

OUR PRAYERS

Poplar Point Rehab Tom Boillot 116A	Special Prayers for ...kidnapped girls from Nigeria
Dyersburg NH Jack Baker	...earthquake victims in Nepal
Applingwood Rehab Mary Grace Petty	...flood victims in Texas ...Taylor Watts & Jordan Meeks-study trip to Spain

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...the family and friends of Carson Head

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Gerri Colosia
Jack Eaton	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley
Doris Palazzini	Jane Pifer	Betty Ray
Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith
Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace
Bill Whitaker		

OUR PRESENCE

June 28		
Sunday School	46	
Worship	70	
Spanish Service	26	

OUR GIFTS

June 28		
Offering	\$	3,895
Month to Date	\$	11,342

OUR SERVICE

July 5, 2015

Greeter	Rose Oyoo Faith Gbeneneh
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Jane Hight
Children's Time	Milton Craft
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

July Scripture Readers

12 Barry Mathis	19 Warren Petty
26 Judy Stanley	

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Scriptures for the week:

II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48
II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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Pastor's Ponderings

On June 17, a 21 year old man entered the church and took a seat in the Wednesday night Bible Study at Mother Emanuel AME Church in his hometown of Charleston, SC. He was so warmly welcomed, shown such radical hospitality by the group that he *almost* changed his mind. But in the end he stayed the course, went forward with his plan, and murdered nine innocent people in that sacred setting.

By his own admission, he had a plan. He had thought this out, and went there with the intent to do harm to people he didn't even know. It's hard to imagine how the mind of someone could be so warped that he could consciously think to do what this young man did – to plan out such a violent, heinous attack in of all places – the church. How does it happen? How did he get to this place in life?

He was young, undereducated, and by all accounts – a misfit with few if any real friends. He was a quiet loner – until he spewed his violent hatred via the internet. Some say he didn't even have the ability to write the manifesto he posted without help from someone. Why? How? What happened to him? What in his social environment during his formative years, made him vulnerable to the rhetoric of racial hatred and bigotry that is, unfortunately, so prevalent in our society, that led him to bring his warped plan to fruition?

Whatever came together in his life in 21 short years to bring him to this place, does not excuse or condone his behavior. Nor does it mean he won't be held accountable. He is accountable. But still it is important to recognize factors that may have contributed to the situation. It's too late for this young man, but maybe, if we can understand the contributing factors, early intervention can make a difference in the lives of others.

In the weekend that followed, there were 14 shootings in our city of Memphis. At this writing, it's barely slowed down. Violence and personal attacks continue to be a daily news report. Young people are vulnerable. Is there anything we as the church can do? If not the church, then who?

In our own community, there are children and youth who are at risk. They are vulnerable. They are at critical times, at crossroads in their lives, when they can be influenced in ways that forever change their lives – and ours. And there is much in our culture to lead them astray. Let us be proactive in seeking them out, providing strong Christian role models for them to follow, and encouraging them to walk the narrow way of Jesus as they grow in wisdom and in stature. Jesus is still the answer for the world today, and it's up to the church to convey the message by word and deed.

In memory of the lives lost at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC, on June 17, 2015.
May they rest in eternal peace.

Blessings always,
Virginia

LOOKING AHEAD	
Sun. 7/5	10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship
Mon. 7/6	Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury
Tue. 7/7	1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury
Wed. 7/8	NO Bible Study 5:30p Youth NO Fellowship & Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 7/9	9-Noon Food Pantry @ Asbury
Fri. 7/10	Offices Closed
Sat. 7/11	6:00p Spanish Worship Service
Sun. 7/12	10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What can we contribute to God's network of harmony in our community, our country and our world?

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Beginning in July, we will have the convenience of choosing between two Bible Studies, one on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Asbury and one on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Aldersgate. Both will meet on a regular basis for a while to see how it works out. Both churches will use "Learning to Walk in the Dark (Because God Sometimes Shows Up at Night)" by Barbara Brown Taylor, as the summer study. All members and friends from both churches are cordially invited to either group. Study books may be purchased in the church office for \$11.



SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS NEEDED

We continue to have a vacancy in November which needs to be filled. Please sign up on the office window.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for the calls, concerns, and prayers during my recent procedure. Aldersgate is truly the church of the warm heart.

Warren Petty

The Youth Group extends many thanks to Judy Stanley for the food and serving the youth during June. If you are interested in giving, serving or supporting the youth with a meal on Wednesday nights, please call Jimmy or Jane Hight, 737-9053.



SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

Can you believe it? School starts in about 6 weeks! So...we're starting our collection of supplies for our adopted school. Below is a list of needed items to help you with your shopping.

Undies for Girls & Boys Belts for Boys
.74 oz. Glue Sticks Ticonderoga #2 pencils
8 ct. Crayola Crayons 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
Large Boxes Facial Tissue
Poly Brad and Pocket Folders (any color)
Notebook Filler Paper-Wide Ruled-200 count-D'Nealian Tablets-Wide Ruled, Blue Baseline
Standard 1 Subj. Wide Ruled, 70 Count Ntbks.



**COME CELEBRATE WITH US JULY 26
Annual Church Family Picnic
With the Finchers**

We will have a special treat with our favorite gospel singers, The Finchers, performing at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be followed with a picnic at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks and Fried Chicken will be furnished by the church, the Sunday School Classes will provide finger sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays. If you are not in a Sunday School Class, please bring cookies, brownies or pick-up type desserts. Save this date on your calendar for this very big occasion!

THE UPPER ROOM

...for July/August is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up your copy today!

