

**OUR PRAYERS  
Methodist North**

Betty Smithmier 564

**Appling Wood Healthcare**

Bernice Shelby 306A

**Jackson/Madison County Hosp.**

Gabe Colosia 424

**At Home**

Mary Tutor

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...Ralph Pearson, Alice Novareese, family and  
friends, in the loss of their sister and aunt, Lois  
Fagan

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**OUR PRESENCE**

**April 29**

Church School 47  
Worship 68  
Visitors 7

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**OUR GIFTS**

**April 29**

This Week's Offering \$ 1,994  
MTD \$ 16,276

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**OUR SERVICE  
Assisting May 6**

**Greeters** Jean DeLong  
Neil DeLong  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Brother Paul  
**Children's Time** Brother Paul  
**Lock-up** Wayne Lawrence

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**May Scripture Readers**

13 Renee Little  
20 Warren Petty  
27 Judy Stanley

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

As Bruce Hughes mentioned on Sunday, Memphis Theological Seminary has approved me for graduation. On May 12 I will receive my Doctor of Ministry degree, something that has taken me the last three and a half years to complete. I consider this degree one of my short term goals, and it was a blessing to have been able to implement my project for ministry at "the church of the warm heart."

I would like to thank all those who participated in my project and for the support from our entire congregation. Barbara and I look forward to serving with you for another conference year at Aldersgate.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for May 6<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21

Sermon Title  
"God is Love"

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Sun. 5/6 Golden Cross Sunday  
9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p Church Family Pot Luck  
6:00p Women of Zion
- Mon. 5/7 10:00a Church Women United  
Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 5/8 10:00a Koinonia Group  
6:00p Cub Scouts  
7:00p Love/Hope Group
- Wed. 5/9 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 5/10 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 5/11 Offices Closed
- Sat. 5/12 9:00a AFLS  
10:00a Dr. Paul Scheirer  
graduates from MTS
- Sun. 5/13 Mother's Day  
9:45a Church School  
10:15a Muffins for Mom  
10:55a Worship



The Graduating Class of  
Memphis Theological Seminary  
and  
Reverend Paul I. Scheirer  
Cordially invite you to attend the  
Commencement Service  
on Saturday, the twelfth of May  
two thousand and twelve  
at ten o'clock in the morning  
Lindenwood Christian Church of Memphis  
2400 Union Avenue at East Parkway South  
and  
the reception following

**GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY IS MAY 6**

Celebrate and support the Golden Cross Senior Residents Fund with your generous gift on Golden Cross Sunday, May 6. One hundred percent of your donations will be used for ministries and programs that promote a better life for low income senior citizens.



**CHURCH & FAMILY POT LUCK LUNCH**

You MUST come to church Sunday, May 6, immediately as we celebrate the beginning of Christian Family Week. Come and bring your family as we worship together and then enjoy lunch immediately following. Please bring your family's favorite dishes to share for this special occasion. The church will furnish fried chicken, bread and drinks, you fill in the rest. Join together with church and family to enjoy this special occasion.



**MUFFINS FOR MOM  
May 13**

Come honor your mother by attending Sunday School at 9:45 and worship at 10:55. Fellowship time will be at 10:15 to honor moms with Muffins for Mom. Sunday School classes will furnish muffins, juice, milk and coffee. A special table will be set up for pictures of your mothers. Please also place a card giving her name and your name. You may also honor your mother with an honorarium or memorial to the church. A special insert will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin listing those honored. Come and pay tribute to this special lady in your life.

**THE UPPER ROOM**

...for May/June is now available. Have you picked up your copy yet?



**UMNC AWARENESS DAY LUNCHEON**

The Key Women of the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers invite you to the annual Awareness Day Luncheon on Wednesday, May 16. Registration at 10:30a, program at 11a. The Potluck Salad lunch will follow the program. Join us at Asbury UMC, 2969 S. Mendenhall Road, to hear Linda White, Director of "Women Ablaze", an outreach program for at-risk women. Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,  
Our family so appreciated your prayers and cards that helped us through the sudden and unexpected passing of my brother-in-law, Joe Eskridge. We give God the praise and glory for his long life (91 1/2 years) and the lives he touched.

In Christian Love,  
Joyce Kernodle

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Divine guidance will lead you through--no matter what!



**CREATION CARE**

**EV Charging Stations Coming Soon**

Germantown has approved the installation of six Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and ground has been broken at Shelby Farms Park for one of the first EVCS's in the area. Plans are underway to install more than 70 stations in Shelby County. There is already a station in service in Knoxville. Electric cars are seen as the transportation of the future because they do not pollute the environment and they use solar power to our benefit.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for  
**Homebound Ministries**

In memory of Lois Fagan by  
Evelyn Goddard

The Fellowship Class

In memory of Charles Goddard by  
The Fellowship Class

**Memorial Fund**

In memory of Mary Nell Derrington by  
The Love/Hope Group of UMW

In memory of Charles Goddard by  
Mary Swett

In memory of Lois Fagan by  
Neil & Jean DeLong

**Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Mary Nell Derrington by  
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

**Pew Cushions**

In memory of Mary Derrington by  
The Fellowship Class

**CAMP ALDERSGATE 2012**

Our annual summer camp for all ages will be held June 2 & 3. Make plans now to be involved. You will truly be blessed!

**HONOR THY MOTHER**

... or a special woman in your life by giving a gift in her name. A special insert will appear in our 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