

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist University

Antinette Guy-Scott

Baptist Memorial

Tom Zimmer 5381

Paterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Corinth, MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

Mexico

Misael Hildago
(Gaby's grandfather)

Memphis Jewish Home

Janet Milewski 303

At Home

Carolyn McDougal
Marie Park

Lana Solomon

Nancy Blanks

Peggy Brightwell

Betty Ray

Goyo De la Cruz

Richard Morris

Wayne Lawrence

Sadie Tutor

Terry Williamson

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 - April 3

Sunday School 35

Worship 61

Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS - April 3

Offering \$ 3,996

Month to Date \$ 3,996

OUR SERVICE - April 10

Greeters Jeanette Leslie
Lou Pennington

Liturgist Andrew Baker

Scripture Lana Solomon

Children's Time Andrew Baker

Lock-up Aleita Tutor

OUR WITNESS

April Scripture Readers

17 Jay Finzel

24 Dean Tutor



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At the Altar

by Jan Ackerson

When my daughter Jericho was a freshman in college, she suffered a terrible injury which required months of recuperation and rehabilitation, and left her with a permanent disability. During the long weeks of her recovery at home, I wrestled constantly with negative emotions and depression. I doubt that anyone knew what spiritual distress I was in; I became very adept at masking my pain.

One bleak Sunday morning, I was acutely feeling my separation from God. I was still angry with Him for allowing Jericho to be hurt, but even more, I was missing God and the relationship with Him that I had previously cherished. I play piano during the morning worship, and when the time came for congregational prayer, I slipped away from the piano and knelt at the altar in tears, wordlessly appealing to my Heavenly Father for comfort and forgiveness.

The piano is very near the altar, so I was kneeling there alone for several seconds while the pastor finished his invitation to the congregation to come and pray. While my spirit reached out to God, my mind was aware of the sound of many others coming forward to kneel. Being the well-brought-up Christian woman that I was, I did not peek, but I heard and felt several others, settling in all around me and even in front of me. I remember thinking (even as I prayed) that there were more people than usual praying there that morning, and that the needs must be great.

As the pastor's prayer came to a close, a supernatural peace settled on my heart, and the heaviness lifted from my spirit. God and I were going to be all right. I opened my eyes and prepared to rise, expecting to see several friends making their way back to their pews. Instead, I was surprised to see that I was the only person at the altar, except for the pastor down at the other end.

Now, I am skeptical and somewhat disapproving of our popular culture's current preoccupation with angels. Nevertheless—I believe that God sent several angels to pray with me that morning. I believe that He allowed me to hear and feel them settling in around me. I believe that it was they who bore my burden back to the Heavenly Father.

Thank You, Father, for the brush of angels' wings! My prayer for each of you is that at some point in your suffering, God may draw back the curtain for a moment and give you some small glimpse of heaven.

Scriptures for the Week

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalms 30 (UMH762)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

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

Mon. 4/11 Noon Newsletter Deadline
6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 4/12 10:00a Koinonia Group
7:00p Love/Hope Group

Wed. 4/13 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
10:30a Hospital Auxiliary
6:45p Choir Rehearsal
10:59p One Harvest Deadline

Thu. 4/14 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
10:00a Bible Study
5:00p Girl Scouts

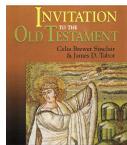
Fri. 4/15 Offices Closed

Sat. 4/16 9:00a AFLS
10:00a Sewing Group
6:00p Spanish Service @
EI Redentor

Sun. 4/17 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Birthday Bash 

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Does your Christianity stand as a lofty masterpiece, bringing honor and glory to God?



'INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT'

...begins on Thursday, April 7th, at 10:00 a.m. Participant books for this short-term Disciple Bible Study, are available in the office for \$8. Keep in mind that if you don't want to miss a week and are unable to attend on any Thursday, you may join Asbury UMC on Wednesday of the same week, at the same time, for the same study.



