

# 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 Friends,

Welcome to the wonderful month of May! Maybe you remember the riddle from elementary school? If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? The answer is Pilgrims. That is us. We are Pilgrims. No., of course we don't wear the funny hats or have buckles on our shoes. At least most of us don't. Still, we are pilgrims. This truth sometimes causes tension in our life. After all, we are trained from the earliest age to act like we have “it” all together. What the “it” is varies, for some it is life, for others religion, for others, well, I'm sure that you can fill in the blank on your own. What we are not supposed to do is honestly admit that we are a work in process, that we are not yet complete, and that a little help on the way is certainly appreciated. Too bad about that because, actually, eventually, most of us accept the truth that we are in process, that we are not yet complete, and that we can use a bit of help on the way. What happens then is wonderful, delightful, and holy. What happens then is that God can begin to work with our cooperation and help us grow into the unique person whom God has intended for us to be from before the beginning of time. That growing is our pilgrimage. We experience delightful and sometimes terrible

things on our Pilgrimage. We learn every day from any number of people along our Pilgrim way. We get to help and teach those we meet on this holy Pilgrimage. All of these opportunities come to us because Pilgrimage is a way of living that constantly introduces us to new situations, new people, and new needs, and opportunities. Pilgrimage accepts that we have a responsibility to the land through which we are passing and a responsibility to keep our ultimate goal in mind. As author Paul Coelho reminds us “The boat is safer anchored at the port; but that's not the aim of boats.” We, willing Pilgrims, following the way of the cross, going where Jesus has gone before, moving on by direction of the Holy Spirit, are not born to stay say in harbor, unused, unfulfilled. We are God's people, formed, equipped, and called to travel with purpose and intention, pushing back the darkness of indifference as we let the light of Christ reveal God's presence in an otherwise dark world. What a gift, what a privilege. May your seas and your road carry you safe to your Pilgrim destination and may you bless all those you meet along the way.

Grace for the Journey,

*Brad*





Jane Conner	May 2	Phyllis Folsom	May 17
Barbara Montgomery	May 7	Jonathan Bishop	May 20
Sabrina Cline	May 11	Terry Draughon	May 27

### Visitors in April

Hazel Conar	Elton Cooper
Jane Mazer	Rosa Mabry
Ricky Reid	Mary Sather
Reilly & Chuck Burge	Sean & Mary Anne
Harold & Syble Gwatney	Sandra Ramawy
Jarrold Draughon	Parker Bryan
Chuck Reid	Hunter Reid
Steven Bond	Rev. Peter & Sue Law
Scott Lincoln	

### April Average Attendance

Sunday School	20
Morning Worship	75



**Thank you for your  
faithfulness!**  
**2014 Budget: \$159,532.00**

**Budget Required through 04/30/2014: \$53,176**  
**Budget Received through 04/30/2014: \$55,452\***  
**Budget Disbursed through 04/30/2014: \$46,928**  
 \*Includes Cell Tower Lease Funds

### Memorial Gifts Received

In Memory of Harold Christian  
 By: Phyllis Folsom  
 Lew and June Hardy  
 Dal & Becky Rawlins  
 Bill and Kay Hill  
 Larry and Sarah Hughes

In Memory of George Christian  
 By: Bill and Kay Hill  
 Larry and Sarah Hughes

In Memory of Gary Judkins  
 By: Beverly and Ken Hardin  
 Bill and Kay Hill  
 Larry and Sarah Hughes

In Memory of James Gwatney  
 By: Bill and Kay Hill

In Memory of Hazel Conar's Sister  
 By: Bill and Kay Hill



## Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation

Friends,

It is a joyous day getting a phone call knowing that St. Mark's has blessed us once again. Thank you all for the donation of the 3 coffee pots and the double warmer with pots. We put out an email to all of our communities and within minutes, they were all claimed. The kindness and generosity you all share is catching and appreciated. All of you are helping to make a difference in transforming lives.

Kristi Henson Owens  
 Office Manager  
 Golden Cross Ministries

### Choir Notes



Recently we posed a survey for your favorite hymns. There were quite a few surveys returned and the results might be surprising.

Twenty-four hymns were named. The top three favorites were: "Amazing Grace", "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden", each of the three with an equal number of votes. Now, look at some of the other hymns listed as favorites: "Not So In Haste, My Heart," "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," "The Promise," "This Is My Song." How many of us know these? So, on any given Sunday, we may be singing your favorite hymn. If not yours, we're probably singing someone else's favorite hymn.

