

Methodist University

Marie Park Thomas 908

Baptist Memorial

Janet Milewski 4231
Tom Zimmer

Mexico

Misael Hildago ICU
(Gaby's grandfather)

Paterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Corinth, MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

At Home

Betty Ray (oblation)
Lana Solomon (lumpectomy)
Nancy Blanks
Terry Williamson
Peggy Brightwell
Sadie Tutor
Eloise Miller

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...disaster victims

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen June Burton Mava Dell Fry
Earl Galloway Helen Griffin Doris Hight
Marie Hughes Margaret Kenley Ted Lewis
Doris Palazzini Bernice Shelby Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith Harold Smith Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace

OUR PRESENCE - Easter-March 27

Sunday School 48
Worship 105
Visitors 19

OUR GIFTS - Easter-March 27

Offering \$ 2325
Month to Date \$ 9907

OUR SERVICE - April 3

Greeters Jeanette Leslie
Lou Pennington
Liturgist Andrew Baker
Scripture Happy Gbeneneh
Children's Time Perri Mathis
Lock-up Aleita Tutor

OUR WITNESS

April Scripture Readers

10 Lana Solomon
17 Jay Finzel
24 Dean Tutor



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Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

What a joyous Easter Sunday celebration we had! And what a welcome relief it was to say and sing Alleluia again, following the more somber and reflective season of Lent, only accentuated by the pathos of Holy Week. We've changed the colors from the purple of Lent, to the black of Good Friday, to splendid white symbolizing the hope of the resurrection, the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death.

And now, here we are in the Easter Season, which begins on Easter day and continues for fifty days. The fortieth day of Easter, always a Thursday (May 5, 2016), is Ascension Day, which we will observe on Ascension Sunday, May 8, 2016. The Easter season ends on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016.

The Easter eggs have been collected and found their way into the baskets filled with chocolate candy eggs and bunnies. Pictures in pastel Easter finery have been taken in front of Easter lilies and flowered crosses. Families and friends have gathered at tables for Easter feasts of ham and lamb. Now what? What do we do with the remaining days of the Easter season? How do we live out Easter? How do we live out our faith – our firm belief that on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead?

We are called to use the gifts God has given us in the work of ministry to spread the Good News of the Resurrection in the power of the Holy Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ. Keith Tonkel, (Elder in the Mississippi Conference), calls it 'Practicing Easter'. He got the expression from the title of an article he admits he didn't read, but according to Tonkel, "the title was gift enough". He says: "It's one thing to celebrate Easter, to respect it, even to give some time and energy to worship that day. To 'practice' Easter is something else. This means to live that life we choose. If we've found our own resurrection, then we begin to see it working through us....You have seen and known resurrection, now live as one who practices it...Easter people continue to do just that. Living Easter makes a holiday a way of life."

That's our call. That's how we live out our Easter faith! In the power of the Holy Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ, let us practice Easter in such a way that it becomes a way of life!

Blessings always,

Virginia

Scriptures for the Week

Acts 5:27-32
Revelation 1:4-8

Psalm 150 (UMH 862)
John 20:19-31



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April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
☩ Invite ☩ someone to church					1 <i>Memphis Conference Day of Prayer for General Conference</i> Offices Closed	2 9:00a AFLS 10:00a Capleville Health Conference 6:00p Spanish Svc. @ El Redentor
3 2nd Sunday of Easter 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship	4 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	5	6 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	7 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study	8 Offices Closed 10:30a Senior Game Day-Asbury ← UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat - Lakeshore →	9 9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Svc. @ El Redentor
10 3rd Sunday of Easter 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship	11 Noon News Deadline  6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	12 10:00a Koinonia Group 7:00p Love/Hope Group	13 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Deadline	14 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts	15 Offices Closed	16 9:00a AFLS 9:00a District Mission Study @ Memphis Business Academy 10:00a Covenant Fashion Show 10:00a Sewing Group 6:00p Spanish Svc. @ El Redentor
17 4th Sunday of Easter 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Annual Birthday Party 	18 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	19	20 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 	21 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	22 <i>Earth Day</i> 11:30a Young @ Heart @ Asbury Offices Closed	23 9:00a AFLS 1:00p One Harvest Distribution 6:00p Spanish Svc. @ El Redentor
24 5th Sunday of Easter <i>Festival of God's Creation</i> 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship	25 <i>World Malaria Day</i> Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	26	27 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	28 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts	29 Offices Closed	30 9:00a AFLS 7:00p Prayer Vigil @ El Redentor



**FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL
Canned Fruit**

(No glass jars, please)

Cash is always appreciated.

(Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)

Thank you.



Happy Birthday

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| 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 |
| 13 | Lucy De la Cruz |
| 15 | Ledis Flores |
| 17 | Emily Gift
Tyson Petty |
| 20 | Keo Bueford |
| 24 | Alan Mathis |
| 26 | Pam Parrish |
| 27 | Beth Baker |



Happy Anniversary

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| Apr. 14 | Chet & Gail Wilson |
| 17 | Rick & Rebeca Ernst |
| 20 | Mike & Regina Robbins |
| 30 | David & Shannon Weaver |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL

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| Greeters | Jeanette Leslie
Lou Pennington |
| Liturgist | Andrew Baker |
| Scripture | 3 Happy Gbeneneh
10 Lana Solomon
17 Jay Finzel
24 Dean Tutor |
| Children's Time | 3 Perri Mathis
10 Andrew Baker
17 Virginia Finzel
24 Virginia Finzel |
| Lock-up | Aleita Tutor |

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



SAVE THE DATE



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| Thur., April 7 | Short-term Disciple Bible Study begins,
"Introduction to the Old Testament"
Continues each Thursday 10:00 a.m. |
| Fri/Sat, April 8-9 | UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at
Lakeshore |
| Tues., April 12 | Koinonia UMW Group 10:00 a.m.
Love/Hope UMW Group 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed., April 13 | Hospital Auxiliary Key Women 10:30 a.m. |
| Thur., April 14 | Girl Scouts Meeting 5:00 p.m. |
| Sat., April 16 | 'Sew In' with the American Sewing Guild
<u>You</u> are invited! 10:00 a.m.
Fidelis Classroom |
| Sun., April 17 | Church-wide Birthday Party Fundraiser
for 'Kids to Kamp' 12:30 p.m. |
| Sun., April 24 | Festival of God's Creation |
| Mon., April 25 | World Malaria Day |
| Thur., April 28 | Girl Scouts Meeting 5:00 p.m. |

BIRTHDAY BASH

Don't forget to sign up for the Birthday Bash, supporting our "KIDS TO KAMP" Fund. You may decorate a table or bake a cake, or do both if you wish and/or volunteer to help with other necessities. Sign up on the office window.

DINNER is FREE! April 17th 12:30p
Please show your support
by tipping the children for their service.

Sun. 4/3 **LOOKING AHEAD**
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship

Mon. 4/4 10:00a Church Women United @
 Buntyn Presbyterian
 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 4/5 No Activities

Wed. 4/6 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 4/7 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 4/8 Offices Closed
 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat @
 Lakeshore
 10:30a Senior Games Day @
Asbury

Sat. 4/9 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat
 9:00a AFLS
 6:00p Spanish Service @
EI Redentor

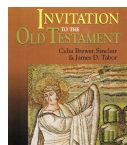
Sun. 4/10 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship



DID YOU LOSE A PAIR OF GLASSES?
 We found them! Call the church office to claim them, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Without forgiveness, hearts that are broken cannot be mended.



