



St. Mark's Remarks

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“Live your life in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will know God because they know you”

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Rev. Dr. Bradley Gabriel

Dear Friends,

Happy April! I write this on April 1, April Fools 'day. I'd rather be a fool for Christ than the wisest person in the halls of believers. Sometimes that is not what we think or even want. Being considered wise, clever, capable is good in our culture. And those are good traits. But, let's be honest with one another. We are all simpletons in some, in many areas. The news reports the discovery of radio-like waves that have to be present in space if the big bang theory is to hold together. I'm not sure how the waves were found. But smart people tell me they found them. When my car acts up, I take it to a mechanic. I haven't worked on my own car since I sold my 1984 pickup. Smart people know how to do things I can't. But, then it comes to the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ found in Christian company, the power to continue that can only be from the Holy Spirit, I know about those things. You do, too. When it comes to the foolishness of God being wiser than the wisdom of the world, I know about that. You do, too. We know that love is stronger than hatred. Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death. We are in the run up to the conclusion of this year's season of Lent. We have heard the work of God in Christ overturning our fears. But we have a way to go yet. Soon we will hear the passion of Jesus and experience the growing shadows. Soon we will relive his death for our sake. Soon the purples of our sanctuary will become the black of mourning and loss. The wisdom of the world says that is how all life ends, with death and sorrow and emptiness. But we live with the foolishness of God. Soon we will hear our Choir proclaim God's triumph in our Easter Cantata. Soon we will host the neighborhood children for our community Easter Egg Hunt. Soon we will turn the sanctuary into a riot of color with flowers and fabrics and Easter clothes. Life is stronger than death.

Grace for the Way,

Brad



Jim Jenkins	04/02	Shannon Bishop	04/15
Shawna Willard	04/03	Sandy Harris	04/16
H.F. Chenault	04/09	John Ritter	04/16

Visitors in March

Hazel Coner	Jane Mazer
Reilly Burge	Kavita Koduri
Kirand Richmond	Sari Richmond
Mary Sather	Joyce Ritter
Davis Johnson	Rev. Joe Oliver
De Wanna Oliver	Marilyn Besteda
Jane Kirchoff	Rick Kirchoff

March Average Attendance

Sunday School	20
Morning Worship	75

The Capleville Community Food Pantry

Thanks to Crossroads, St. Marks and Capleville for their continued support of the Capleville Community Food Pantry. Without **YOU** this needed ministry would be impossible

Memphis Conference of The United Methodist Church: 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 significant group of **100%** Churches. Given the financial pressures that our churches have faced in recent years, this is an impressive achievement for funding those ministries that are included in the conference budget.

In His Service,
Bethany K. Huffman
President, CCFA



Choir Notes

Our Easter cantata will be on Palm Sunday, April 13th at the 10:30 AM worship service. It is “Wondrous Love” and has some of the old songs as well as new ones. There are also opportunities for the congregation to sing along. Many of you have told me you like that.

The Choir will also be doing something we haven’t done before. We will have special music at Maundy Thursday Communion Service. We appreciate the way St. Mark’s supports our choir, and we hope you will be blessed by this special music.

Easter Egg Hunt **Saturday, April 19,** **10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**



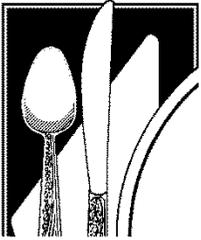
St. Mark’s, it is time to hunt Easter Eggs, and like the Halloween “Trunk or Treat”, this is a huge undertaking that will require the time, prayers, presence, talents, and gifts of every member in order to be a success! First of all, we need you to put the date on your calendars and invite your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and even distant relatives. The ages are from 0-10 years, and the event will be held rain or shine. The kids need to bring a basket (or sack) and an adult to supervise. They will enjoy a “Bunny Brunch”, story time, a picture with Easter Bunny, and an exciting egg hunt. They will trade their eggs for all kinds of goodies like candy, stuffed animals, coloring books, and other prizes. We also need donations of individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs, new Easter toys or trinkets, or if you don’t want to shop, a monetary donation. A box will be placed in the narthex next to the display of suitable items to collect your donations, or you can call the church office (901)754-8185, Barbara Jenkins (901)752-1128, Sandy Harris (901)262-7219. Monetary donations can be dropped in the offering plate or the church office. Next, we need manpower. If you would like to volunteer please see Barbara or Sandy. We need help with setup, traffic, breakfast, egg exchange, pictures, hunt supervision, and cleanup. There is a job for everyone! Lastly, we need your prayers. This is an opportunity to grow our church and reach families in our community who are looking for a church home. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or complaints, please contact the church office, Barbara Jenkins, or Sandy Harris.

St. Mark's United Methodist Men
April 15

Rev. Dr. Myra Bennett-Coordinator of the Dennis H. Jones Living Well Network of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare will be our guest. Rev. Bennett is a native Memphian and has served churches in the Memphis Annual Conference.

Dedicated to the memory of Dennis H. Jones, the Front Porch gives you access to the Living Well Network-tools and resources gathered for the sole purpose of helping those with depression, anxiety and alcohol abuse. Whether you need advice for yourself or a loved one, the website is here to provide you with information and applications you can use to brighten your outlook.

Our mission is to give you the opportunity to live your life to the fullest by creating and supporting a healing network that can assist you in successfully navigating depression, stress and the challenges of life.



St. Mark's UMM Dinner Meeting
April 15 – 6:30 p.m.
Fields Hall

A Lasting Gift

Remember St. Mark's in you will
See your estate planner or financial advisor for
advice.

Guest Preacher April 27

The Rev. Peter Law, retired from the Minnesota Annual Conference, will be our guest preacher the Sunday after Easter. He has spoken to our Men's group and was very well received.

St. Mark's United Methodist Women

The next big project of the UMW is the Easter Egg hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 in Fields Hall and the church grounds. We are asking the members of the church to donate candy, toys, and plastic eggs. We already have a donor who is providing a breakfast for the children! (Please see the article on the Easter Egg Hunt.) Don't forget our ongoing projects: the First Sunday luncheons, the Food Pantry, and The Golden Cross baskets! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Barbara Jenkins at: (901)752-1128 or jenkinsba3@gmail.com.

First Sunday Luncheon	Apr.6
Easter Egg Hunt	Apr. 19
First Sunday Luncheon	May 4

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Easter Sunrise Service

For those who want to add a sunrise experience to their Easter Sunday, our pastor, **Rev. Gabriel**, will bring the sermon at the Annual Service of Easter Resurrection at Memorial Park Grotto, Sunday, April 20 at 7:00 AM. Memorial Park is located at 5668 Poplar Avenue.

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	2 7:00a Emmaus 6:00 Fellowship Dinner Followed by Bible Study	3 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00p Yoga	4	5 9:00a Yoga
6 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	7 6-7p NA Meeting 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	8 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	9 7:00a Emmaus 6:00 Fellowship Dinner Followed by Bible Study	10 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00p Yoga	11	12 9:00a Yoga 11:00a-2:30p Oakhaven UMC Reunion
13 Palm Sunday Easter Cantata 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	14 6-7p NA Meeting 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	15 6:30p UMM Meeting	16 7:00a Emmaus 6:00 Fellowship Dinner Followed by Bible Study 7:00p Finance Committee	17 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00p Yoga Maundy Thursday Communion Service	18	19 9:00a Yoga 10-11:30a Easter Egg Hunt
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