

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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Hitting the Books by Pastor Jo

It's August, and you know what that means. It's time to hit the books! Kids are headed back to school, and so are their teachers. Let's start the year off right with prayer. This Sunday, August 2, we will offer a Blessing of the Backpacks in our 10:30 am worship service. All students, teachers and school administrators/staff are invited to come forward during the Children's Time and bring a backpack, briefcase, book bag, lunch box, etc., and we will pray over them. Then we will send them home with a tag to remind them that the people of St. Mark's care about them.

So our kids are headed back to class, but it's also time for us at St. Mark's to pick back up on our mid-week study groups.

Wednesday night Fellowship Dinners will restart on August 19 at 6 pm.

All are invited! ~ Cost of Dinner: \$5.00 per person

At 6:30 pm, we will begin a study of “Portable Faith: How to Take Your Church to the Community” by Sarah Cunningham. This will be an interactive class for youth and adults that will include a weekly task that is designed to help us go out into the neighborhood to share the transforming love of God.

The Ladies' Bible Study will resume Thursday, August 20, at 10 am. We will start off with a look at Ellsworth Kalas' “Old Testament Stories from the Back Side.” The first chapter, which is titled The Second Sin, is based on Genesis 3:1-13. Once we gather, the group can decide whether to continue with the Kalas study or pursue something else.

St. Mark's is also organizing a Young Adult Book Club for young people ages 18-30. The first meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, at 8 pm at Republic Coffee, which is located at 2924 Walnut Grove Road. We will discuss Marie Kondo's “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up” and then decide on a book to read for the September meeting.

Proverbs 1:7 reminds us, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” And, no matter how much we already know of God, there is always more to learn. It is our hope that, by offering different types of study groups at various times, each of us can find a place to plug in, get involved and grow in our love for and understanding of God.

Grace, peace & joy!

Pastor Jo



Happy Birthday!

Carol Johnson	08/07
Becky Rawlins	08/26
Jeff Hink	08/29
Faith Graff	08/30
Mike Donovan	08/31

Visitors in July

Hazel Conar	Reilly Burge
Rebecca Downey	Andre Foster
Bruce & Linda Hatfield	Larry & Anita Schroer
Will Cooper	Joy (no last name given)

July Average Attendance

Sunday School	18
Morning Worship	62



Mission Outreach!

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The St. Mark's UMW gives **\$200** yearly to Reelfoot Rural Ministries!

Between 2010-2015 members of the St. Mark's UMW have read **50** books related to

This year, the members of St. Mark's UMC donated **\$331.00** to Reelfoot Rural Ministries for School Supplies!

We met our goal of **200** 4th of July gifts for Golden Cross senior residents!

Since we began our Golden Cross Senior Project of Welcome Baskets for new residents, we have made and distributed **520** Welcome Baskets!

St. Mark's Cares and we Thank You!!

St. Mark's United Methodist Women

The quarterly meeting of the UMW was held in the conference room on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:00 and a Mini Retreat/Work Day was held June 28. We had our largest attendance to date at the Mini Retreat, and we completed over 200 July 4th gifts that were delivered to Golden Cross. We also had a lovely lunch together at Huey's afterward. Our focus in July was to collect money to purchase backpacks and back to school items for Reelfoot Rural Ministries. This project was headed up Diane Hudnall, and as usual you responded by giving generously. We sent over \$300.00 to Reelfoot to meet this need. The next meeting will be Sunday, September 13 following church. Please don't forget our ongoing projects: the First Sunday luncheon, the Food Pantry, and The Golden Cross baskets! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Barbara Jenkins at: (901) 378-7990 or jenkinsba3@gmail.com.

First Sunday Luncheon Aug. 2
First Sunday Luncheon Sept. 6
Quarterly UMW meeting Sept. 13

St. Mark's United Methodist Men



Monthly Meeting

Steak/Chicken Dinner

Tuesday, August 18
6:30 p.m.
Fields Hall

The monthly men's club steak and chicken dinner will be Tuesday, August 18. Our guest will be Rev. Jolinne Balentine-Downey.

Steak is \$10 and chicken is \$8.

Please see Terry or call/text him at 359-7342 to make your reservation. See you there!

Terry B. Draughon

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1st Sun Lunch Blessing of the Backpacks	3 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	4 6-8p Weight Watchers 6:00p Yoga	5 7:00a Emmaus 6:30 pm Staff Parish Committee	6 6:00p Yoga	7 6:00p Yoga	1 8 9:00a Yoga 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
9 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	10 6:30p Trustees Meeting 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	11 6-8p Weight Watchers 6:00p Yoga ***8:00p Young Adult Book Club Republic Coffee 2924 Walnut Grove	12 7:00a Emmaus	13 6:00p Yoga	14 6:00p Yoga	15 9:00a Yoga 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
16 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	17 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	18 6-8p Weight Watchers 6:30p UMM Meeting	19 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Fellowship Dinner Followed by Bible Study at 6:30p 7:00p Finance Committee	20 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 6:00p Yoga	21 5:30p Family Movie Night	22 9:00 Yoga 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
23 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	24 6:30p Church Council Meeting 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	25 6-8p Weight Watchers 6:00p Yoga	26 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Fellowship Dinner Followed by Bible Study at 6:30p	27 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 6:00p Yoga	28 6:00p Yoga	29 9:00 Yoga 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
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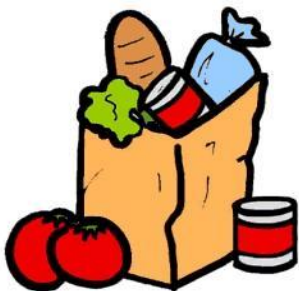
****New Activity (See Pastor for details)



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 2
10:30 am

It's hard to believe, but school will start back in just 2 weeks! Let's start the year off right with prayer. On Sunday, August 2, I'd like to offer a Blessing of the Backpacks during morning worship. Students, teachers and administrators will be invited to come forward with their backpacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc. and we will pray over them and send them home with a tag to remind them that they are in our thoughts and prayers.



Capleville Community Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of our neighborhood food pantry! The need exists, even though we don't like to think of families being hungry in our communities. Peanut Butter, Canned Meat Products, Soups, and Cereals are always items the Food Pantry can use. Be generous in your support of this community endeavor. It does make a difference! Bring your food items and put them in the box in the narthex.

Golfers Take Note!! Golf Classic with a purpose: Supporting the ministry of Hannah's Hope!

Thursday
Oct. 8 2015



4055 Alturia Rd.
Bartlett, TN 38135

Supporting children, pregnant women, and families through adoption process and beyond.

Hannah's Hope



ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Register online:

www.hannahs-hope.org

Registration Starts at 12

SHOTGUN STARTS AT 1:00 PM

\$100	Foursome
Per Player	\$400

Multiple Sponsorships are available

Deadline to Sign Up

October 2, 2015

Contact :

Alesia Thomas 327-5560

E-mail: office@hannahs-hope.org

*"...for this child
I have prayed."*

Quarterly Meeting in our District!

If any youth are interested in attending, see Pastor Jo!

Colonial Park Youth Group is Hosting

A QUARTERLY METRO YOUTH EVENT

SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2015

4:30 - 6:30 PM

A Evening to come together
as United Methodist Youth
Groups in the Memphis Area
for an opportunity to Meet,
Worship, and Fellowship
with one another.

Mission:

FirstWorks

Collecting notebook paper &
backpacks for the kids at
FirstWorks

Also:

We will begin taking
orders for Metro Youth
T-shirts
More info will be provide at
the Gathering

What we will be doing:

Play group games
Small group discussions
Eat a meal together

\$5 to cover cost of the meal & program
Surplus \$ will be donated to Mid-South
Food Bank

**LOCATION
FOR AUGUST!!!**

**COLONIAL
PARK UMC**

5330 PARK AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TN 38119

LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF PARK AVE & ESTATE

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Youth Gathering