UMW NEWS

The UMW Candle Burning Program is a big part of how United Methodist Women support mission giving. The money given will reach around the world with love and aid to many who only experience care through UMW programs. For \$5 per name, you may honor or memorialize someone special or a special event. Please give your gifts and names/events honored to Margaret Ann Ligon. Forms are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary for your convenience.



Mission u

Mission u is for everyone—men, women, youth. It is taking place July 17-18 at 1st UMC in Milan, TN, and there are scholarships available based on: First-time Attendee, Need, Member of Small Unit, or Ethnic Minority. Please contact District President, Deborah Poole, 901-834-3253, for scholarship applications. Registration forms are available in the church office or on-line at memphis-umc.org, then click on the July calendar. Please register by July 6.

Reading Program Deadline is July 26

...so read, read, read! Our list of participants must be turned in at the deadline. There are many good books in each of the Program categories in the church library. Please be sure your name is in the notebooks for every book you've read since last August.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

With summer here and the children out of school and no longer receiving breakfast or lunch, our need for food increases greatly. Even with a large shipment purchased at very low cost, our cupboards were bare well before the end of the month. We are able to restock our shelves only because of YOUR donations. Currently, our greatest needs are juice and cereals, peanut butter and jelly, and pasta and spaghetti sauces. We thank you in advance for your generosity! We continue to search for volunteers who can work one Thursday a month from 9 until noon. No special skills needed—just a willingness to reach out to our neighbors in need. Please call the Asbury office, 363-1135, to offer your help.



SHARE A MEMORY—SHARE A SMILE
...for our **60th Anniversary Booklet.**

Remember that special Sunday when you felt your heart strangely warmed? Remember that Fellowship Dinner when you made a special, new friend or the church trip that taught you what Christian outreach is truly about? We want your thoughts, your pictures and your memories about the last 60 years at Aldersgate! The last 50 or 30, 5 years and this last year are all important, as well. If you have a thought or memory about a person or group, an occasion or event you would like to share, please submit your writing to Sharon Lockhart or Margaret Ann Ligon.

ONE HARVEST ORDERING OPEN FOR JULY

You may view One Harvest's menus on-line and place your orders at oneharvest.com. There are summer 'grillin' boxes, cost cutter boxes and a special dessert box so you won't have to turn your oven on to bake. The order deadline is Wednesday, July 8, at 10:59 p.m. You may contact Debbie Williams, 355-5397, for more details.



TRAVEL TIME
Day Trip to Bass Pro

Don't forget to make your reservations to go to Bass Pro at the Pyramid on August 13. Your payment of \$29.50 should be sent to Crown Coach, 1697 Bartlett Rd., Memphis, TN 38134, **NOW!**

Fall Foliage Tour





Enjoy the beautiful foliage in Northwest Arkansas October 12-15, with sightseeing around Fayetteville, Bentonville and Rogers, AR. Included is the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (one of the top 100 attractions this year), Terra Studio where the famous Bluebird of Happiness is made, War Eagle Mill, and the home of Walmart, along with the Walton's Five & Dime Store and the campus of the University of Arkansas. Make your reservations now by sending a \$100 deposit to Crown Coach.

Both brochures are on the bulletin board.

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July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Pastor: Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel Outreach Min: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz Youth Min: Milton W. Craft, Jr. Choir Dir: Lisa Hughes Organist: Lana Solomon		4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 Phone: 901-683-8861 Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org	1 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	2 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	3 Offices Closed 5:30p Patriotic Family Night Wear a Red, White or Blue Shirt	4 Independence Day  6:00p Spanish Worship Service	
5 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service	6 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	7 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury 	8 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal One Harvest order deadline	9 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	10 Offices Closed 10:30a Senior Adult Game Day @ Asbury	11 8:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Worship Service	
12 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service	13 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	14 10:00a Koinonia 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	15 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	16 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	← Mission U @ First UMC, Milan, TN →		18 8:00a AFLS 1:00p One Harvest Distribution @ Asbury 6:00p Spanish Worship Service
19 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service	20 Noon News Deadline  6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	21 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	22 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	23 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate	24 Offices Closed 11:30 Young at Heart @ Asbury	25 12:00p AFLS Recital 6:00p Spanish Worship Service	
26 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service 5:00p Church Family Picnic with entertainment by The Finchers 	27 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	28 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	29 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	30 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate	31 Offices Closed	 ALDERSGATE Invite someone to church	

Juice



Cereal



FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY

Peanut Butter



Jelly



Pasta and Sauces



Happy Birthday



Happy Anniversary

26 Emmett & Pam Parrish

July 3	Jimmy Lee Ed Stanley John Wilburn
4	Glenn Little Wayne Quarles
7	Becky Elkins
16	Andrew Baker
17	Leslie Bond
23	Elizabeth Williams
24	Harley Bond Matthew Lopez
26	Tom Lockhart
27	Chet Wilson
28	Steven Craft Glenda Drewery
29	Elizabeth Hernandez Dean Tutor
30	Jane Pifer

ASSISTING IN JULY

Greeters	Faith Gbeneneh Rose Oyoo
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Jane Hight Barry Mathis Warren Petty Judy Stanley
Children's Time.....	Milton Craft
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart



WILLOW OAKS SUPPLIES

- Undies for Girls
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- .74 oz. Glue Sticks
- Belts for Boys
- 8 ct. Crayola Crayons
- 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- Hand Sanitizer with pump
- Large Boxes Facial Tissue
- Poly Brad and Pocket Folders (any color)
- Notebook Filler Paper-Wide Ruled-200 count
- D'Nealian Tablets- Wide Ruled, Blue Baseline
- Standard 1 Subj. Wide Ruled, 70 Count Ntbks.

Thanks for your help!



We will celebrate the teachers of our adopted School at our Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck Lunch in August.

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org.