

**OUR PRAYERS**

- Memphis Jewish Home** **At Home**  
Earl Galloway James Baker  
Janet Milewski Tom Boillot
- Apple Grove**  
Ray & Carolyn Escue Jim Brazile  
Virginia Finzel  
Dorothy Goolsby
- Corinth MS**  
Virginia Kemp Jones Mildred Hight  
Patricia Howard
- Patterson, NJ**  
Irvin Scheirer Freda Lipford  
Eloise Miller  
Glenn Moore
- Mexico**  
Misael Hildago Lorraine Mitchell  
(Gaby's grandfather) Betty Ray  
Terry Williamson
- Highlands of Memphis** **Special Prayers** for  
Antinette Guy-Scott ...kidnapped girls/Nigeria  
...disaster victims  
...General Conference

**Homebound and Assisted Care**

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Martha Allen    | June Burton     | Mava Dell Fry   |
| 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 - May 15**

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|---------------|----|
| Sunday School | 45 |
| Worship       | 67 |
| Visitors      | 3  |

**OUR GIFTS - May 15**

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|---------------|----------|
| Offering      | \$ 2,505 |
| Month to Date | \$ 7,838 |

**OUR SERVICE - May 22**

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Jane Hight<br>Betty Jones |
| <b>Liturgist</b>       | Warren Petty              |
| <b>Scripture</b>       | Faith Gbeneneh            |
| <b>Children's Time</b> | Goyo De la Cruz           |
| <b>Lock-up</b>         | Tom Lockhart              |

- OUR WITNESS**  
**May Scripture Readers**  
29 Jane Hight



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### The Centipede

(or 'give me a minute, will ya!')

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house. The guy took the box home, found a good spot for it, and then decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him... So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?" This time, a little voice came out of the box: "I heard you the first time! I'm putting on my shoes!"



**Scriptures for the Week:**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Romans 5:1-5

Psalm 8  
John 16:12-15

Sun. 5/22

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Heritage Sunday**

10:15a Sunday School

11:30a Worship

2:00p Pre-Conference Briefing  
@ St. Paul's

Mon. 5/23

Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 5/24

Aldersgate Day  
No Activities

Wed. 5/25

10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**  
6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/26

9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**  
10:00a Bible Study  
5:00p Girl Scout Bridging  
Ceremony

Fri. 5/27

Offices Closed

Sat. 5/28

9:00a AFLS  
7:00p Prayer Vigil @  
**EI Redentor**

Sun. 5/29

10:15a Sunday School  
11:30a Worship

Mon. 5/30

Memorial Day  
Offices Closed

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Take time to be with God and renew your spirit.



**DRIVERS WITH CDL's NEEDED**

If you have a Commercial Driver's License and would be willing to drive our children to Lakeshore, please let us know. Emmanuel UMC has generously agreed to provide the vehicle but is unsure if they will have a driver available in July. Chaperones will also be needed for the trips to and from Lakeshore.

Please contact the church office, 901-683-8861, or [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org), if you can lend a hand. We don't want the kids to miss a minute of the "Lakeshore Experience"!



**CONGRATULATIONS TYLER!**

Congratulations and best wishes to Tyler James Pilkinton, who graduates from White Station High School on May 22. Tyler has a film internship for the summer and will attend the University of Memphis in the fall.

**?? MORE GRADS ??**

We want to congratulate all our grads. If you know of other graduates in our church family, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org). Thanks!



**FYI**

**NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES**

BILL WHITAKER BEQUEATHED PART OF HIS ESTATE, INCLUDING HIS HOUSE, TO ALDERSGATE UMC. THE CHURCH HAS HIRED AN ATTORNEY TO GUIDE US IN THIS MATTER. THE TRUSTEES HAVE CLEANED THE HOUSE OF ALL TRASH AND SORTED MISC. ITEMS THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN AN ESTATE SALE. BRUCE HUGHES (MID-SOUTH SALES) HAS BEEN CONTACTED. A DATE HAS YET TO BE SET.

DEAN TUTOR HAS VOLUNTEERED HIS SERVICES IN GETTING QUOTES ON MAKING REPAIRS, IF NECESSARY.

IF ANY ONE HAS QUESTIONS CONSIDERING THIS MATTER YOU MAY CONTACT THE PASTOR OR ANY OF THE TRUSTEES.

**IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY**

"Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise," they are all comprised in this one word, love." ~John Wesley~



**NEW BOOKS FOR THE READING PROGRAM**

**Education for Mission**

- "Coffee, Tea, and Holy Water: One Woman's Journey to Experience Christianity Around the Globe"
- "The Underground Girls of Kabul: In Search of a Hidden Resistance in Afghanistan"

**Leadership Development**

- "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban"
- "The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets"
- "Nature Girl, a Guide to Going Green"

**Nurturing for Community**

- "Dreamers: An Immigrant Generation's Fight for their American Dream"
- "House of Purple Cedar" Twenty Choctaw girls die in a devastating fire but Rose escapes and her grandfather chooses the path of forgiveness.

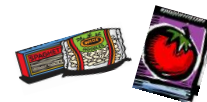
**Spiritual Growth**

- "Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience"
- "Coaltown Jesus" Why was Jesus standing in Walker's bedroom?

**Social Action**

- "Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption"
- "Blue Gold" What is the link between three girls on three continents whose lives are so different?

The Reading Program is for EVERYONE! Join us.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR MAY**

Pastas and Sauces

Cash is always appreciated and will help purchase goods at a great discount.

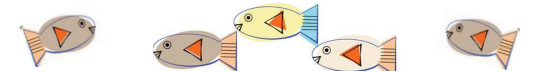
(Make checks payable to Aldersgate and write "food Pantry" in the memo line.)

Thank you.



**PLEASE SIGN UP**

...as a Worship Assistant. At present we still need a liturgist for October; greeters for June through November; and continue to need Children's Time Leaders. Sign-up sheets are on the office window. If you prefer, you may call the office, 683-8861, and give Kathy your preferences.



**"OPERATION OVERBOARD"**

June 27-June 30 - 6 to 8 p.m.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ASBURY**

...is for children ages 4-12, to take part in the challenge to dive into the deep waters of God's word and discover what it means to have deep faith. Assistants are invited to volunteer with classes, set-up, etc. Please contact Leandria Smith, 901-489-6821, to offer your help. Thanks!

**YOUTH THEATRE CONSERVATORY OFFERED BY PLAYHOUSE ON THE SQUARE**

**Tots at Pots**, for ages 5-6, will be held June 20-24 and July 11-15, in two sessions each week: 8:30 to Noon and 1:00 to 4:30. The cost is \$185.

**Junior Conservatory** for ages 7-11 will be June 6-17, June 20-July 1 and July 25-Aug. 5, from 9 to 3. Cost: \$350.

**Senior Conservatory** for ages 12-17 will be July 11-29, from 9a to 5p. Cost \$550.

Students will study acting, music and dance and work toward a showcase performance for the final day. Classes are taught by professionals in the field.

Please visit [www.playhouseonthesquare.org](http://www.playhouseonthesquare.org) and click on Summer Youth Theatre under the Education tab, or call 901-937-6475. You may also email [carly@playhouseonthesquare.org](mailto:carly@playhouseonthesquare.org) for information or registration.