LOOKING AHEAD						
Sun. 7/16	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship					
Mon. 7/17	12:00p Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Trustees Meeting					
Tue. 7/18	No Activities					
Wed. 7/19	6:45p Choir Rerhearsal					
Thu. 7/20	9:00a Asbury Food Pantry 6:00p Asbury UM Men					
Fri. 7/21	Offices Closed 11:30a Asbury Young at Heart					
Sat. 7/22	No Activities					
Sun. 7/23	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 5:00p The Finchers in Concert					



6:00p Reception in FH

THE FINCHERS ARE COMING!

Join us on Sunday, July 23, at 5 p.m. for some heart-warming music as The Finchers return to our Sanctuary. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.

If you are able and willing to volunteer to greet concert goers or share your talent in making finger sandwiches, bringing fruit and/or cookies for the reception to follow the concert, please contact Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, and let her know how you will help. A sign-up sheet is on the office window.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

We are still collecting supplies for Willow Oaks Elementary. The big, red backpack is in the hall near the office to receive your gifts. Along with the suggested items, if you would prefer to purchase a 'pre-pack' for grades K-5, they are \$53 per pack. A Pre-Pack contains all the items needed to begin the school year. Please make checks out to Aldersgate for all or any part of the cost and note Willow Oaks in the memo line. Thank you!

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Pastor Virginia and Devoted Members, First, thanks for the concerns while Margaret was with us. The meals, the cards and flowers were much appreciated when she was homebound. Then, as she passed away to be with the Lord, the calls, the cards and donations were all very much appreciated.

Also, the white basket of flowers with the crystal cross was beautiful and brightened a rainy and cloudy day for such a sweet, deserving, true Christian lady.

Sincerely, Margaret Kenley's close friends, Beverly, Donna, Ella and Floyd



LOST AND FOUND

If you lost a pair of glasses, we found a pair in the kitchen. Call the office, 683-8861, to claim them.

CHURCH HEALTH (CENTER) NEWS

With their recent move to 1350 Concourse Ave. to the renovated Sears building, Church Health is now in a fantastic new location and offering many health and well-being learning opportunities.

• A walking Bible Study series is offered on Wednesdays at noon with Pastor Byron Fitchpatric, in the Chapel on the first floor.

• Saturday Morning Unwind Sessions are at 9:30a in the Meditation Chapel on July 22 and Aug. 5.

• Living Well, an interactive 2-hour class addressing fitness and nutrition needs for those with chronic health conditions will be on Saturday, July 15, at 10a in the Kitchen Classroom and on Thursday, July 20, at 5:30p in Behavioral Health.

• A free Mental Health First Aid training will be held on Tuesday, July 18, from 8a to 5p and again on Thursday, August 17. **Registration required.**

• A 6-week series of free cooking classes will be offered starting Tuesday, September 5, 10 a.m. in the Teaching Kitchen. **Registration required**.

• Free documentary screenings will be held at Noon on July 27, August 30 and September 27.

• Registrations and information are available by logging in to <u>churchhealth.org/events</u>



CANDLE BURNING GIFTS TO UMW MISSIONS

Please complete this form, enclose payment, and give to Mary Robbins or the church office. (A minimum gift of \$5 per name/event, please). Make checks out to Aldersgate UMW.

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+++ REMEMBER, GUYS +++ July Metro District Roundtable

...is Saturday, July 29, at Golden UMC, 4028 Neely Road.

Contact Steve Ragsdale, 901-647-7546 or <u>ste-</u> <u>vier56@yahoo.com</u> or Dwight Davis at 901-270-4968, for reservations.

Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., prepared by the Golden UM Men. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Deborah B. Smith, our new Metro District Superintendent, and Mr. Ragsdale will have a report on the National Gathering in Indianapolis, taking place this weekend.



FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY Canned Fruit Fruit Juice Fruit Cups Cash is also welcome. Thank you. (Make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'food pantry' in the memo line.)

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for Memorial Fund

In memory of Mildred Hight by The Love/Hope Group Tom & Sharon Lockhart Margie Williamson

In memory of Paul DeLong by Jimmy & Jane Hight Tom & Sharon Lockhart Carolyn McDougal

Maintenance Fund

In memory of Paul DeLong by Mary Robbins Cathy Boice & Daniel

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mildred Hight by Keith Coffman



DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE! DOUBLE YOUR FUN!

Remember that old chewing gum jingle? Now is your chance to actually do it at our Scholarship Fundraiser and Church-wide Birthday Party. Both events are the same day — Sunday, August 13, right after our worship service (12:30ish).

The lunch menu is Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverage and Birthday Cake for dessert! Lunch is free and your donation to the Scholarship Fund will gladly be accepted.

Volunteers are needed for each month of birthdays — to decorate a table and bring a cake. You may form a team if you like. Find someone with a birthday in the same month and 'team up', or try your hand at a month other than your birth month! Sign up sheets are on the office window for lunch reservations and to choose the month for which you want to decorate a table or provide a cake. You may also call or email the office, 683-8861, office@agumc.org.

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OUR WITNESS July Scripture Readers 23 Rebeca Ernst 30 Lana Solomon

THE UPPER ROOM Do you have your Upper Room for July/Aug?

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The Ryder Truck by <u>Pam Ford Davis</u>

Rental trucks and vans have often been in the headlines because of their connections to terrorism. The bomber of the Oklahoma City Federal Building used a rental truck to carry his explosives. The devastated city will never be the same. As a result we may forget the main purpose of the trucks.

Rental trucks are a helpful way to move across town or even with long distance moving. For people on a tight budget they are a necessity. Our family used them many times and seeing the large numbers driving on interstates it is easy to see their popularity. The companies also have many extras such as packing boxes and blankets to cushion the load. Every effort is made to make your relocation run smoothly.

In the early 1970's we were planning a move to Louisiana from Toledo, Ohio. We rented a large Ryder truck and also a tow bar to haul our compact car behind us. My husband and I, along with our two young children, easily fit into the spacious cab of the truck.

It did not take long to perceive that the truck was having problems. By the time we reached the Cincinnati area it was obvious something was seriously wrong. It was lunch time and we had sandwiches and snacks ready. We decided to just pull off the road and take a break to eat. Maybe the truck would run better after it had cooled off.

As we normally do we had a simple prayer before we ate, and asked for the Lords' help with our problem. Before we had time to finish our meal a man approached our truck. He was asking about our trouble; and any assistance when you break down is greatly appreciated.

This was more than a considerate stranger; he was a top executive with the Ryder truck company! He would make arrangements to have us towed directly to the Ryder repair shop. The problems were solved and we continued on our journey.

Answers to fervent prayer are times of great rejoicing. Our Ryder experience proved that God also hears our simple prayers. He loves to meet the needs of His children.

Blessings,

Virginia

Scriptures Readings:

Genesis 19:25-34 Romans 8:1-11 Psalm 119:105-112; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23