

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 3/30	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Outreach Committee
Mon. 3/31	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 4/1	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 4/2	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 4/3	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 4/4	Offices Closed 4th-5th UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lakeshore
Sat. 4/5	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 4/6	9:15a Prayer Time 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship



March 2014

Please accept my warmest thanks and heartfelt gratitude for your contributions toward the shared ministries included in the Memphis Conference budget for 2013. Your church is among the churches that paid 100% of their apportionments. Given the financial pressures our churches have faced in recent years, this is an impressive achievement. We are well aware that requests from various places to your congregation are numerous and unending.

Please accept the gratitude of your Council on Finance and Administration for your continued support and know that the entire Council and Staff of the Treasurer's office are eager to support, in any way we can, your efforts in strengthening your connectional support.

In His service,
Bethany K. Huffman
President, CCFA

THANK YOU

...Aldersgate friends for the recent donated collection I was able to carry to Golden Cross. Seemingly small things can make a huge difference in people's lives. Please look at the list above the Golden Cross basket in the hall for items needed.

Thank you again,
Jane Hight

OUTREACH TEAM TO MEET

All who are interested are invited to join us on Sunday, March 30, at 12:15, for our Outreach/Missions Team meeting. Ideas & suggestions are welcome.

YOU MAY STILL JOIN US FOR LENTEN PREACHING

AND WAFFLE SHOP @ CALVARY EPISCOPAL
March 27th is now the day for our annual trip to Calvary for lunch and the Lenten service. Rev. Ellen Roberds, Memphis born and living in midtown with her husband, Jarad Bingham, and her 3 children, Rev. Roberds currently serves as a Tactical Urbanist and Creative Placemaker with Livable Memphis.

We will meet at church at 10:30. Bus transportation will be provided. Lunch is on your own at the famous Waffle Shop. Please call the church, 683-8861, NOW to register.

— MARK YOUR CALENDARS —

Fellowship Time

April 6 hosted by the Current Events Class

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12 Begins at 1 p.m. for the young and young at heart.

Holy Week

April 13 Palm Sunday
April 17 Maundy Thursday Communion Service
6:30 p.m.
April 18 Good Friday
April 19 Holy Saturday/Extra Choir Rehearsal
April 20 Easter Sunday/Cantata at 10:55 Service

UMW Assembly

April 25-27 in Louisville, KY

Faith in Action Cleanup

April 26 Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m.

UMW NEWS

Its not too late to attend the UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lakeshore April 4-5. You may contact Barbara Christopher at barbchris49@hotmail.com or 901-465-2350 or call Rebeca at 901-484-7385. The fee is \$65 for accommodations, meals and materials.

Did you know that some of our historical connections are with mission institutions founded in the 18 and 1900's, during the settlement house movement? These institutions reflect the hard work of the Women's Home Mission societies and the deaconess movement. One of the first settlement houses, Toynbee Hall, was established in London in 1884. Settlement houses were established in the U.S. shortly thereafter in Boston and Chicago. Jane Addams and Ellen Starr founded Hull House in Chicago, which served as a model for over 500 settlement houses in the United States. The first house in the south opened in Nashville in 1901. Many of the houses focused on outreach to women and children, offering kindergartens, playgrounds, and daycare. Classes in sewing, cooking, hygiene, language and culture were also available.

In the 1920's, these settlement house models were taken to the rural areas, especially the southern Appalachians. Two United Methodist institutions remain to this day, The Henderson Settlement (1925) and Red Bird Mission (1921). Deaconesses and church & community workers were instrumental in the success of these social settlement missions and their legacy remains active today. They also continue to connect us with the history of United Methodist mission.

(Excerpts from New World Outlook)

ALDERSGATE TO PARTICIPATE IN 'FAITH IN ACTION MEMPHIS CLEANUP'

...sponsored by Mayor A.C. Wharton and the Faith in Action Steering Committee. Scheduled for the weekend of April 25-27, Aldersgate is signed up for April 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m., to clean up our neighborhood around the church. No experience needed! Grab some garbage bags, a shovel, a broom, some gloves and a few friends to join the party, as we help beautify our community. Questions??? Call Barbara at 901-746-8949.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Perry Wilson by
Neil & Jean DeLong
Warren Petty

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Perry Wilson by
Jim & Carol Florow
JoAnn Shelton
C.T. & Trena Danna
Sandra Pike
Matt & Lisa Kiser
Charles & Barbara Soucy
Joyce Kernodle
Greg & Lee Ann Burtman



FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH

Canned Vegetables



EGGS & CANDY WILL BE DANDY!

Our Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m. and the Easter Bunny needs your help providing plastic eggs and lots of individually wrapped candy for the hunt. Children 1-10 are invited to hunt and fun will be had by all. Come join us! Please leave your gifts in the basket outside the church office. Thank you!



'SIGN' OF THE TIMES

The Trustees are working on getting the church sign repaired. It seems there's a little more to it than just changing a light bulb. Electrical problems must be resolved before the light bulbs will work. Be patient. Contractors are not always in a hurry.

