

OUR PRAYERS

- Our Ministers Our Church
- Our Leaders Our Ministry Teams
- Our Children & Youth Our Homebound
- Our College Students Our Missionaries
- Our Police Dept. Our Fire Dept.
- Our City Our Military

Homebound and Assisted Care

- Martha Allen June Burton Carolyn Escue
- Ray Escue Mava Dell Fry Earl Galloway
- Doris Hight Marie Hughes Margaret Kenle
- Wayne Lawrence Ted Lewis Betty Ray
- Bernice Shelby Emmett Smith Betty Smithmier
- Martha Wallace

Methodist Germantown Special Prayers for

- Marcelle Farrow 439West ...disaster victims
- ...immigrants

Methodist University

- Becky Pennington ICU438 ...the remaining kidnapped Nigerian girls

Hospice Care

- Mildred Hight

At Home

- Peggy Brightwell
- Karen Mosley

OUR PRESENCE - May 21

- Sunday School 40
- Worship 54

OUR GIFTS - May 21

- Offering \$ 961
- Month to Date \$ 6,580
- YTD \$ 56,013

OUR SERVICE - May 28

- Greeters**.....Anna Deekae
 Nubari Deekae

- Liturgist**.....Barry Mathis

- Scripture**.....Audrey Weaver

- Children's Time**.....Dr. De la Cruz


- Lock-up**.....Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

June Scripture Readers

- 4 Tom Lockhart
- 11 Lisa Hughes
- 18 Lana Solomon
- 25 Warren Petty



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OUR PRAYERS (con't)

- Kristen Boggs Jim Brazile Brenda Brazile
- Melissa Cole Jaunay Davis Miriam Davis
- Corella Edwards Gordillo Family Diane Harrison
- John Hight Kay Hudak Patty Hudak
- Jeff Irwin Dennis LeClear Ursula Lewis
- Bill McClain Jesse McClerkin Teresa McMullin
- Lou Ella Morris Richard Morris Joe Moseley
- Karen Mosley Boyd Pilkinton Ruth Pilkinton
- Moira Pomije Wade Reeves Stephanie Roberts
- Janet Snow Brad Weaver David Weaver
- Shannon Weaver Charlie Whitaker Margie Williamson

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Shavings

Unknown

A golden glow framed the cedar doorposts of a Mediterranean style mansion, where a lone figure stood in the entryway, casting a shadow across the marble tiles of the floor. When he entered, the light followed, permeating the room with soft rays.

The interior of the home exuded the warmth of his handiwork. He ran his hand over each piece of furniture crafted to perfection from exotic rosewood and mahogany, and accented with gold leaf filigree. Botanical prints were brushed over with pale water colors to make them stand out. Terrazzo floors, swirled with the hues of a misty sunrise, gleamed in the light of his presence as he walked through the rooms. Scenes from special moments had been faithfully etched into each tile—a unique reminder of a life graced with love.

Time was not an issue; no expense was spared. Every inch of the mansion bore his imprint of excellence. He looked around, pleased with his progress. There was only one more project he needed to finish for the garden courtyard.

The fragrances of frankincense, myrrh, and spices blended with the air rising from the aromatic shavings on the floor. It mingled with the carpenter's sweat and blood, reminding him of another day, another piece of wood. He willed the image away and continued to work, his skilled hands moving deftly over the teak boards on his bench. He shaped them to exact measurement, breathing life into every stroke. Each curl of wood falling to the floor took with it a whispered prayer, and a promise that no one would ever have to go through what he had experienced so very long ago.

He picked up a small box, took out his carving tools, and inscribed a name at the top of the finished arch. When he was done gilding the letters, he hand rubbed the structure to a soft patina, and set it against the wall. He gathered his tools, cleaned his workspace. The shavings went into the deep pockets of his apron.

Outside, the courtyard reflected the elegant theme of the mansion. The lighthearted melody of water splashing into a hidden pool could be heard.

The carpenter positioned the arch in the empty space, sliding the posts into the bases he had prepared earlier. He patted the sides of the structure, and scattered the shavings on the ground beneath. Taking a few steps back, he checked to see if the arch was straight.

