

May 13, 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

Richard Kerr once wrote: "The most creative job in the world involves fashion, decorating, recreation, education, transportation, psychology, romance, cuisine, literature, art, economics, government, pediatrics, geriatrics, entertainment, maintenance, purchasing, law, religion, energy and management. Anyone who can handle all those has to be somebody special. She is. She's a homemaker." It's a sad thing that many in the last few decades have demeaned this important job and made comments like: "Oh, you just stay at home? You don't have a real job?" There is no job more real; there is no job more important than that of mother. If an outside job causes them to neglect their most important job, women will find that they have cheated themselves and their children.



Surely it is right for us to honor those among us who faithfully live out the role of mother. Though often overlooked, what our mothers do for their children has a huge impact on the future of our church and our world. As we learn more and more about child development, we come to appreciate the importance of this task. Can a woman do anything more important than instill faith in her children and raise them in the knowledge of the Word of God?

There are heroes among us – those whose deeds go far beyond their strength, far beyond their wisdom, far beyond all reasonable expectations. These heroes are called: Mother. Mothers, we salute you not only on Mother's Day, but each day as you perform this holy task. As you sacrifice your own worship time to handle an unruly child or as you spend prayerful nights over a child who is sick, yours is a high calling. Let no one tell you otherwise. Our church needs good mothers.

In Christ,  
Bro. Barry

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## Prayer Requests

Bro. Barry, Teresa and family  
Aldersgate UMC and staff  
Babs and Fred Bean  
Hazel Beverly and family  
Eva Crow (Jean Ralston's mother)  
Teresa Frommel  
Phyllis Harris (Alice Redding's sister)  
Sonny and Kitty Hawkins  
Marilyn Haynes  
Ann Kirby  
Suzanne Latham  
Beth May  
John Meriwether and family  
Billy Moore  
Kathryn Morford  
Alice Phillips  
Dave and Jean Ralston and family  
Bob Reeves  
Diane Snead  
Danny Tassin  
Wayne Timby  
Bobby Tipton  
Katherine Wardlow and family  
Doug Yoder and family  
Farrah Wyatt and family

### Memorials

Memorials have been presented to the church in loving memory of Bob Smith by June Wamble and Mary Lou Climer.

### Martha Circle will Meet

The Martha Circle of the United Methodist Women will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at the home of Judy Sutton, 30 Barkwood. Marianne Archer will present the program. The ladies of the Martha Circle invite any women interested in being a part of the UMW to attend their meeting.



At our next Wednesday Night Fellowship, we will hold our Graduation Banquet. Instead of it being held on the second Wednesday Night of the month, it will be held on May 22 at 5:45 p.m. Please mark your calendars, and we will celebrate with two graduates in our congregation: Madison Borden, who will be receiving her Bachelor's degree from Union University and Adrienne Wagster, who will be receiving her Master's degree from Murray State University. Friends and family are invited to hear about their college careers and future plans, and you are also invited to share a story or two about the graduate.

The menu for the evening will be smoked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, slaw, rolls, dessert and tea. The cost of the meal will be \$7.00 for adults and all children six years old and younger eat free. Please reserve the date, and sign up at the bulletin board in the hallway or on the tear-off section of your Sunday bulletin.



### Daytime Fellowship Meeting

All ages are welcome to attend Daytime Fellowship. They always meet the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon for a potluck lunch, a time of fellowship and a program. This month they will meet on Wednesday, May 15. Please invite a friend to come join you. Fred Bean will present the program entitled "Good Grief". We all experience grief at sometime in our lives and Fred will give us some insight in experiencing "good grief".

### Church Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Church Council on Sunday, May 19, immediately following the morning worship service. If you are a member of the council, please plan to attend. A light lunch will be served

### Volunteers for RIFA's Soup Kitchen

On Thursday, May 23, we need volunteers to help prepare food and transport it to RIFA by 5:15 p.m. and also volunteers to help serve and clean up from 5:00 — 7:00 p.m. If you can help out, please sign up at the bulletin board in the hallway near the pastor's office. Jan Matthews, chair of the Missions Team, can give you further information or answer any questions you might have.





The United Methodist Men are cooking pork loins on Friday evening, and they will be ready for sale and pickup on Saturday, May 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Advanced tickets are available from any member of the United Methodist Men of our church. Once again, we have priced these half-pork loins at \$20 each. Please come and support our annual fundraising effort. If you have any questions, please contact Mickey Edwards at 300-3767.



