

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 Marcelle Farrow Mava Dell Fry
- Earl Galloway Doris Hight Marie Hughes
- Margaret Kenley Wayne Lawrence Ted Lewis
- Betty Ray Bernice Shelby Emmett Smith
- Betty Smithmier Martha Wallace

Vanderbilt Hospital

Cindy Garner Stanfil

Special Prayers for

- ...the Vargas family
- ...disaster victims
- ...immigrants

Hospice Care

Mildred Hight

Memphis Jewish Home

Doris Bellott 107

OUR PRESENCE - Easter Sunday - April 16

Sunday School	35
Worship	77

OUR GIFTS - April 16

Offering	\$ 2,798
Month to Date	\$ 6,128
YTD	\$ 42,271

OUR SERVICE - April 23

Greeters..... Lillian Garcia
Audrey Weaver

Liturgist..... Rebeca Ernst

Scripture..... Andrew Baker

Children's Time..Peggy Brightwell


Lock-up..... Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

April Scripture Reader
30 Jay Finzel



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 Memphis, TN 38117-6917



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

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| Kristen Boggs | Tom Boillot | Palma Borgognoni |
| Jim Brazile | Brenda Brazile | Melissa Cole |
| Jaunay Davis | Miriam Davis | Corella Edwards |
| Gordillo Family | Diane Harrison | John Hight |
| Kay Hudak | Chris Hudak | Jeff Irwin |
| Freda Lipford | Ursula Lewis | Bill McClain |
| Jesse McClerkin | Teresa McMullin | Lou Ella Morris |
| Richard Morris | Joe Moseley | Karen Mosley |
| Boyd Pilkinton | Ruth Pilkinton | Maira Pomije |
| Wade Reeves | Stephanie Roberts | Janet Snow |
| Brad Weaver | David Weaver | Shannon Weaver |
| Charlie Whitaker | Margie Williamson | |

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Pastor's Ponderings

On this Monday morning after Easter, I am filled with gratitude for everyone who helped make the Lenten season at Aldersgate and Asbury so very special. I'm grateful for those who offered the Wednesday noonday devotions—Peggy Brightwell, Wally Harris, Margaret Ann Ligon, Perri Mathis, and Nancy Murdock. I'm grateful for those who brought soups, made sandwiches and helped in the kitchen; and for Nancy Murdock who orchestrated it all week after week. I'm grateful for those who shared the fellowship meal together in Christian community following the devotions each Wednesday. I'm grateful for the Choirs of Aldersgate and Asbury; our choir director, Lisa Hughes; organist, Lana Solomon and pianist, Lynn Coffman, whose beautiful music moved us week after week. I'm also grateful for the special music of flutist, Jennifer Davis. I'm grateful for all who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt so much fun for the MANY children who came! I'm grateful for those who participated in the special worship services — beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout Lent, to Holy Week — Maundy Thursday Communion Service and Good Friday Stations of the Cross — finally culminating in Easter! What a glorious celebration of lilies, light and life as we recalled the story and rejoiced in the Resurrection! I'm grateful for all of you who shared the journey with me. May all the blessings of the Easter season be yours!

With heartfelt thanks,
Virginia

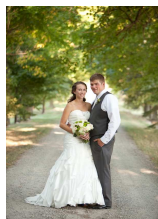
Scriptures Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
I Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 16
John 20:19-31

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 4/23 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
The Spaghetti Lunch has been **postponed**
- Mon. 4/24 12:00p News Deadline
7:00p Trustees Meeting
- Tue. 4/25 World Malaria Day
- Wed. 4/26 **NO Asbury Bible Study**
6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 4/27 9:00a **Asbury Food Pantry**
NO Bible Study
5:45p Girl Scouts
- Fri. 4/28 Offices Closed
11:30a Young @ Heart at **Asbury**
5:45p Girl Scouts
- Sat. 4/29 No Activities
- Sun. 4/30 9:30a Fellowship Time hosted by the Oxford Class
10:30a Combined Sunday School
11:30a Worship



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

...to Karl Hughes and Laura Ansilio, who will marry on April 22, at Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park, Colorado. Laura, with a doctorate in physical therapy, is employed at the VA in Chicago. Putting his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering to work, Karl is the Chief Technology Officer at The Graide Network based in Chicago. The couple will make their home in Chicago.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ask the Holy Spirit to broaden your vision to include new ways of growing in the lord. Thank the Lord for the fellowship of believers he has placed in your life.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Aldersgate Friends,
We send our thanks for the generous donation of food from you to the food pantry. Again we are grateful for the kind of help that helps us continue to serve those in need. We deeply appreciate your support. God bless you for your thoughtfulness.
The Asbury Congregation

PLEASE NOTE

The Trustees will meet on Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.