BIBLE STUDY

We start our next study on Thursday, April 7th, with a short term Disciple Bible Study, "Invitation to the Old Testament". Participant books are available in the office for \$8. (Price has be discounted)



THANK YOU

...to these special people who helped with the Egg Hunt and with Easter Breakfast. It took the work of many hands and it paid off with great times: Andrew Baker, Jimmie & Diana Bedwell, Cathy Boice, Neil DeLong, Rebeca Ernst, Bruce & Lisa Hughes, Tom & Sharon Lockhart, Barry & Perri Mathis, Mary Robbins, Lana Solomon, Ed Stanley, Dean & Aleita Tutor and, of course, the children!
 Be sure to give them a pat on the back when you see any of our Hoppy Little Bunny Helpers!



EVERYTHING IS 'SEW, SEW'

Ladies (and men also, if interested), you are cordially invited to the American Sewing Guild-Memphis Chapter's "Sew In" on Saturday April 16, at 10 a.m. in our Fidelis Classroom. Whether you sew, quilt or would like to learn, sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels are welcome. You will learn new skills, enjoy the fellowship and hear of special discount offers from industry resources. Complete information available from Marty Cobb, 324-4943.



EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

April 17th is the big day for our annual church-wide Birthday Bash as the main fund-raiser for our "Kids to Kamp" fund. You are invited to sign up to decorate a table for your birth month or any month you choose (first come, first served) and/or bake a cake.

There is no charge for the meal. The "Kids" will be accepting tips for their service. We do ask that you make reservations to help us in planning. Sign-up sheets are on the office window for reservations and to volunteer.



Capleville UMC Health Conference

...will be April 2, from 10 to 2. Registration is required for your FREE lunch reservation. Please call 363-1859 to register. All ages are welcome to hear great speakers and visit with representatives from many fields—legal issues, veterans affairs, social programming, caregivers, and many, many more.

Metro District Mission Study

You may RSVP for the Mission Study, 'The Church and People with Disabilities', on April 16th, to Lindsay Freeman, 901-604-1886 or by email at divinehooks@gmail.com. Please do so by April 9th. The cost is \$10, including lunch. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the event, to be held at Memphis Business Academy, 3306 Overton Crossing, starting at 9:00a.m.
 The leader for this session is Deaconess Carolyn Lawhorn, speaking on awareness, accessibility and advocacy in the church, and how we can be more open to inclusion and equality. Join us for this revised and updated presentation and a surprise guest.

Fashion Show & Luncheon at Covenant UMC

...on Saturday, April 16, 10:00a.m., and you are invited! Enjoy the Silent Auction, Vendors and Door Prizes along with fashions provided by Stein Mart. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15 and child care is available by contacting Jean Ferlanie, by email at jeanferlanie@yahoo.com or by phone at 413-5115. Please make nursery reservations by April 10. Tickets are also available from Meredith, 747-4432, or Mary, 757-8234.

World Malaria Day - April 25

The 2016 theme is "End Malaria For Good". A shortfall in funding threatens to slow down progress in ending malaria. Unless the world can find a way to bridge the funding gaps and provide the resources and technical support needed to implement sound malaria control plans, malaria resurgence will likely take many more lives.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Honorarium Fund
 In honor of Neil DeLong by
 United Methodist Men

Memorial Fund
 In memory of Bill Whitaker by
 Don & Tillie Speraw

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 Thank you.



"WHAT LIES BENEATH: STORIES AND SECRETS OF ELMWOOD"

Come to Germantown UMC on Friday, April 1, at 11 a.m. for the next program in the Brown Bag Lunch series, "Stories and Secrets of Elmwood", led by Bob Barnett, Asst. Director of Elmwood Cemetery. No reservations are needed for this free activity. The church will provide beverages. Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Want more information? You may contact Luci Cromer at 755-080 or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107.



UM MEN'S FISH FRY



The annual Memphis Conference United Methodist Men's Fish Fry is on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Archer's Chapel UMC, 356 Archer's Chapel Rd., Frog Jump, TN. Keynote speaker is Dr. Timothy Bias, with entertainment by the Finchers. Food service begins at 5 p.m., program at 7 p.m. The charge is \$15.

All men are invited. Car pooling information and further details are available from Charles Gilliland at charlesgilliland@gmail.com or 901-240-3356.