



St. Mark's Remarks

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Christian ethics with a giggle

The great George Burns once said, "The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible."
(Do I hear an "Amen?")

Most writers will agree that, if you have a good, clear thought, you do not need a lot of words to express it. That's one reason I like to use children's books. The best ones teach great truths with a few words. So, in September, we will start a sermon series called "The Gospel According to Piggie & Gerald," which will be based on a series of children's books by Mo Willems. Willems began his career as a writer and animator on *Sesame Street*. He

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
Piggie
and
Gerald
EVERY SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER



SPRC Chair Lee Chandler presented a plaque to pianist Sandra Ramawy during an appreciation luncheon on Aug. 27 to thank her for her many years of service to the church.

Festival of faith

The September communion offering will go to support an after school program for the New Generation Ministries Empowerment Center, which is a new church start of the Memphis Conference. The Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, who has preached at St. Mark's several times, is the founder and senior pastor. Their new after school program will

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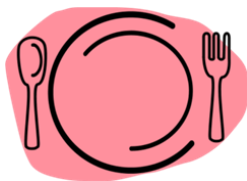
September Birthdays

Mary Jane Randolph	9/1	Sunshine McKinnon	9/3
Sandra Ramawy	9/12	Peggy Willoughby	9/14
Lee Chandler	9/25		

Visitors Last Month

Bitsy Pou	Lauren McKinnon
Doyle Silliman	

United Methodist Men



Come join us on Tuesday, September 19, for our monthly “steak or chicken” dinner, at 6:30 p.m., in Fields Hall. We have great food and great fellowship!

This month our speaker will be Steve Ragsdale, District President for UMM Metro District. Steak is \$10 and chicken is \$8. Please call me at (901)359-7342 to confirm your steak or chicken! See you there!

Terry B. Draughon

United Methodist Women

Happy September! Please join us for First Sunday Lunch on September 3rd. Also, we will be serving lunch for the church work day on Saturday, September 9th. The 2017 UMW year for the Memphis Conference ended August 31st. The District Annual celebration will be September 24th at 2:00 p.m. at Millington First UMC. We will be carpooling, so please plan to join us. We will leave right after church, stop for lunch, then on to Millington. This year St. Mark’s UMW attained Silver status. Thank you to all who helped us achieve this! During the ceremony, members who have passed on this year will be remembered. This year for St. Mark’s those being lifted up are Sharon Brown, Becky Rawlins, and Scarlett Rose.

Grace and Peace to you!
Leesa Henderson, UMW President

Thank You

Thank you for all who helped, contributed, and attended Sandra Ramawy’s farewell lunch. She was very touched and appreciative. We will miss Sandra and her wonderful ability with the piano. We wish her blessings and joy!

Bunco/Game Day

We had so much fun playing Bunco!!! We’re looking to see if anyone is interested in having a Bunco/Game Day on the first Friday of each month from 10-12. Please call the church office or contact Sherry Raggett if you want to come out and have fun!!

Food Pantry

Don’t forget! Our volunteers work the Food Pantry on Tuesday, September 26, from 11:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.

Nursery

Please sign up to volunteer to help in the nursery on Sunday during the months of September and October.

Adult Bible Studies

This fall, we are offering two mid-week Bible studies. On Wednesday nights, we meet in Fields Hall at 6 pm for supper (bring your own sack meal) and small group discussion utilizing the Disciple 1 series, “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.”

On Thursdays at 10 am, a Women’s study group will explore different ways of praying utilizing the Companions in Christ series, “The Way of Prayer.”

Church Wide Clean Up

We are having a Church Wide Clean Up on Saturday, September 9th, starting at 8:30 a.m. The UMW will provide lunch. Anyone who is able, please come and help!!

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St. Mark's to support Festival of Faith

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offer instruction in Life Skills, Music, Drama, Video Production and more. Our gift will make us a sponsor of Festival of Faith 2017, which will be held October 4-7, at New Generation Ministries, 2041 S. Lauderdale. The festival will include a 3-day revival. Services will be held Oct. 4-6 at 7 pm. Then on October 7 at 11 am, they will have Faith Talks, to share innovative ideas about faith in relationship to wisdom, stature, and favor with God. The festival will end that afternoon at 4 pm with a family concert featuring the African Jazz Ensemble.

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00a Yoga
3 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service Communion to New Generations First Sunday Lunch Choir Practice	4 6-9p Scouts	5 6:00p Yoga 6-8:00p Weight Watchers 7:15p Cub Scouts	6 6:00p Bible Study	7 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 6:00p Yoga	8	9 8:30 a Church Wide Clean Up 9:00a Yoga
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has gone on to write a number of award-winning children's books, including the Elephant & Piggie stories.

In our sermon series, we will examine Moral Dilemmas, Conflict Management, Responding to Injustice, and Patience. Heavy topics to be sure! But Mary Poppins said a spoon full of sugar helps the medicine go down, and Piggie & Gerald should add just the touch of sweetness we need. I look forward to worshipping with you.

Grace, Peace & Joy!

Pastor Jo

Youth Villages project a great success

Thank you for supporting the UMW back-to-school project for Youth Villages. Together, we collected about \$300 worth of school supplies that will be distributed to children in the Intercept, Foster Care & YV LifeSet programs here in the Memphis area.

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