Spaghetti Lunch

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Mixed Green Salad,
Garlic Bread, Home-made Dessert,
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Asbury Fellowship Hall

Your donation to the Scholarship Fund earns you a free lunch!

For Reservations call or email the
Church Office 683-8861
office@agumc.org



MIFA'S FOUNDERS DAY 49th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for this year's Founders Day celebration. Join us on Thursday, May 4, 5:30 to 7:30, at Rhodes College McCallum Ballroom, 2000 North Parkway, as we celebrate MIFA's 49th birthday. This year's keynote speaker is Rabbi Michael E. Danziger, a native Memphian now living in Cincinnati where he is the assistant rabbi at Wise Temple. He is the son of Harry K. Danziger, who served as chair of MIFA's Board of Directors from 2002-2004 and who was the senior rabbi of Temple Israel from 1978-2000.



CONGO WOMEN ARISE

...will be the recipient of the 2017 Memphis Annual Conference offering. United Methodist Women provide a key leadership role for this program.

In Congolese culture, women are the foundation of the family, church and village. These women are targeted and used as pawns in the war raging in their region. In an attempt to disjoint families and communities, their aggressors leave them as victims of physical, sexual, psychological, social and domestic abuse. Congo Women Arise will build a women's shelter, named the Mama Lynn Center, after Bishop McAlilly's wife, with transitional housing in Kindu, DRC, as the local church assists survivors to rediscover their own value and reintegrate with society.

For giving options, please go to: <http://www.memphis-umc.net/congowomenarise> or contact Neeley Hicks, 615-260-6945 or neeley.hicks@tnumc.org



REMEMBER, GUYS

Metro District Roundtable

Saturday, April 29 8:00 a.m.

Crossroads UMC

9315 E. Shelby Drive, Collierville, TN

April 26th is the deadline for District Roundtable reservations. Contact Steve Ragsdale, 901-647-7546 or stevier56@yahoo.com

Breakfast served at 8 a.m. Program starts at 8:30. We will collect and assemble items for UMCOR Health Kits. Please bring items from the list below or cash donations may be made. The cost per kit is \$12.00. Each kit will need:

1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27") Please, **NO** kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels.
1 washcloth 1 metal file or nail clippers
1 bath-size soap 6 band aids
1 toothbrush(packaged) \$1 to purchase toothpaste
1 gallon-size, sealable, plastic bag

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Honorarium Fund

In honor of our Choir and its wonderful director by
Bruce Hughes

In honor of Karl & Laura Hughes by
Bruce and Lisa Hughes (Mom & Dad)

REMEMBER — BIBLE STUDY BREAK

There will be no Bible Study on April 20th and 27th. We will resume on May 4th with "Bonhoeffer—Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy". Books for this study are available in the church office for \$5.



WILLOW OAKS IN NEED OF PROCTORS

As you may know, testing season is coming up for the kids at Willow Oaks Elementary. The administration is looking for persons who are willing to help proctor tests with classroom teachers. Your job will be simply to monitor students as they complete their tests.

Testing will be Tue.—Fri., April 18-21, and Mon—Fri, April 24-28, 8a 'til Noon. One day or multiple days will be appreciated.

Please respond to JoAnn Kwan, ESL teacher, at kwanj@scsk12.org or 901-416-2196

LIVING COMPOSERS, LIVING MUSIC

The men, women and children of Memphis ChoralArts will present a FREE concert, performing music of living composers, on April 22, 4:00p, at St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 S. Germantown Road.



APRIL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Vegetables
(NO glass jars, please)
Cash is also welcome.
Thank you.