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Martha Wallace Mark Lewis Betty Ray
Earl Galloway Pat Tully

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley Lynda Park

OUR PRESENCE

March 23

Church School	35
Worship	60
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS

March 23

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,796
MTD	\$ 14,947

OUR SERVICE

March 30, 2014

Greeters	Mary Robbins Barbara Scheirer
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Peggy Brightwell
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

April Scripture Readers

6 Brother Paul
13 Warren Petty
20 Judy Stanley
27 Dean Tutor

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Passion is catching! When you show enthusiasm in telling your faith story or of your involvement in an outreach program or a mission project you're working with, that interest and joy spreads among your listeners. Have you let your passion show lately? Don't be afraid to let your light shine. Someone out there needs to see it.

Peace & Grace,
Brother Paul

Scriptures for March 30:

Psalm 23
John 9:1-41

Sermon:

"How Do You See?"



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April 2014

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 901-683-8861		Dr. Paul I. Scheirer, Pastor JoAnn Shelton, Choir Director Lana Solomon, Organist: Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org	1 April Fool's Day  6:00p Cub Scouts	2 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00a Bible Study	4 Offices Closed ← UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat @ Lakeshore →	5 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake
6 9:15a Prayer Time 9:15a Fellowship Time hosted by Current Events Class 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	7 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Pres. Noon News Deadline	8 10:00a Koinonia 6:00p Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet 7:00p Love/Hope	9 10:30a Methodist Hospital Auxiliary 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00a Bible Study	11 Offices Closed	12 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake	
13 Palm Sunday  9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	14 Psalm 36:5-11 Noon News Deadline	15 Psalm 71:1-14 6:00p Cub Scouts	16 Psalm 70 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal Holy Week	17 Maundy Thursday Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Maundy Thursday Communion Service	18 ✝ Good Friday ✝ Psalm 22 Offices Closed	19 Holy Saturday Psalm 34:1-4, 15-16 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake Extra Choir Rehearsal Today	
20 Easter Sunday 9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service/ Cantata— "Risen This Day" 	21 Noon News Deadline	22 Earth Day "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we bor- row it from our children." 6:00p Cub Scouts	23 No Fellowship & Study No Choir Rehearsal	24 10:00a Bible Study	25 Arbor Day Plant a tree today. Offices Closed	26 8:30a Faith in Action Cleanup at Aldersgate 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake	
27 9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	28 Noon News Deadline	29 6:00p Cub Scouts	30 No Fellowship & Study No Choir Rehearsal	EARTH DAY - APRIL 22 Earth Day seeks to bring attention to and promote efforts dedicated to the protection of the environment. It started in the U.S. in 1970 and today is celebrated in over 190 countries. Do you know: that Energy Star rated LED light bulbs use at least 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting? That the US produces 4 million tons of junk mail each year? That is 8 billion pounds of paper. How many trees is that?!!! Let's find more ways to reduce, reuse and recycle for our own good and the good of our planet.			



Happy Birthday

- Apr. 1 Aleita Tutor
- 2 Lisa Matlock
Aaron Wheat
- 3 Brian Dunn
Terry Williamson
- 5 Dustin Craft
Neil DeLong
Ricky Mann
- 6 Judy Babb
- 7 Joy Mitchell
- 8 Diane Pierce
- 10 Laurie Howell
- 17 Emily Gift
Tyson Petty
- 18 Darwin Shipley
- 20 Keo Bueford
- 24 Alan Mathis
- 26 Pam Parrish
- 27 Beth Baker



Happy Anniversary

- Apr. 14 Chet & Gail Wilson
- 17 Rick & Rebeca Ernst
- 20 Jimmy & Linda Paisley
Mike & Regina Robbins
- 30 David & Shannon Weaver

ASSISTING IN APRIL

- Greeters** Margie Williamson
Lorelle Woodard
- Liturgist** Bruce Hughes
- Scripture** Brother Paul
Warren Petty
Judy Stanley
Dean Tutor
- Children's Time**..... Brother Paul
Bruce Hughes
Barbara Scheirer
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- Lock-up** Jimmie Bedwell

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org.

Can you complete these 5 letter words?

- __S__G__
- __R__F
- __ZU__
- E__X__
- __P__C
- __LN__
- __W__M
- __JO
- Q__A
- __V__K__
- I__H__
- __B__Y__

(Answers in next week's newsletter)

April Birthstone Diamond

Symbolic of everlasting love, the diamond is said to enhance relationships and increase inner strength, balance, clarity and abundance. Adopted from the Greek word "adamas", meaning invincible, they come in a wide range of colors.



April Flower Daisy or Sweet Pea

Named from the Olde English, daeges-eaye or day's eye, the daisy conveys innocence, loyalty and purity and tells the recipient that you will keep their secrets. The Sweet Pea signifies blissful pleasure, but can also mean good-bye.

Ploughing

The little birds by God are fed
But man must earn his daily bread,
And work that he may eat;
Striving his best, as John does now,
The broad ten-acre field to plough,
Wherein to sow the wheat.

Old John, the ploughman, ne'er repines,
Whether it blows, or rains, or shines,
But happy still does seem;
And Dick, who leads the foremost horse,
Goes whistling as he walks across
The field beside the team.

Let us perform as gladly, too,
The work our Master bids us do,
And then we need not fear;
But when from earthly toil we rest,
We all shall meet among the blest
Who served Him truly here.

Author Unknown