OUR PRAYERS

Allen Morgan Rehab
Doris Babb 146-1 Quince Rehab
Gene Lester 304A

Signature Health Care
Dorothy Hyatt 214

St. Francis
Marcelle Farrow
(surg 1/21)

(surg. 1/21)

Methodist G'town
Betty Finger 328 So.

At Home
Jean McCarty
(surg. 1/25)

OUR PRESENCE

January 17

Church School 56 Worship 84 Visitors 4

January 17

Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 4087 Church School \$ 27 Total Rec'd \$ 4114 January MTD \$ 12085

OUR SERVICE

Assisting January 24

Greeters Richard & Frances Morris

Liturgist Bruce Hughes

Scripture Martha Burford

Children's Time Judy Stanley

Cilidren's Time Judy Starile

Lock-up Neil Delong

January Scripture Readers

31 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR

I've just finished my Monday morning run. Because of the cold weather we recently have had and the two weeks I have spent in my seminary class, I have not done much running over the last month.

As I made my way out the door I knew this run was not going to be pleasant. It does not take long to lose conditioning, and that makes running much more difficult after a lay off.

I share this because I think we can relate this to our prayer life. I believe our prayer life, like running, needs to be consistent. If not, we can, if we're not careful, learn to live without it, and even though we can resume it anytime we want, it may be hard to redevelop this needed aspect of our relationship with God.

Peace and Grace, Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Jan. 24 Psalm 19 Luke 17:20-21

Sermon Title
"Thy Kingdom Come!"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Jan. 24 - Sat. Jan. 30

Sun. 1/24	9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Exec. Mtg. 12:15p Adult/Family Team
Mon. 1/25	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 1/26	6:30p Girl Scouts
Wed. 1/27	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/28	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 1/29	Offices Closed
Sat. 1/30	9:00a AFLS

"REIP"ITEMS STILL NEEDED BY UMNC

During January we are collecting the following items for the Refugee Economic Independence Program at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers:

liquid detergent paper towels napkins sanitary items lotions liquid soap lipstick nail polish shampoo conditioner

Please place items in the large grey bin w/wheels near the education building.

HOMEBOUND?

Are you a homebound Aldersgate member or do you know someone who is. Are you on our Homebound List? We want our list up to date so we can stay in touch. Please call the church office if know someone homebound or a shut-in who would like to be contacted.

HEALTH KITS FOR HAITI NEEDED BY JAN. 31

There is dire need for health kits in Haiti. Local churches are asked to prepare as many of the kits as they can by Jan. 31 and take them to our designated pick-up point on Monday, Feb. 1, at Germantown UMC. Each kit must include the following items **EXACTLY AS REQUESTED.** All items **MUST be new.** There are very strict rules governing product entry into a foreign country. Not adhering to these requirements will delay shipment.

1 hand towel (15x25 to 17x27, **NO** kitchen towels)
1 washcloth

1 comb, large and sturdy (NOT pocket or rattail)
1 nail file OR 1 nail clipper

(NO emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 wrapped **bath size** bar of soap (3 oz. or up)
1 **adult** toothbrush in original wrapper

6 adhesive plastic bandages (band-aids)

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Place all items in a **1 gallon** re-sealable plastic bag.

A kit costs \$12. You may donate cash if you prefer. Please make checks out to Aldersquate and note "Haiti" in the memo line.

You may also donate directly to UMCOR either on line at umcor@gbgm-umc.org or by mail at P.O. Box 9068, New York, New York 10087. Please indicate "Advance #418325" in the memo line. Gifts are tax deductible and 100% will go to help the people of Haiti.

There will be great need for volunteers to help rebuild once the crisis is past. Bill Carr, the Disaster Recovery Coordinator for the Conference, may be reached at 270-816-4824 or 270-556-5221.

Please keep all of the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti and the rescue workers in your prayers.

UMW NEWS

Two important meetings are coming up soon:

Sat., Jan. 23, is Officers Training at Covenant UMC. Registration at 9 a.m., with training from 9:30 to 12:00.

If for any reason you cannot attend or if you hold more than one office, please ask someone to sit in for you. Many of us have attended for years but there is always something new to learn.

You should be hearing from your District counterpart, but if not, the following should attend: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, 4 mission coordinators, secretary of program resources, and nominating committee members. Group leaders usually meet with the presidents' class, as does the parliamentarian.

If you need a ride, please meet at church at 8:30 a.m. If every officer goes, we will need at least 3 cars.

The following day, Jan. 24, at 12:15, we will have a short Executive Meeting to share what we learned at training.

We will also plan for hosting the District Day Apart on March 27. This is a District wide meeting focusing on our spiritual growth. More details later.

Aleda Kelly

ANGELFOOD INFO

Distribution will be on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 to 11. Volunteers are needed to assist. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, to volunteer or for more information.



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Helen Hadaway
By Betty Smithmier & Family
In memory of Mike Deaton

By Betty Smithmier & Family

Pew Cushions

In memory of Helen Hadaway

By Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lockhart By Joyce Kernodle



Thanks to all who supported me before, during and after my recent surgery. Thanks to the Koinonia Group for the meal served, to all who sent cards and, most of all, for the many prayers. I am as good as new and look forward to continuing my responsibilities soon. Aldersgate is really the church of the warm heart.

Aleda Kelly

To all my friends,

I want to thank you for attending my surprise birthday party, and it certainly was a surprise! The cards and gifts were lovely. You are very special to me and made my birthday a time I'll never forget.

Love, Kathryn Clark