

OUR PRAYERS

Appling Wood Healthcare

Bernice Shelby 306A

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Miki Craft & family in the loss of her mother,
Mary Derrington
...Trish Wilkerson & family in the loss of her
father, Bill Owen
...Brad & Jennifer Weaver & family in the loss
of her uncle, Robert Dollar

OUR PRESENCE

April 22

Church School	46
Worship	68
Visitors	2

OUR GIFTS

April 22

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,828
MTD	\$ 14,282

OUR SERVICE

Assisting April 29

Greeters	Doris Palazzini Martha Wallace
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Richard Hall
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

May Scripture Readers

- 6 Brother Paul
- 13 Renee Little
- 20 Warren Petty
- 20 Judy Stanley

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

As every physics student knows, electricity cannot flow through a system of wiring unless there is a complete circuit. It matters not how intricate the machine, how sophisticated its components: if the wiring contains a break at any point, no power will flow through it.

Our spiritual lives are similar. God is the never-ending source of spiritual power, but unless we complete the circuit by accepting Christ's gracious call to discipleship, we'll never access the ample resources for living God has prepared for us.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Apr. 29th

Psalm 23
Acts 4:5-12

Sermon Title

"What's In a Name?"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 4/29 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p Adult & Family Ministries

Mon. 4/30 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 5/1 6:00p Cub Scouts

Wed. 5/2 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/3 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 5/4 Offices Closed

Sat. 5/5 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 5/6 Golden Cross Sunday
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p Church & Family
 Pot Luck Lunch
 6:00p Women of Zion

MEETING NOTICE

Adult & Family Ministries will meet on Sunday, April 29, at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall.



**CHURCH & FAMILY LUNCH
May 6 ~ 12:15p**

To celebrate the beginning of Christian Family Week we will join together for lunch as a church family. This is a very special day for us to fellowship together. Bring your family and your favorite foods for our pot luck lunch and join in making this a very special occasion.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR
CAMP ALDERSGATE 2012**

Our annual summer camp for all ages will be held June 1-3. Make plans now to be involved. You will truly be blessed!

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
My sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, calls and cards. May God bless you all.
Lou Pennington



**MUFFINS FOR MOM
May 13 ~ 10:15**

We will have Fellowship Time at 10:15a to honor our mothers with a Muffins for Mom celebration. A special table will be provided to display photos of Mom. Please place with the pictures a card with your name and your mother's name. Muffins will be provided by the Sunday School Classes.

You also have the opportunity to give and honorarium or memorial to the church for this special Sunday in recognition of your mother. Forms to complete this donation are available on the tables in the foyer and will be inserted in the Sunday bulletins, or use the one in the lower right corner of this publication.



**"S WONDERFUL" CONCERT
TO BENEFIT CHURCH HEALTH CENTER**

Though he died 75 years ago, George Gershwin's songs are some of the most loved of all time. Join pianist Chris Nemec and the Gary Beard Chorale as they highlight beloved tunes including "Embraceable You", "I Got Rhythm", "Someone to Watch Over Me", as well as those of George's 'musical friends' Messrs. Hart, Porter, Arlen and Rodgers.

Help support the Church Health Center and hear some great music, as well, on Sunday, May 6, at 4 p.m. Tickets: General Admission-\$10; Golden Circle-\$50. Contact Lindenwood Christian Church at 458-1652 or Lindenwoodcc.com for tickets and information.



CREATION CARE

Do you know what percent (if any) of your electricity is generated by renewable sources? You can get an accurate figure by calling your local utility company.

SPRING PLANT SALE @ COLONIAL PARK

Saturday, May 5, from 10a to 2p in the Grice Memorial Garden (between the Sanctuary and the gym) Colonial Park UMC will host a plant sale to benefit their Children's Ministry. The sale is open to the community. If you have plants to donate they will be accepted all day on May 4 and until 10a on the 5th.

**DAY CARE AT UMNC
SEEKS 3 STAR RATING**

The Daycare Center will be having its assessment by the Dept. of Human Services soon. They are working hard to achieve a 3 star rating and need the following items:

- Hula hoops
- Jump ropes
- Sand
- Knob puzzles
- Crib sheets
- Small tricycles/riding toys
- Various size balls
- Bubbles
- Soft blocks
- Play telephones
- Baby wipes

A small table & chairs for two children
If you can help by furnishing any of these, they would be most appreciative.

FOOD PANTRY RUNS LOW

I'm sure most of you saw that the Food Bank is low on food. You may not know that UMNC gets the majority of its food from them. They/we are in particular need of canned meats and peanut butter but any canned item, whether vegetable or fruits, is also welcome. Please help us out. We serve about 300 people per week through our several food pantries and it doesn't take long to run out. Cash donations are always appreciated.

Thanks, Sharon

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Charles Goddard by
 Thomas & Carolyn Goddard
 Annie Kathryn Anderton
 The Edwin Family
 Hugh & Doris Burchfield
 Anne Pease
 Terry & Margie Williamson
 Tom & Sharon Lockhart
 Doris June Burton
 Memphis Cotton Patchers Quilt Guild

Pew Cushions

In memory of Charles Goddard by
 Dean & Aleita Tutor
 Mary Robbins
 Cathy Boice & Daniel

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Charles Goddard by
 Keith & Frances Coffman

Homebound Ministries

In memory of Charles Goddard by
 Warren Petty

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, fill me with a sense of joy and let me pass it on.

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

Aldersgate UMC



May 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 901-683-8861 Pastor: Dr. Paul Scheirer Director of Music: Perry Wilson Organist: Lana Solomon Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org		1 6:00p Cub Scouts	2 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	3 National Day of Prayer 10:00a Bible Study General Conference - Tampa, FL →	4 May Friendship Day Church Women United Offices Closed	5 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake
6 Golden Cross Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Church & Family Pot Luck Lunch 6:00p Women of Zion	7 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Pres. Noon News Deadline	8 10:00a Koinonia 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope	9 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal Christian Family Week	10 10:00a Bible Study	11 7 Offices Closed	12 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake  Paul I. Scheirer, M.Div, D.Min, graduates from MTS
13 Mother's Day  9:45a Church School 10:15a Muffins for Mom 10:55a Worship Service →	14 Noon News Deadline	15 6:00p Cub Scouts	16 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	17  Ascension of the Lord 10:00a Bible Study	18 Offices Closed	19  Armed Forces Day 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake
20 Heritage Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	21 Noon News Deadline	22 6:00p Cub Scouts	23 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	24 Aldersgate Day 10:00a Bible Study	25 Offices Closed	26 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake
27  Pentecost 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	28 Memorial Day Observed  Offices Closed	29 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Cub Scouts	30 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	31 10:00a Bible Study	 June 1-3 It's Time for Camp Aldersgate	



Happy Birthday

May	1	Norma Park
	2	Ezekiel Robertson
	3	Becky Graves
	5	Joan Oyoo
		Agnes Broyles
	6	Mike Kelly
	14	Martha Meyer
	15	Earline Gabriel
		Barry Pilkinton
	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

ASSISTING IN MAY

Greeters	Lou Pennington Sue Swett
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul Renee Little Warren Petty Judy Stanley
Children's Time	
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence



A Mother's Love Determines How

By Turlough O'Carolan

A mother's love determines how we love ourselves and others.
There is no sky we'll ever see not lit by that first love.

Stripped of love, the universe would drive us mad with pain;
But we are born into a world that greets our cries with joy.

How much I owe you for the kiss that told me who I was!
The greatest gift--a love of life--lay laughing in your eyes.

Because of you my world still has the soft grace of your smile;
And every wind of fortune bears the scent of your caress.

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