

LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 7/21 9:45a Sunday School
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 7/22 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 7/23 No Activities
- Wed. 7/24 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 7/25 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 7/26 Offices Closed
- Sat. 7/27 No Activities
- Sun. 7/28 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
5:00p Finchers Concert and Church Family Indoor Picnic

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Setting a good example works inwardly as well as outwardly.



SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

Pencils, crayons, rulers, glue, Notebooks, Kleenex, folders of blue, Backpacks, scissors, erasers, too.

A lot of kids are counting on you!

A list of needed items is available on the table outside the sanctuary and on the office window. Cash is also welcome. Make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'school supplies' in the memo line. Thank you!



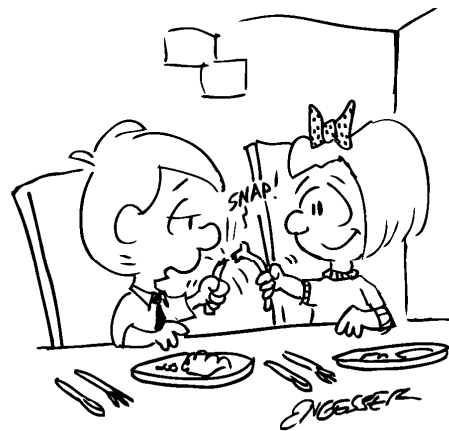
MUSIC AND MUNCHIES

Who doesn't like good old gospel music and good food? Invite your friends and family to hear the Finchers Gospel Quartet (a love offering will be taken) and eat with us at our indoor picnic on July 28th starting at 5 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, fruit and veggies will be provided by our Sunday School Classes—cookies, brownies or desserts provided by those not in a SS Class. Fun and fellowship for all! Join us!



FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY

Canned Fruit Fruit Cups
Juice Packs



"Who needs a silly wishbone anyway? I've got prayer."



UMW NEWS

Your gifts to the Candle Burning Program help United Methodist Women support mission projects in so many ways and places. Among them is Camp Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR, that serves children and senior citizens with physical handicaps. Another is the Bethlehem Centers around the country that offer day care, nutrition programs, senior citizen services and sports activities in some of the poorest neighborhoods. Each organization brings unique and vital aid to communities in need. By supporting the Candle Burning Program, you share in the UMW's passion to help a hurting world. You have until August 4th to give your gifts and information to Margaret Ann Ligon. A special bulletin insert will list all honorees on UMW Sunday in September.



UMM NEWS

The Memphis Conference Men's Gathering is Saturday, August 10, 9:45a to 2:15p, at Dyer First UMC, 189 N. Main St., Dyer TN. A light breakfast of coffee, donuts and fruit will be available at 9 a.m. Lunch is included in the \$20 fee. Speakers for *The Responsibilities of Christian Men in the Twenty First Century* are Rev. Steve Fonville, Rev. David Hollis, Rev. Jason Jones and Eduardo Wells. For more information and to register, you may contact Charles Gilliland at charlesagilliland@gmail.com or by phone at 901-240-3356.

DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Our Common Heritage as Christians

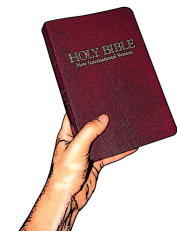
Many distinctively Protestant teachings were transmitted into United Methodist understandings through doctrinal formulation such as the Articles of Religion of the Church of England and the Heidelberg Catechism of the Reformed tradition.

Various doctrinal statements in the form of creeds, confessions of belief and articles of faith were officially adopted by churches as standards of Christian teaching. Notwithstanding their importance, these formal doctrinal standards by no means exhausted authoritative Christian teaching.

The standards themselves initially emerged from a much wider body of Christian thought and practice, and their fuller significance unfolded in the writings of the church's teachers. Some writings have proved simply to be dated benchmarks in the story of the church's continuing maturation.

By contrast, some sermons, treatises, liturgies and hymns have gained considerable practical authority in the life and thought of the church by virtue of their wide and continuing acceptance as faithful expositions of Christian teaching. Nonetheless, the basic measure of authenticity in doctrinal standards, whether formally established or received by tradition, has been their fidelity to the apostolic faith grounded in Scripture and evidenced in the life of the church through the centuries.

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OUR PRAYERS

Methodist Univ.
Brother Paul 719

At Home
Earline Gabriel
Lorelle Woodard
Mark Lewis
John Keenan
Daniel Boice

Dove H & R
Donnie Jones

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Doris Palazzini & family in the loss of her
great granddaughter, Shannon Christi
...Bill Whitaker & family in the loss of his
cousin, Sylvia Blaylock

OUR PRESENCE

July 14
Church School 46
Worship 64
Visitors 2

OUR GIFTS

July 14
This Week's Offering \$ 1,374
MTD \$ 6,796
Apportionments TD \$ 3,809

OUR SERVICE

July 21

Greeters Lou Pennington
Martha Wallace
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Dean Tutor
Children's Time Barbara Scheirer
Lock-up Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

July Scripture Readers
28 Judy Stanley



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Brother Paul is getting a tune-up. We, like any other apparatus with working parts, occasionally break down and need mending. He has his own private nurse so we know he's being well looked after. Barbara will keep things heading in the right direction.

Though he is making progress, our favorite pastor will need some recovery time, so while he is mending, let us do for him one thing we are so very good at, pray. Prayer is a great healer of body, mind and spirit. Not only for the pray-ee but the pray-er as well. It soothes the soul and calms the mind, relaxes the body and gives us some 'me time' with our Lord and Savior.

Brother Paul is recovering and will be back among us soon. Until then we will 'pray without ceasing' and with gratitude for the shepherd of the flock called Aldersgate.

