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OUR PRESENCE

May 1
Church School 48
Worship 67
Visitors 9

OUR GIFTS

May 1
Total Rec'd \$ 4,506
MTD \$ 4,506
Apptmnts TD \$ 5,600

OUR SERVICE
Assisting May 8

Greeters Happy Birah
Barbara Scheirer
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Ed Stanley
Lock-up Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

May Scripture Readers
15 Lisa Hughes
22 Tom Lockhart
29 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN


Sue Monk Kidd, in her book *Where Two or Three Gather*, writes the following:
I don't happen to think the Risen Christ promised to be quantitatively more present with two or three people than with one--or that he is present in a special way. But I am convinced he means that if I choose to live my Christian life alone, there are great limitations to what God can say or do or be in my life. But if I have chosen to be accountable to a few people, to meet with them and talk about life as I see God unfolding it to me, then God has a chance to hold up a mirror and show me who I am.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for May 8th
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23

Sermon Title
"Living With Easter Eyes"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. 5/8 Mother's Day
 9:45a Church School
 10:15a Muffins for Mom 
 10:55a Worship

Mon. 5/9 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 5/10 No Activities

Wed. 5/11 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/12 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 5/13 Offices Closed

Sat. 5/14 9:00a AFLS

MUFFINS FOR MOM

...May 8, 10:15, in Fellowship Hall. Don't forget your pictures and cards to identify them.



ANGEL FOOD

...orders will be taken Wed., May 11, at 5:30 and distribution will be Sat., May 21, at 10a. For more information or to volunteer, call Rebecca Ernst at 484-7385.



GRADUATION INVITATION

The Boice's would like to invite our church family to Daniel's 8th grade graduation from Briarcrest Christian School, 6000 Briarcrest Ave., on Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have you used your GPS lately?
 "God Provided Spirit"

HONORING OUR BISHOP

A Memphis Conference offering in recognition of Dick & Eileen Wills will be presented at a reception on June 7th in Paducah. In respect for Bishop & Mrs. Wills' deep passion for the welfare of children, the gift will be divided between UM Neighborhood Centers, Hannah's Hope, daycare at Reelfoot Rural Ministries and the foster children's ministry at West Kentucky UM Family Services.

Congregations and individuals are invited to make donations to this offering. You may send a gift directly to: Conference Treasurer, 24 Corporate Blvd., Jackson, TN 38305 or place your gift in the offering plate. Either way, please identify your gift in the memo line as "Wills Recognition/MAC Children's Ministries. Thank you.



THE COST OF BEAUTY

Sadly, the price of almost everything increases over time. That is now the case with our altar flowers. Beginning immediately, purchased flowers from our provider will cost \$65 per arrangement, due to the doubling of our delivery charge. The silver lining is, that though this is an increase, the cost is still lower than any other florist in town.



CAMP ALDERSGATE COMING UP

Mark your calendars now for Camp Aldersgate — June 3rd, 4th and 5th. It's spiritual, it's fun and it's for ages 0-100. We Are All One In Christ!

UMW NEWS

ALL ARE INVITED TO HAITI STUDY

Join us for a two-part mission study on Haiti on May 10 & 17 at 10 a.m. Lindsey Howell, granddaughter of Neil & Jean DeLong, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, May 10, to share her experiences as a volunteer in Haiti last year. We invite our men as well as all our women to come meet her and hear her presentation.



MUSIC NOTES

THE MARGUERITE FRANCIS MEMORIAL MUSIC @ NOON CONCERT SERIES Fundraiser At Bartlett UMC

"An Extraordinary Concert", is set for Sunday, May 15 at 6 p.m. Performing will be professional pianist and composer, David Francis, son of Marguerite, James Thrash, Eva Peters, the Concert Choir of Bartlett High School, RIVA, and Chip Henderson, to name a few. Bring yourself and a handful of friends to this wonderful night of music. A love offering will be taken following the concert to help support this series as planning begins for their third season.

MUSIC WITH A "MISSION"

Come one, come all, children welcome, at Crossroads UMC's free concert! To be held on Saturday, May 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. the concert will feature something for everyone. A reception follows to include a live auction of home made pies. Proceeds will help support "mission" oriented apportionments. Join us at 9315 E. Shelby Dr. (at Forest Hill-Irene) for a sing-a-long good time!

THE FINCHERS ARE COMING

Plan to join us for a great gospel concert on June 12, beginning at 5:30.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Conference Askings

In honor of Jean & Neil DeLong by Aleda Kelly

Memorial Fund

In memory of Gene Meyer by Kent & Sherry Clothier

Scholarship Fund

In memory Lloyd McDougal in remembrance of his birthday by Carolyn McDougal

Golden Cross Ministries

In memory of James Nash Davis by Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

In memory of Peggy Dollar & Jane Hansen by Jennifer Hansen



NURSHING HOME OLYMPICS

Wednesday, June 8

9:00a to 3:00p

Help us celebrate life and living!

Most of our area nursing homes participate in this event featuring lots of action with the opening parade, the Navy band, a color guard and competitions. With all this FUN, we need lots of volunteers to help set up, man the games, help participants get situated and cheering and encouraging. If you or your church group would like to help, this is the place! Lunch and drink will be provided for volunteers so please let us know how many of you to anticipate. For more details, contact Sandy or Emily at 382-9292.

PLANTING YOUR EASTER HYDRANGEAS



Gradually acclimate the plant to the outdoors. When fully accustomed to the outside, dig the hole twice as wide and as deep as the root ball. Planting in an eastern or southern exposure with morning sun and protection from the wind is best. Water well and keep moist through the summer growing season.