



# St. Mark's Remarks

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## Transitions

# Things they are a'changin'



Methodists On the Move finished its first season of outings with a trip to Pastor Jo's family farm in Crockett County, TN.

The process of change is hard. Once you get to the new place, it isn't so bad. In time, the new becomes routine. And familiar. And perhaps even beloved. It's the gettin' there that is rough. Maybe change wouldn't be so hard if we could leapfrog from where we are to where we are going. But life does not work that way. I cannot blink my eyes or wiggle my nose and be transported instantly from St. Mark's to Embury UMC. To get from here to there, I have to do the hard work of packing and sorting and discarding. I've got to tote boxes. Say some "Until we meet

again". And learn a whole bunch of new names and phone numbers. My family is not the only one that is experiencing the discomfort of transition. Our entire congregation is preparing to receive a new pastor, and the Rev. Greg Taylor and his family are preparing for their new life here at St. Mark's. And, on top of all that, the Memphis Conference and Tennessee Conference are looking at the possibility of becoming one new conference together. And our entire denomination is experiencing the discomfort of change as we anticipate next year's special called General Conference. Liturgically, we are also moving from the preparatory work that is the focus of the scriptures during Lent and Easter to the mission and ministry work of the Church, which dominates our readings during the season of Pentecost.

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## June Birthdays

Phil Harris	6/8	Larry Hughes	6/12
Lauri Draughon	6/20	Paul Melton	6/24
Cliff Downey	6/26		

## Visitors Last Month

Laura Judkins	Karla McKinnon
Lindsey McKinnon	Shannon McKinnon
Sadie Nabers	Shyanne Nabers
Knox Pettinger	Madison Pettinger
Mark Cox	Stephanie Cox
Austin McDowell	Ann Snell
Mike Nabers	Sonya Breitbart
Natalie Munns	

## United Methodist Men

There will not be a steak/chicken dinner this month, as we are in need of someone to step up and be UMM president and other duties. We will have a dinner in July to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Greg Taylor!

## United Methodist Women

Thank you to all who participated in the UMW Candle-burning fundraiser. It is always a meaningful time to honor and remember those special to us. We will have our First Sunday lunch on June 3rd. Please bring a dish and enjoy the good food and fellowship! Next month, on Sunday, July 1st, we will have our First Sunday lunch. This will be our new pastor's first Sunday with us. Our next UMW meeting will be Saturday, July 7th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please make plans to join us!

In Christ,

Leesa Henderson, UMW President

## SPRC Notes

Pastor Jo's last Sunday with us will be June 24th. A lunch will be provided in the fellowship hall after Worship. Please plan to attend so we can share a meal, show our appreciation, fellowship, and wish her well on her new appointment!

The following Sunday, July 1st, will be Pastor Greg's first Sunday with us. The United Methodist Women are hosting the monthly First Sunday Lunch. Please bring a dish and plan to stay after Worship to meet Pastor Greg and his family.

Blessings!

Lee Chandler, SPRC Chair

## Food Pantry

Don't forget! St. Mark's day to work the Food Pantry at Capleville UMC is Tuesday, June 26.



## St. Mark's Craft Fair

Sept. 22, 9-2 p.m.

Please tell ALL your

friends about the upcoming St. Mark's Craft Fair!

Does anyone you know paint or do crafts? Spread the word! We need Vendors to make it a success! Booths are \$25. \*Flyers for registration are available in our Narthex and in the box at the end of our drive. Support St. Mark's!!!

## Golden Cross

St. Mark's hopes to make enough 4th of July treat bags to break 1,000 given!!!!

\*Bring your drinks (Coke, Pepsi, or water) today!

\*\*Place drinks under 4th of July Display table in the Narthex. Deadline for drinks is June 20th.

\*Work Day: Thurs. June 21st at 10 a.m.

God Bless America!

Just a note: We have delivered 15 "Welcome Baskets" a month for new residents...in 5 years, we have delivered 1,005 bags. We have also donated books, games, puzzles, TVs, and on and on, too many to list! Thank you so much for your caring generosity.

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, food and love during my illness. I don't know what I would do without my St. Mark's family.

Love to all,

Vickie Zeman



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So it seems like a good time to take on the topic of transition. In June, we will focus on some Old Testament stories and look at transitions in leadership from Eli to Samuel to Saul to David as we talk about WHAT God is doing, WHY things change, WHO will lead us, and HOW our next stage will go. But, as we move together through this time of transition, let us remember that we are not alone on an ever-changing sea. Jesus is right here in the boat with us. God, our loving Father, has plans to prosper us, and the Holy Spirit is near at hand to comfort and strengthen us.

Your friend forever,

*Pastor Jo*

## June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00a Yoga
3 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice Communion to Annual Conference	4 9:00a Yoga  6-9:00p Scouts	5  6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	6	7 9:00a Yoga  6:00p Yoga	8	9 9:00a Yoga
10 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice 2:00p Heritage Worship	11 9:00a Yoga  6-9:00p Scouts	12  6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	13	14  6:00p Yoga	15	16 9:00a Yoga  5-9:00p Cub Scouts
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24 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice 11:30 a Farewell Lunch	25	26 11-1:00 Food Pantry  6:00p Yoga	27 Pastor Jo's Moving Day	28  6:00p Yoga	29	30 9:00a Yoga

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