

# St. Mark's Remarks

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*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.*

We're going to learn a new song this month: "Holy Spirit" by Francesca Battistelli. If you listen to Christian radio, you may have heard it a lot this past year. It's a simple tune, but it should come with a warning label. When we sing it, we are inviting the Spirit of God to come and fill our church and our hearts. In Jeremiah 33:3, God assures the prophet, "Call to me, and I will answer you." And in Acts 2:21, Peter proclaims, "...everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." So when we call out to God and invite the Holy Spirit to fill us, God comes! So here's the question for us to day: Do we REALLY want God to come? Do we want God to be glorified? Or do WE want to be glorified? Do we want God to have God's way with us? Or are we trying to manipulate God into doing what WE want, when we want it? If the story of Pentecost tells us anything, it is that the Holy Spirit is an unbridled spirit. The Spirit of God is a mighty force that cannot be tamed. Are you ready for that? Are we ready for that? I am.

Grace, peace & joy!  
*Pastor Jo*



## May Birthdays!

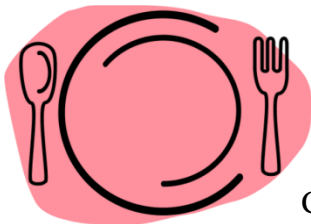
Jane Conner	05/02	Barbara Montgomery	05/07
Sabrina Cline	05/11	Payton Burge	05/14
Phyllis Folsom	05/17	Jonathan Bishop	05/20
Terry Draughon	05/27		

## Visitors in December

Richard & Savannah Healy	Allen & Lucy Black
Bitsy Pou	Reilly Burge
Barbara Acree	Caroly Rodgers
Steve & Mary Harris	Bud Rutter
Betty Sims	Susan Simmons
Payton Burge	Richard Healy

## St. Mark's United Methodist Men

We will meet Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a program to follow. As always, you may order steak (\$10) or chicken (\$8) for dinner. Please call Terry Draughon at 359-7342 no later than Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> to make reservations.



### UMM Monthly Meeting

May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Fields Hall

Steak \$10.00

Chicken \$8.00

Call Terry Draughon at 359-7342 for reservations.

## St. Mark's United Methodist Women

2016 is rapidly passing by us; we cannot believe it is already May! This month we will be celebrating our annual Candleburning mission fundraiser, where you can recognize a loved one in memory or in honor. Bulletin inserts for this will be May 15th and May 22nd, with the Candleburning Service during Worship on Sunday, May 29th. Thank you for making all our lunches (First Sunday, The Miracles, Bob Pruitt Family) so far this year such a big success. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly UMW meeting last month on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. We had great attendance and many things were discussed and decided. We need input from everyone, so please plan to

attend our next meeting July 16<sup>th</sup>. As we move forward this year, Bonnie Carter will be heading up our mini-retreat in July. We'll be hearing more about that from her in the coming weeks. Sherry Raggett and Bonnie Carter have agreed to chair our fall fundraiser. We will be telling you more about that as plans develop. Thank you for supporting your UMW!

In Service to Christ, Shelia and Shelly

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## Choir Notes

Jim Lovelace

(Omitted from April N/L)

My, what a Lenten season and Easter!

Thank you to the choir for all your extra work. Thank you St. Mark's UMC for your response to the choir. To know that we have touched someone's heart in worship and praise makes my work here rewarding.

I hope you all enjoyed the ministry we received from The Miracles on April 3<sup>rd</sup> as much as I did. They truly do a wonderful job.

Jim Lovelace

## Committee Members

Please check the bulletin board to see if you are on a committee. All meetings will be in the newsletter calendar if received in time or in the church bulletin.

## Finance Committee Meeting

There will be a Finance Committee meeting Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00p.m. following Bible study. If you are on the Finance Committee, please try to attend.

## *St. Mark's UMC Missions Golden Cross*

Three years ago, St. Mark's United Methodist Church chose Wesley Senior Ministries Golden Cross Foundation as a focus for our congregation in honor of Gynon Moore's previous work with this organization.

Wesley Senior Ministries is a local Methodist Organization dedicated to providing quality housing for low income seniors. Their Ministry includes providing furniture, clothing, food, health support, and loving care for over 2,200 individuals, often in desperate need. Golden Cross's amazing growth over these 3 years now covers 15 cities and 3 states. They now manage Methodist and Catholic facilities, and the Service Coordinator Program is now a model for other non-Methodist programs managing senior living facilities throughout Tennessee.

Methodist churches in our district support the work of Golden Cross and one small church with a big heart is the leading contributor of all the churches. St. Mark's

UMC is that amazing church. We provide Welcome Bags for every new person who moves into a Golden Cross facility, as well as providing clothing, bingo bags, holiday parties, household item, and much more. The district is amazed at the work of St. Mark's, and we are amazed at ourselves. The small church with the big heart does fantastic work because of your support. Money for Golden Cross comes from UMW fundraisers, memorials, and individual contributions. May is Golden Cross Month. It is our hope that the May Communion Offering will assist our church in meeting this mission's need for the remainder of the year. One Welcome bag is \$8. We need to make 15 bags per month until the end of the year. We have raised enough to pay for half of the bags and now need your help. Please give generously. The amazing work accomplished for seniors in our community, in our state, and in the tri-state depends on our church family's support.

*The Small Church with the big heart is you.*

**God Bless the work you do.**

Sherry Raggett,  
Golden Cross Coordinator

## May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1st Sun. Lunch	<b>2</b> 6-9:00p Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 6p Yoga 6:00-8:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>4</b> 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Weds. Dinner 6:30p Study 7:00p Finance Mtg.	<b>5</b> 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00 p. Yoga	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 a. Yoga
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<b>15</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 6-9:00p Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. UMM Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>18</b> 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Weds. Dinner 6:30p Study	<b>19</b> 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00 p. Yoga	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 a. Yoga 10-12 Hardin Graduation Celebration, Fields Hall
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