In planning music for each service, we try to select hymns with these things in mind:

1. The liturgical season of the church year;
2. The theme of the day's scripture and sermon;
3. Can we sing it (or learn it easily)?;
4. Does it praise God? and
5. Does it inspire and motivate us to Christian living?

We sincerely hope that the written scriptures, the spoken sermon and the sung hymns lead everyone who worships here at St. Mark's to leave with a better understanding of God's love and a stronger commitment to show that love to the world.

**Jim**



Yoga Classes on Thursday at 6:00 pm and Saturday morning at 9:00 am. Cost is \$3.00 per class.

## St. Mark's United Methodist Men

**Attention All Men:** We are going to the **Redbirds** game on May 27. Tickets are \$27 each, the food buffet *includes* hot dogs, nachos, hamburgers, popcorn and soft drinks, water and admission to the ball game. You will need to book your reservation by Sunday, May 11. Spouses and significant other are welcome! See Terry Draughon for details. This has become an annual event, and it is always a fun and fantastic evening!



**Y'all come!!!**



### **To the Families of:**

Harold Gwatney in the recent death of his brother, James Gwatney

Leland Brown in the recent death of his uncle, Mossie Richerson

Lita Owen in the recent death of her brother, Calvin Owen.

Vickie Zeman in the recent death of her brother, Gary Judkins

Hazel Conar in the recent death of her sister, Billie Gilliam

Sarah Hughes in the recent deaths of her brothers, Harold and George Christian

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

### **A Lasting Gift**

Remember St. Mark's in you will  
See your estate planner or financial advisor for advice.

### **Follow us on Facebook**

Our Facebook address is: St. Mark's United Methodist Church – Memphis, Tennessee

## St. Mark's United Methodist Women

The UMW would like to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. We had about 40 children and their families participate, and they all had a great time and took home lots of goodies. Our next project is the Candle Burning which will take place in conjunction with Memorial Day weekend. This is an opportunity to remember loved ones who have gone on to heaven this past year. Be looking for the flyer in the church bulletin. Please, don't forget our ongoing projects: the First Sunday luncheons, the Food Pantry, and The Golden Cross baskets! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Barbara Jenkins: (901) 752-1128 or [jenkinsba3@gmail.com](mailto:jenkinsba3@gmail.com).

First Sunday Luncheon  
Candle Burning  
First Sunday Luncheon

May 4  
May 25  
June 1

## **THANK YOU!**



Thanks so much for all the help with the Easter Egg Hunt. We had about 40 children and their families participate, and they all had a great time and took home lots of goodies. One little girl told me, "I just want you to know, I had a great time." We probably had almost as many church members who volunteered their time and talents for several weeks to make sure the hunt was a memorable one. I can't possibly list everyone because I would surely forget someone, but please know that the committee and I appreciate all your hard work from the bottom of our hearts. The Lord blessed us with a great day and wonderful fellowship, and who knows what impact we may have had on some child's life. From the Boy Scouts to the pastor, to the cooks, to the teachers, to the egg hiders, to the registers, to the supervisors, to the picture takers, to the egg exchangers, to the artists, to the decorators, to the traffic cops, and of course to the Easter Bunny himself, we all pulled together like St. Mark's always does and sponsored a successful event.

Thanks again,  
Barbara Jenkins and Sandy Harris -co-chairs, and the Easter Egg Committee: Jane Conner, Bonnie Carter, Diane Hudnall, Beverly Hardin, Sheila Donaldson and Sherry Raggett.

# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00a Lds Bbile Study	2	3 9:00a Yoga
4 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch	5 6-7pm NA 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	6 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	7 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Fellowship Dinner & Bible Study 7:00p Church Council	8 10:00a Lds Bbile Study 6:00p Yoga	9	10 9:00a Yoga
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25 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service <b>Candle Burning - UMW</b> 11:30a Choir Practice	26 6-7pm NA 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	27 <b>UMM to Redbird Game at Auto Zone Park</b> 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	28 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Fellowship Dinner & Bible Study	29 10:00a Lds Bbile Study 6:00p Yoga	30	31 9:00a Yoga

## *Capleville Community Food Pantry Numbers:*

	Year-to-Date
Families Served	276
Adults	401
Children	402
Seniors	148
 Total Individuals Served	 951

**Thank you for making this possible!**