



# St. Mark's Remarks

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Rev. Jolinne Downey, pastor



## MOM in the merry month of May

Our Methodists On the Move will continue its spring fling with a trip to the **Memphis Botanic Garden** on May 3. Admission for senior adults is \$8. Then, on May 17, we will travel to Cordova to learn about **Grace Place** church and her brand new Two Sisters ministry. Both weeks, we will meet at St. Mark's at 10 a.m. Our final outing of the season will be May 24, and all the women of St. Mark's are invited to Pastor Jo's family farm for a **ladies' luncheon** at her grandmother's table. We will leave from St. Mark's that day at 8:30 a.m. All the food will be provided, but please contact the church office by Sunday, May 20, and let us know if you will be attending.

## Pastoral appointments announced

Bishop Bill McAlily and the Nashville Area Cabinet of the TN/Memphis Conferences, in session this week, worked prayerfully together to make missional appointments to every church in our Annual Conference. As Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I give thanks for the ministry of our Pastor, the Rev. Jolinne Balentine-Downey, who has been a servant leader among us. As she moves to her new appointment, we will continue to pray for her.

Our church will receive the Rev. Greg Taylor as our new pastor. He will lead us in worship for the first time on Sunday, July 1st. Let us pray now and through these coming weeks for this transition in our church.

Lord, Jesus Christ, our Living Savior, we give you thanks for our church. It is a gift of grace to us. We are deeply grateful for the leadership of Rev. Jolinne Balentine-Downey, who has served us as pastor, teacher, leader and friend in Christ. May your grace be upon her and her family in the spiritual adventure that lies ahead.

As Rev. Greg Taylor comes to be our next pastor, we pray for him. May your grace abound in his life, giving peace and joy and confidence in this new beginning. Open our hearts and minds to receive the gifts you have for us in these days as we give thanks for what has been and anticipate what will be. Our life is in you, O God, and through the Holy Spirit we pray this day. Amen.

Grace and Peace,  
Lee Chandler  
SPRC Chairman

## May Birthdays

Jane Conner	5/2	Barbara Montgomery	5/7
Sabrina Cline	5/11	Jan Demestre	5/13
Payton Burge	5/14	Jonathan Bishop	5/20
Terry Draughon	5/27		

## Visitors Last Month

Katherine Allen	Lyn Balentine
The Bishop Family	The Burge Family
Beth & Savvy Clark	Robert Hayes
Jan Hilts	Mallory Jorgensen
Chris Littlejohn	Austin McDowell
Taylor Pettinger	Derrick Chenault



## United Methodist Men

There will not be a steak/chicken dinner this month. Please join us for our annual Scouts Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, May 5, from 8 til 11 a.m. For \$5 you will get pancakes & sausage and your beverage of choice. All proceeds go to supports our Boy Scouts!

Terry B. Draughon

## United Methodist Women

Thank you to all who attended the April quarterly meeting. Bonnie Carter gave a devotional on the Legend of the Dogwood and how it relates to Christ, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. Our annual Candleburning will be in May. Please be thinking of loved ones you would like to honor or remember. Bulletin inserts will be available on May 13 and 20. The names will be presented during Worship on May 27. This is always a meaningful time of honor and remembrance. Our First Sunday lunch will be May 7th. We took a break in April on Easter Sunday, so please bring your yummy dishes and appetites!

Grace and Peace to each of you,  
Leesa Henderson, UMW President

## NOW

There is a scheduled meeting for the NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) group on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm in the conference room. Please plan to attend. If you have not been part of this group and would like to be, please come to the meeting. We will be

discussing and making plans for ways we can minister to our church family and provide outreach ministries to the neighborhood and community. All ideas are welcome and needed! You are needed!  
Beverly Hardin, NOW Coordinator



## Choir Notes

Thank you to our wonderful choir members for the fine performance they provided for our Easter Cantata, and for all their hard work.

*Jim*

## Food Pantry

Don't forget! St. Mark's day to work the Food Pantry at Capleville UMC is Tuesday, May 22.

## Yard Clean Up Crew

Thank you to all who came to pick up sticks, rake leaves, help run the shredder, and more! Phil & Jane Connor, Larry Hughes, Jane Mazer, HF Chenault, Bill Demestre, Sherry Raggett, Pastor Jo, Mike Nabers, & Don McKinnon.

## Sanctuary Cleaning

Hope you smelled our fresh sanctuary Easter! It was cleaned by the loving hands of Mary Jane Randolph, Faith Graff, Jane Mazer, Sherry Raggett, & Reita Chenault.

## Golden Cross

May is Golden Cross Month! We will be celebrating St. Mark's amazing accomplishments of the 4+ years.  
Sherry

## Newsletter

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter or would like to go paperless and receive it via e-mail, please contact the church office either by phone; 901-754-8185, or by e-mail; [stmarksmem@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarksmem@bellsouth.net)

Blessings,

Peggy Willoughby, Secretary



## May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		13 Election	2 6:00p Bible Study	3 MOM 6:00p NOW Mtg. 6:00p Yoga	4	5 8-11:00a Scouts Pancake Breakfast
6 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice Communion to Golden Cross	7 6-9:00p Scouts	8 6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	9	10 6:00p Yoga	11	12 9:00a Yoga
13 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice 2:00p Heritage Worship	14 6-9:00p Scouts	15 6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	16 6:00 p Bible Study	17 MOM 6:00p Yoga	18	19 9:00a Yoga 3:p Kings Mill Picnic
20 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	21 6-9:00p Scouts	22 11-1:00 Food Pantry 6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	23 6:00 p Bible Study	24 MOM 6:00p Yoga	25	26 9:00a Yoga
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