General Conference is the top law-making body of The United Methodist Church that meets every 4 years. May 10-20, 2016 are this year's dates for Conference in Portland, Oregon. Please be in prayer for the delegates and leaders through those dates, that they will show their true Christian hearts with a spirit of humility and a desire to please God.



DO YOU SEW?

Whether you sew, quilt, or would like to learn, sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels are welcome at the American Sewing Guild-Memphis Chapter's "Sew In" on Saturday April 16, at 10 a.m. in our Fidelis Classroom. Learn new skills. Enjoy the fellowship. Hear of special discounts from industry resources. Complete information is available from Marty Cobb, 324-4943.

**COLLIERVILLE UMC PRESENTS
"SHAKESPEARE IN SONG"**

This final concert of the Chamber Music season will feature "Luna Nova" with Paul Murray, Bass-Baritone, Sabrina Laney Warren, Soprano and Perry Mears at the piano. Join us at the Sanctuary on the Square at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, for this FREE concert.



EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

...and our annual fundraiser for our "Kids to Kamp" Fund is April 17th right after Worship. You are invited to sign up to decorate a table or bake a cake for your table. You'll be amazed at what you can come up with! Openings still remain for decorating the tables for May and September and baking a cake for July.



UMW Group Meetings are on April 12--
Koinonia at 10:00a
Love/Hope at 7:00p

Covenant United Methodist Women's
Fashion Show
Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.
Tickets available at the door.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

...for lletha Washington for being selected by the Tri State Defender as an honoree for their Women of Excellence Award for her service to the community.

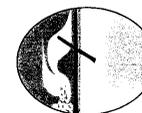
AND

...thanks to lletha, United Methodist Neighborhood Centers and Miriam Daycare Director, who received a scholarship grant from the Junior League of Memphis for the daycare children whose parents fail to adhere to TDHS requirements for school vouchers, interrupting the children's education. These scholarships will keep the children in class, giving them a good start when they enter school. Congrats, lletha!!!!



FISH FRY IN FROG JUMP

All men are invited to the annual Memphis Conference United Methodist Men's Fish Fry 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. Car pooling information and further details are available from Charles Gilliland at charlesagilliland@gmail.com or 901-240-3356.



**LAKESHORE UNITED METHODIST
CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER**

1458 Pilot Knob Rd, Eva, Tennessee 38333
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It's time to think about summer camp at Lakeshore. Week-end and week-long camps are available for ages 5 through 18. Beginning May 30 and continuing through July 25, kids may attend Mom/Dad & Me Camp for 5-9 years, TreeHouse, Music & Worship Arts, Watersports and Hammocking/Leave No Trace Camps, Primary, Jr/Sr. High Camps, Fishing and Wilderness Living Camps, Special Needs Camp and more. Dates, ages and costs are available from Aleita Tutor, 274-0089 or 553-3431, and also in the church office. Start making plans now! Some camps fill up very quickly.

**2 'SPECIAL CAMPS'
OFFERED AT EPWORTH BY THE SEA**

May 16-19, Springtime by the Sea, "Golden Memories in the Golden Isles", an event for older adults, is being offered beginning with registration at 4 p.m. on the 16th. Some items of interest are the Moore Methodist Museum 'looking back at island life', the Howfyl-Broadfield Plantation, a former rice plantation, and the Jekyll Island Club Hotel serving Victorian High Tea. Grand Camp "Ocean Motion", June 24-27, is for grandparents and their elementary age grandchildren. Boat rides, aquarium visit and seining—swim party, pajama party and Jello-fish are just part of the fun coordinated by Driftwood Nature Center. Driftwood is a science and environmental education center, teaching 5,000 students and Road Scholars each year.

Accommodations and complete information about these events may be viewed on line at www.epworthbythesea.org or you may call 912-638-8688.

FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL

Canned Fruit

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

Thank you.

