



St. Mark's Remarks

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BEGINS JUNE 4

Worship heats up with our Summer Songbook

One of my dad's favorite songs was Kris Kristofferson's "Why Me, Lord." My grandmother loved "The Old Rugged Cross." And, right now, Colton Dixon's "All That Matters" is heating up Christian radio. Music is a huge part of how we worship, and St. Mark's is blessed with some amazing talent. So, this summer, we will sing as many of our favorite songs as we possibly can. Music is also one of the ways that we share what we believe. So I will focus on the words of some of our best loved hymns/spirituals/songs to examine what it is that we as United Methodists believe. The series will begin on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, so let's all wear red and pray the Lord will "send the old-time power, the Pentecostal power."

The Summer Songbook will also give us an opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women who have filled our choir loft and our hearts with so much beauty over the years. On June 11, we will celebrate our Lord with some of the favorite music of Dianne Hudnall. One June 18 (Father's Day), we will remember the favorites of Bob Pruitt. We'll

Church nursery set to reopen in June

St. Mark's is a small church with a big heart. We have a big heart for God, for missions, for seniors, and for the Windyke community, so we are always looking for ways that we can reach out to and love our neighbors. Recently, we have had some young parents visit our church, and we want them to be able to participate fully in Bible study and worship. So the Church Council voted last month to hire one part-time nursery attendant on a trial basis beginning June 4. We will also need at least one other adult volunteer each week to work in the nursery, so a sign-up sheet will be distributed. This will enable us to provide nursery/child care during the 9:30 Sunday School hour, 10:30 worship, and choir practice. Bonnie Carter, who has many years of experience in child care, has worked with Pastor Jo and the Staff Parish Relations Committee to put policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety, fun and spiritual development of any child in our care. Bonnie will also help train our nursery attendant, Miss Lauren McKinnon.

YOUNG ADULT CONNECTION

A Clothing Swap Party will be held at St. Mark's on Tuesday, June 13, at 7 pm. See Facebook for more info.

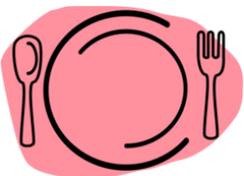
April Birthdays

Phil Harris	6/8	Larry Hughes	6/12
Lauri Draughon	6/20	Daniel Gabriel	6/21
Paul Melton	6/24	Brad Gabriel	6/25
Cliff Downey	6/26		

Visitors Last Month

Will Carter	Parker Reid
Victoria Shar	Doyle Silliman
Rachel Stanfill	The Burge Family
Richard Healy	Mark Grissom
Mike Rawlins	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Rawlins
Dorris Tyree	Martha Wagley

United Methodist Men



Come One, Come All!!

Our June dinner meeting will be Tuesday, June 20th, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited. We will have Hamburgers & Hot Dogs for

\$8.00. Bring your favorite dessert to share. Please confirm your reservation with Terry by Thursday, June 15th by calling 901-359-7342.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Terry B. Draughon

United Methodist Women

Thank you to all who contributed and participated in our annual Candleburning service. Some very special people were honored and remembered. Our First Sunday Lunch will be June 4th. In July Bonnie Carter is planning our annual mini-retreat. It is always a fun day. This year we are traveling to the Arlington area for lunch and to visit the winery selling wine cork jewelry for Golden Cross. We will be finalizing and communicating the date very soon, probably the last week of July. Please plan to join us!

Grace and Peace,
Leesa Henderson, UMW President

Golden Cross

4th of July!!

Help Golden Cross celebrate the 4th of July.

Please bring in drinks for making the special St. Mark's 4th of July treats.

(Water, Cokes, Pepsi) Red, White, or Blue cans.

*DEADLINE: June 17th

Assembly Date: June 21th @ 10.

Thank You

Congregation-I would like to take a moment to send my (and my family's) thanks and appreciation for all of your love, support prayers and visits. The last few months of Daddy's life were extremely hard on all of us. Once his health really started going down, it went down fast. Knowing we had all of you wonderful prayer warriors was a huge comfort. Daddy missed coming to church and seeing everyone, but he just couldn't get there. I can't begin to explain how much we miss him. But, we all take comfort in knowing that we WILL see him again. He is healthy and whole and happy. He hasn't been happy in a long time, so my heart smiles knowing he is happy again. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers, and will always appreciate you.

Pastor Jo-your visits and your prayers with Daddy were a huge comfort to him. We so appreciate you, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We thank you for taking the time to be in Daddy's service as well.

May God bless you all,
Lisa Moore Parkes and Family

Communion Offering

The June Communion Offering will go to the Annual Conference mission project Congo Women Arise. The Democratic Republic of Congo is rich in diamonds, gold and other elements used in mobile phones and other electronic gadgets, but the majority of the people have rarely benefitted from that wealth. The region is slowly recovering from a war that left five million people dead. The country is still not at peace. Reports of mass rapes and killing between government troops and rebels continue. That's why the bishop of the East Congo Episcopal Area hopes to establish a sanctuary where women can receive care and find restoration. About 25-30 women at a time will get medical attention, counseling, and faith-centered nurturing to address problems related to their experiences in order to help them recover self-respect, dignity and a sense of joy. Classes in cooking, sewing, midwifery, nutrition, hygiene, Bible study, reading and writing, and recovering their children will be offered. Family reunification will also be an important facet of the ministry.

sing patriotic songs on July 2 so let's all get into the spirit and wear red, white and blue. On July 9, we will honor Dal & Becky Rawlins with a selection of some of Elvis' gospel songs. And on July 16, we will remember some of the favorite songs of Bill & Kay Hill.

But, just because we are singing favorites does not mean they will all be oldies. There's a lot of great Christian music out there, and we have the ability and technology to bring some of those favorites into our worship, too. I pray it will be a summer of fun and laughter and spiritual renewal for us all.

Grace, Peace & Joy!

Pastor Jo

June 2017

5 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00a Yoga 6:00p Yoga	2	3 9:00a Yoga
4 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1st Sunday Lunch Communion to Lawn Care	5 9:00a Yoga 6-9:00p Scouts	6 6:00p Yoga 6-8:00p Weight Watchers 7:15p Cub Scouts	7	8 9:00a Yoga 6:00p Yoga	9	10 9:00a Yoga
11 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	12 9:00a Yoga 6-9:00p Scouts	13 6:00p Yoga 6-8:00p Weight Watchers 7:00p Clothing Swap/Young Adults 7:15p Cub Scouts	14	15 6:00p Yoga	16	17 9:00a Yoga
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Memphis Annual Conference coming to Collierville

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members gather for worship and fellowship and to conduct the business of the conference. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and, every four years, the election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences. The bishop presides. This year, the Memphis Annual Conference will be held at Collierville United Methodist Church from Sunday, June 4-6. Worship services will be held each evening at 7 pm. On Tuesday, Scott Chrostek, pastor of the downtown campus of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, will lead two teaching sessions. Live streaming will be available. For more information, visit the conference website at www.memphis-umc.org.

Food Pantry

Don't forget! Our volunteers work the Food Pantry on June 27th, from 11:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.

12th National Gathering of UM Men

The quadrennial gathering of UMM will take place in Indianapolis July 7-8. The event will feature services led by Bishop Swanson of the Mississippi Conference and Bishop Holston of the South Carolina Conference. The event will offer 19 coices of workshops for attendees. Any men who may want to attend can ride with the men of the Memphis Conference. The round trip bus cost is just \$150 (does not include hotel or registration. Deadline is June 10th.

For more information, contact Steve Ragsdale (stevier56@yahoo.com or 901-647-7546).

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