



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 Brothers and Sisters on the Way,

Three short years ago God allowed us to come together for this portion of our pilgrimage on earth. Over these years we have seen dear friends leave us and new friends enter our community. You have tried new ministries, expanded well established practices, and let go of some of both the old and the new. That is how families live. Time goes on and change is the only constant. Thank you for your generosity, your kindness, and your loving call for me to be the pastor God wants me to be. We are now at one of those times where, in the midst of time and change we must say good bye. And good bye is seldom easy to say. Good bye is not a bad thing, though. We get the word from the old phrase “God be with ye”. To wish someone a “goodbye”, then, is to wish them to walk in the presence of God. If God is, indeed, with us over the course of our journey, then we are never alone and never truly separated from one another. All are one and all are in God. That is a good thing and a great source of comfort in our comings and goings. Deep sigh here. Still, we are only human and miss the physical presence of those who mean something to us. So, goodbye causes some sense of loss as well. That is as it should be. We ought not to get so blasé about life and friendships that saying good bye means nothing. The unease that accompanies a good bye will prompt us to consider more deeply our human condition, the mystery of relationships, and the depth of love that makes growth possible. So, good bye for now and God be with ye.

I see trees of green, red roses too/I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue and clouds of white/The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky/Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do/But they're really saying I love you.

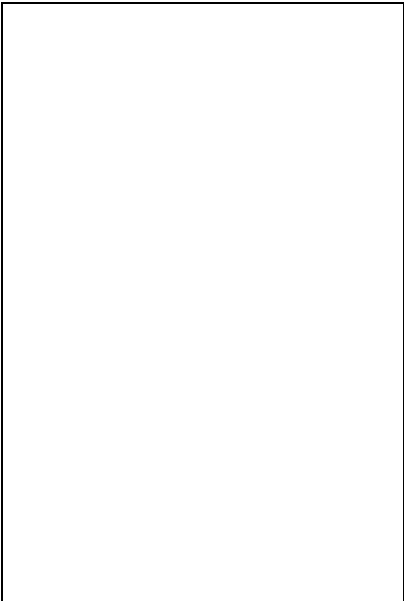
I hear baby's crying and I watched them grow/They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

Yes, I think to myself what a wonderful world.

(Lyrics by George David Weiss, George Douglas, and Bob Thiele)

Grace for the Way,

Brad



The Rev. Jolinne Balentine-Downey is coming to St. Mark's from Trinity UMC in Paris, where she has lived for the past three years. She loves to sing and read and dabbles in oil painting, photography and flower gardening, although all she really knows about gardening is to stick a plant in dirt and add water.

As an ordained elder in the Memphis Conference, Jolinne has served as the director of the Interfaith Student Center at UT Martin and pastored churches in Brownsville and Memphis, Tennessee, and in Benton, Kentucky.

Jolinne is the daughter of the late Jim Balentine, who was a criminal attorney and political reporter for The Memphis Press-Scimitar. Her mother is Linda Young Baker of Memphis. Her parents were raised in Friendship, Tenn., but Jolinne grew up in Memphis, where she studied journalism and sociology at Memphis State University and theology at Memphis Theological Seminary.

Her husband, Cliff, is a certified surgical instrument technologist and an avid railfan who has published five books on railroad history and one on the history of West Kentucky as captured in vintage postcards.

Cliff and Jolinne have one daughter, Rebecca, and two cats. Rebecca is studying creative writing at Murray State University. The cats are oxygen thieves with boundary issues.

United Methodist Men



Monthly Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, June 16th
6:30 p.m.
Steak - \$10.00
Chicken - \$8.00
Call Terry Draughon
Or Church Office for reservations.

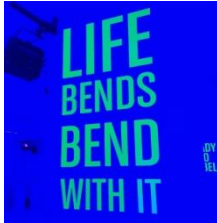
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Wesley Sr. Ministries

July 4th Veterans' Treats

It is not too early to bring canned drinks (Pepsi/Cokes) and bottled water to be used in our project. See Sherry Raggett for details.