"Perfect," he whispered.

He unrolled the blueprints of my life and looked at the mansion one more time. "It won't be long..."

"In My Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you." [John 14:2 KJV](#)

Blessings,

Virginia

Scriptures Readings:

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 5/28 **Ascension Sunday**
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship & Graduate Recognition
 12:30p **Church Family & Friends Picnic**
- Mon. 5/29 **Memorial Day** Observed
 Offices Closed
- Tue. 5/30 12:00p News Deadline
- Wed. 5/31 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 6/1 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry
 10:00a Bible Study
 5:45p Girl Scouts
- Fri. 6/2 Offices Closed
 5:45p Girl Scouts
- Sat. 6/3 No Activities
- Sun. 6/4 **Pentecost Sunday**
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 Annual Conference begins at Collierville UMC



COME TO THE FAMILY CAMPOUT

Collierville UMC, 454 W. Poplar Ave., Collierville, TN, invites you to their Family Campout on Friday, May 26th. The cost is \$12 per family. Burgers, hotdogs and s'mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Donuts, coffee and juice will be available for \$1 each for breakfast on Saturday.

Can't stay the night? No problem! Enjoy an evening of fellowship then head home to your own bed.

You may register online by May 24 at www.colliervilleumc.org/campout or call 853-8383.



THANK YOU NOTES

To My Church Family,
 Thank you to the choirs of Aldersgate and Asbury for the beautiful flowers at my father's service in Colorado. Thanks, too, to every one who sent cards, called, texted, donated money to Clover, prayed, and even showed up on my driveway to offer support. I count each of you as a blessing.

Thank you.
 Rebeca

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My Friends,
 Granddaughter, Paige Mathis, is doing great from her surgery. I can't believe it, but she is going back to work Wednesday. I am so grateful for everyone's prayers!

Carolyn



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, May 28, at our 11:30a service as we celebrate our 2017 graduates. Honored will be Alyssa Little, who has graduated from Houston High School and Dr. Goyo De la Cruz, who has received his Doctor of Ministry degree. Come give them your congratulations!



A BREAK FOR BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday Bible Study will be taking a break starting June 1st. We will resume with a new study in September. There are some great books for summer reading in our church library. Why not check them out?



Ladies, mark your calendars now for our next Unit Meeting on Sunday, June 11, at 12:30p. Please bring your favorite salad or side dish to share at the Salad Pot Luck lunch.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC AND ICE CREAM CONTEST

...are on Sunday, May 28th, right after church, with our friends from Asbury. Hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks and tableware will be provided. Bring your favorite picnic side dish to share.

There will be a **Home-made Ice Cream Contest** for dessert, with a great prize for the winner! So—those of you who make ice cream, get out your churns and exotic flavors and enter your most delicious concoction.

If anyone has an ice cream maker they would be willing to loan us, just in case we need it, call Judy Stanley, 652-4821, or Barry Mathis, 299-2746. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window—name and number in your party and what you will bring, please (if you know).

Plan to join us May 28th—bring a dish and a friend!



MAY FOOD PANTRY Pasta of Any Kind

Cash is also welcome.
 Thank you.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

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— SENT TO SERVE —
GOD AND NEIGHBOR
 MEMPHIS CONFERENCE 2017

2017 Memphis Annual Conference
June 4-6 - Collierville UMC

ST. LUKE'S TO HOST LIVE WEBCAST OF BISHOP'S MESSAGE ON JUNE 4

Not going to Annual Conference but would like to see and hear Bishop McAlilly's message, "Sent to Serve"? You are invited to St. Luke's UMC, 480 S. Highland St., to watch the live webcast on Sunday night, June 4, at 7 p.m. No registration or sign-up is needed.

The rest of the Annual Conference will also be live-streamed for anyone who wishes to tune in from home or another location. The link is: www.memphis-umc.net/2017AC



I hate to think I'm lost,
 but where in the world did Noah go
 with that ark?