** - The Commission on Finance and Administration has given their recommendation to be approved at Conference.

**Five Constitutional Amendments** - These will address matters of gender equality, inclusiveness in membership, delegate and bishop elections, as well as bishop accountability.

Consent Agenda: Delegates will hear **40+ reports** from UM Agencies and Ministries on the state of affairs of everything from Africa University to Wesley Senior Ministries and beyond.

Worship Services - Delegates may attend as many as **6 worship services** to include a Communion Service, a Memorial Service, A Service of Recovery and the Ordination Service.

Teaching and Learning: **Two sessions** will be held on Tuesday of Conference week, lead by Rev. Scott Chrostek, pastor of the downtown campus of Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas.