

**OUR PRAYERS**

- Our Ministers            Our Church
- Our Leaders            Our Ministry Teams
- Our Children & Youth    Our Homebound
- Our College Students   Our Missionaries
- Our Police Dept        Our Fire Dept.
- Our City                Our Military

**Homebound and Assisted Care**

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Martha Allen    | Tom Boillot     | June Burton     |
| Carolyn Escue   | Ray Escue       | Marcelle Farrow |
| Mava Dell Fry   | Earl Galloway   | Doris Hight     |
| Marie Hughes    | Margaret Kenley | Ted Lewis       |
| Betty Ray       | Bernice Shelby  | Emmett Smith    |
| Betty Smithmier |                 |                 |

**Vanderbilt Hospital**

Cindy Stanfil

**Special Prayers** for

- ...the Vargas family
- ...disaster victims
- ...immigrants

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
 ...Margaret Ann Ligon & Cindy Pilkinton in the loss of  
 their sister-in-law and aunt, Leona Edwards

**OUR PRESENCE - March 5**

Sunday School	59
Worship	84
Visitors	2

**OUR GIFTS - March 5**

Offering	\$ 4,629
Month to Date	\$ 4,629
YTD	\$ 30,029

**OUR SERVICE - March 12**

- Greeters**..... Jeanette Leslie  
Lou Pennington
- Liturgist**..... Lana Solomon
- Scripture**..... Faith Gbeneneh
- Children's Time**..Andrew Baker
- Lock-up**..... Tom Lockhart

**OUR WITNESS**

- March Scripture Readers**  
 19 Peggy Brightwell  
 26 Judy Stanley

the Gate Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
 4459 Willow Road  
 Memphis, TN 38117-6917

**OUR PRAYERS (con't)**

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| Kristen Boggs   | Tom Boillot       | Palma Borgognoni  |
| Jim Brazile     | Brenda Brazile    | Melissa Cole      |
| Jaunay Davis    | Miriam Davis      | Corella Edwards   |
| Gordillo Family | Diane Harrison    | John Hight        |
| Mildred Hight   | Jeff Irwin        | Wayne Lawrence    |
| Freda Lipford   | Ursula Lewis      | Bill McClain      |
| Jesse McClerkin | Bill McMullin     | Lou Ella Morris   |
| Richard Morris  | Joe Moseley       | Boyd Pilkinton    |
| Ruth Pilkinton  | Moira Pomije      | Claire Rainey     |
| Wade Reeves     | Stephanie Roberts | Marie Souder      |
| David Weaver    | Shannon Weaver    | Margie Williamson |

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**Entering In**

by Kayla McClurg

All of us need wake-up calls and the opportunity to start over, which is some of what Lent offers to us. From Ash Wednesday's sober reminder that we come from a common source, that in our very substance we are the same—no more than, or less than, good old everlasting dust—to Easter morning's glory and grand surprise of resurrection, it is a heartfelt time of relinquishing and deepening into our humbled lowly selves and our little part in God's big story.

It is an awesome mystery to ponder, yet who would actually choose it, to enter down into the muck of our own thoroughly human nature, all of our lack of power and control on full display, our uncertainties about our soul's condition and whether or not resurrection is real right here and now? Let's make a circle and discuss it, shall we?

But strange things do happen on the way to Ash Wednesday. This year it is illness complicated by other conditions, which now requires me, all of a sudden, to stop. Stop discussing Lent, stop talking about it, stop searching for its real meaning. Just stop. Get reacquainted with dust. So I will lay down my activities for an unknown period of time. May we each enter more deeply into our own relinquishment, ready for whatever God proposes, and may it be a restorative time for us all.

Blessings,  
*Virginia*

**Scriptures Readings:**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Psalm 121

John 3:1-17



**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
 2:00a Daylight Savings Time Begins  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
 12:30p UMW Unit Meeting & Soup and Sides Pot Luck

Mon. 3/13 12:00p News Deadline

Tue. 3/14 10:00a Koinonia Group  
 7:00p Love/Hope Group

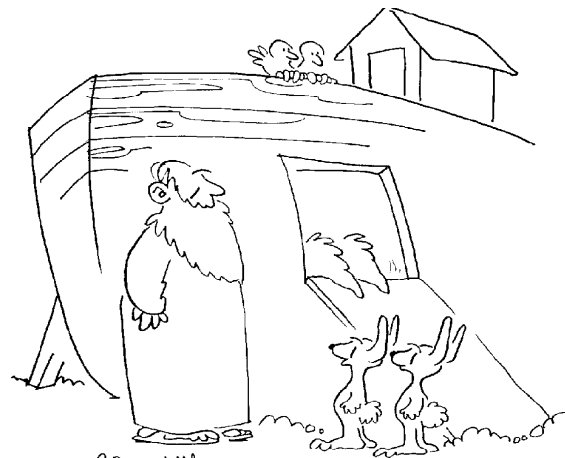
Wed. 3/15 10:00a **Asbury** Bible Study  
 Noon Devotional by Wally Harris & Lunch at **Asbury**  
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 3/16 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry  
 10:00a Lenten Bible Study  
 5:45p Girl Scouts  
 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury

Fri. 3/17 St. Patrick's Day  
 Offices Closed   
 5:45p Girl Scouts

Sat. 3/18 9:00a Work Day - Join the Trustees to tidy up around the church

Sun. 3/19 **Third Sunday in Lent**  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship



"You remember us...  
 from your vegetable garden."

**THANK YOU**  
 You're the best! Your support of the Chili & Tamale Lunch to benefit the Kids2Kamp Fund was a great success. \$1000 was raised to help send kids to Lakeshore Summer Camp. With camp fees being about \$400 per child, that will make a BIG difference. Thank you and thank you again.



**WORK DAY COMING UP**  
 ...March 18, starting at 9 a.m. Bring your rakes and brooms, gloves and a smile and join us.



**OUR TRIP TO CALVARY**  
 We will leave Aldersgate at 10 a.m. to attend Calvary Episcopal's Lenten Preaching & Lunch Program, lunching at the first seating, then hear Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel, bring the message. Bus transportation will be available. Lunch is dutch treat. A sign-up sheet is on the office window. Make your reservations and invite a friend.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH**  
 Rice Noodles  
 Canned Sauces  
 (NO glass jars, please)  
 Cash is also welcome.  
 (Make checks payable to Aldersgate and write "Food Pantry" in the memo line.)



**Ladies, Please Note**  
 Our Unit meeting will be this coming Sunday, **March 12**, at 12:30p, due to scheduling conflicts on the 19th. Please bring salads, sandwiches or sides and desserts for lunch to go with Lana's great soup.  
 We will be collecting Easter "things" for the next Church Women United meeting on April 3. New clothes for toddlers through teens, boys and girls, plus socks and underwear. If you prefer, you may bring your gifts to your Circle meeting on Tuesday, March 14.  
 Items will be taken to the Purdue Salvation Army Center on Jackson Ave. for their Easter Parade, then be given to children in need.

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**3rd Annual Day of Giving**  
**March 23**

Join United Methodist Women around the country on March 23 for a Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund, part of our 150th anniversary celebration!  
 Its easy:  
**On line:** [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)  
**By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8a to 6p., Mon-Fri.)  
**Text:** 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in message area  
**By check:** Office of the Treasurer  
 United Methodist Women  
 475 Riverside Dr.  
 New York, NY 10115

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**Spiritual Growth Retreat**

"The Hands of God",  
 lead by Dr. Birgitte French  
 March 31-April 1 at Lakeshore  
 The registration deadline is March 24 and forms are available in the church office and on line.

**DID YOU LOSE SOME KEYS?**

What looks like house keys on a leopard spotted lanyard have been turned in to the church office. Please call us to claim them, 683-8861.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for  
**Memorial Fund**  
In memory of Terry Williamson by  
 David & Pat White  
 Dean & Aleita Tutor  
 Henry & Nancy Blanks  
 Warren Petty  
 Jimmie & Jane Hight  
 Carolyn McDougal  
 Don & Tillie Speraw

In memory of Leona Edwards by  
 Neil & Jean DeLong

In memory of Charles & Harriet Kicklighter by  
 Henry & Nancy Blanks

In memory of Kenny Bedwell by  
 Henry & Nancy Blanks

**Scholarship Fund**  
In memory of Terry Williamson by  
 Keith Coffman  
 Joyce Kernodle



**Saturday night, March 11**

**'NEW APPORTIONMENT PROPOSAL' FOR THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE TO BE DISCUSSED MARCH 30**

Apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the budget, are the main way United Methodists support the ministries of the general church. Each annual conference has the authority to decide its own formula for apportionments to local churches within its boundary. A meeting proposing a 'new way' for churches in the Metro District to meet this goal will be held on Thursday, March 30 7 p.m., Covenant UMC 8340 Walnut Grove Rd, Cordova 38018 [www.covenantumc.org](http://www.covenantumc.org)  
 You are welcome to attend.