Yoga Classes

Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:00pm

Saturdays @ 9:00am

Cost: \$3.00 per class



Phil Harris	June 8	Larry Hughes	June 1
Lisa Moore Parke	June 1	Lauri Draughon	June 2
Daniel Gabriel	June 2	Glenn Moore	June 2
Paul Melton	June 2	Brad Gabriel	June 2

Visitors in May

Hazel Conar	Mike & Gena Johnson
Joyce Ritter	Liza Southerton
Ann Snell	Hunter Reid
Savannah Hardin	Gary & Diane Reid
Rachel Tate	Roger Smith
Simone Houston	Courtney Williams
Knox Pettinger	Christian Williams
Taylor Pettinger	
Chuck, Kari, Reilly & Peyton Burge	

May Average Attendance

Sunday School	19
Morning Worship	70



**Thank you for your
faithfulness!
2015 Budget: \$151,000.00**

**Budget Required through 05/28/2015: \$61,948
Budget Received through 05/28/2015: \$59,916
Budget Disbursed through 05/28/2015: \$56,342**

St. Mark's United Methodist Women

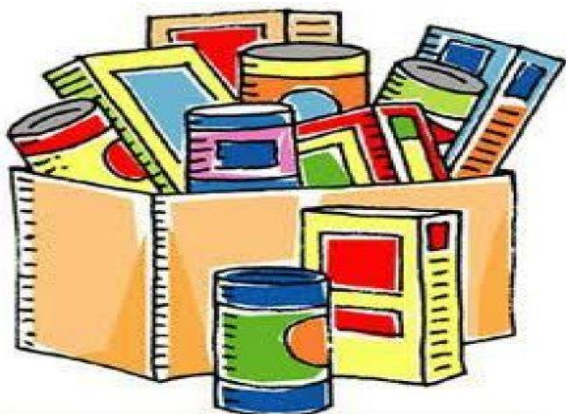
The UMW conducted the Memorial Day Candle Burning as part of the service on Sunday, May 24. We want to thank everyone who generously donated money in honor or in memory of loved ones. The money raised will be sent to the District UMW to support missions.

In June we have several important activities planned. Sunday, June 7th will be the monthly First Sunday Luncheon. It will also be Bro. Brad's last Sunday at St. Marks. I know everyone will want to join us for this special good-bye fellowship.

Our quarterly meeting will also be held in the conference room on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:00. This is an important planning meeting for upcoming activities, and I hope everyone will make an effort to attend. We will also be planning a welcome potluck for our new pastor sometime in June. Be on the lookout for email and Facebook updates for this event.

Please don't forget our ongoing projects: the First Sunday luncheon, the Food Pantry, and The Golden Cross baskets! Because of the July 4th holiday, we will not have the First Sunday Luncheon in July. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Barbara Jenkins at: (901) 378-7990 or jenkinsba3@gmail.com.

First Sunday Luncheon June 7 (Bro. Brad's last day)
Quarterly UMW meeting June 9
Welcome Potluck for our new Pastor TBD



Capleville Community Food Pantry Numbers:

	Year-to-Date
Families Served	482
Adults	565
Children	494
Seniors	346
Total Individuals Served	1543

Thank you for making this possible!

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6-7:30p Boy Scouts	6:00 Yoga Class 6-8p Weight Watchers	7:00a Emmaus	6:00 Yoga Class		9:00a Yoga Class 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1 st Sun Lunch Honoring Bro. Brad	Annual Conference Jackson, TN 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	Annual Conference Jackson, TN 10:00a UMW 6:00 Yoga Class 6-8p Weight Watchers	Annual Conference Jackson, TN 7:00a Emmaus	6:00 Yoga Class		9:00a Yoga Class 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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*From the people of St. Mark's
To our new pastor and family:
Rev. Jolinne Balentine-Downey,
Cliff Downey, Rebecca Downey
and the two cats!*