Aldersgate's first outdoor worship service of the season will be held on Sunday, May 19, beginning with a meal at the church pavilion at 5:30 p.m. followed by a time of worship in music. We will be joined by "Raptured Hearts", a southern gospel/bluegrass group that loves to sing for the Lord. Members include Billy and Pat Scott and Tim and Sharon Buffington. If you would like to hear a sample of their music, check them out on facebook. Please invite your friends and family to join us and also remember to bring your lawn chairs.

### Karen on Vacation and Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be mailed the last week of May and then the next one will not be mailed until the last week of June. Karen will be on vacation June 8 through June 25. During this time, please watch for updates and announcements in your email and on facebook. Danielle and Bro. Barry will be in and out of the office. You can also leave a message on the church answering machine, and your call will be returned as soon as possible. The deadline to get information in the newsletter that will be mailed the last week of May will be Thursday, May 23. The church office will be closed for Memorial Day, May 27.



#### By Our Presence

**Date: May 5**

Sunday School	71
Worship Service	150

**Date: May 12**

Sunday School	48
Worship Service	152

#### By Our Gifts

**Date: May 5**

Budget 2019	\$344,672
Needed each week	\$6,628
Received this week for budget	\$13,859
Total budget income to date	\$137,605

**Date: May 12**

Budget 2019	\$344,672
Needed each week	\$6,628
Received this week for budget	\$2,973
Total budget income to date	\$140,578

#### By Our Service

**Date: May 19**

April Ushers	Tom Carr, Toby Leigh Jim Wiley, Bob Redding
Nursery Worker	Betty Cherry
Offering Counters	Ruth Porter Rebecca Beverly
Children's Church	Mitzi and Janette

**Date: May 26**

May Ushers	Tom Carr, Toby Leigh Jim Wiley, Bob Redding
Nursery Worker	Alice Redding
Offering Counters	Cissy Carr Teresa Frommel
Children's Church	Judy Sutton

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

**Sermon**

**"Excuses Don't Work With God"**

**Luke 14:15-24**

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**Sermon**

**"The Impossibility of**

**Do-It-Myself Salvation"**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**



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## A Look Ahead

### Wednesday, May 15

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
12:00 PM Daytime Fellowship (FH)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### Thursday, May 16

### Friday, May 17

### Saturday, May 18

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting (PC)  
10:00 AM UMM Pork Loin Sale (Pavilion)  
3:00 – 5:00 PM Wesley Hall Reserved

### Sunday, May 19

4:00 PM Friendship Group (FH)  
5:30 PM Outdoor Worship Service (Pavilion)

### Monday, May 20

### Tuesday, May 21

11:00 AM "Invitation" Study (FH)  
7:00 PM Martha Circle meets at Judy Sutton's

### Wednesday, May 22

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
5:45 PM WNF – Graduation Banquet (FH)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### Thursday, May 23

### Friday, May 24

### Saturday, May 25

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting (PC)

### Sunday, May 26

**Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day**  
Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 28

11:00 AM "Invitation" Study (FH)

### Wednesday, May 29

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### Thursday, May 30

5:30 PM Wisdom Seekers' Class Party (FH)

### Friday, May 31

### Saturday, June 1

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting (PC)

### Sunday, June 2

2019 Annual Conference – Collierville UMC

### Monday, June 3

2019 Annual Conference – Collierville UMC

### Tuesday, June 4

2019 Annual Conference – Collierville UMC  
11:00 AM "Invitation" Study (FH)

### Wednesday, June 5

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### Thursday, June 6

### Friday, June 7

### Saturday, June 8

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting (PC)

### Sunday, June 9

12:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FH)  
4:00 PM Friendship Group (FH)  
5:30 PM Outdoor Worship Service (Pavilion)

### Monday, June 10

### Sunday Morning Regular Activities and Worship Service

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting (PC)  
9:45 AM Church School for All Ages  
10:45 AM Morning Worship Service

### Wesley Hall and Epworth Room Regular Weekly Events

#### Flex, Balance and Stretch (ER)

5:00 PM Monday

#### Stretch and Tone (ER)

8:00 AM Tuesday and Thursday

#### AI-Anon (ER)

12:00 PM Monday and Thursday

6:30 PM Thursday

11:30 AM Saturday

#### AA (WH)

8:00 PM Tuesday and Friday

We are always adding new events and activities at Aldersgate! For the most current listing of events, please visit the calendar and events page on our website: [www.aldersgatejackson.com](http://www.aldersgatejackson.com).