

OUR PRAYERS
Quince Nursing & Rehab Center
Dr. Fred Bellott West 105

At Home
Betty Smithmier

OUR PRESENCE
July 19
Church School 63
Worship 102
Visitors 7

OUR GIFTS
July 19
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 2488
Church School \$ 26
Total Rec'd \$ 2514

July MTD \$ 12140
YTD Conf. payments \$ 17189

OUR SERVICE
Assisting July 26
Greeters Wayne & Ginny Lawrence
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Sermon Barbara Scheirer
Lock-up Mary Robbins



**Scripture Readers
for August**
2 Brother Paul
9 Lisa Hughes
16 Tom Lockhart
23 Barry Mathis
30 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR

With our Vacation Bible School coming up soon, and with Brother Bill and Teresa Fisher's wedding recently, I thought I'd share this story about this little boy provided by Judy Stanley.

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for July 26th
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Sermon Title
"Have We the Faith?"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., July 26 - Sat., Aug. 1

Sun. 7/26	9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Finance Committee
Mon. 7/27	No Activities
Tue. 7/28	No Activities
Wed. 7/29	6:00p Grades K-12 Bible Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 7/30	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 7/31	Offices Closed 6:00p VBS - Ages 0-100
Sat. 8/1	9:00a VBS - Ages 0—100

THE AUGUST CALENDAR

...will go out on July 28. Please be sure to have meetings, activities and events for the month scheduled on the office calendar no later than July 26. Thank you.



“CAMP ALDERSGATE” FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our 2009 theme, “Camp Aldersgate”, will include all ages 0-100!!!! The weekend camp begins Fri. July 31 and concludes on Sunday, August 2. (We WILL let you go home to sleep!) Each day will include assembly, Bible study, crafts, exercise (with a certified trainer!!!), music, food and fun. We need artists, teachers, prayer partners, cooks, creative thinkers.....

Please be a part of our Camp Staff. There is a job for YOU!!!

Interested? Call Perri Mathis, Aleita Tutor, Linda Paisley or Judy Stanley to sign up. You don't want to miss the fun!



Dear Aldersgate Family,
I've noticed the reminders in your newsletter about collecting supplies for the children at Willow Oaks. Thank you so much for your continuing to support. Your Aldersgate family has long been a steady and reliable pillar of support for our children. I just want you all to know again how much we appreciate each of you.

Sincerely,
Pat Alexander
Assistant Principal

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A BIG THANK YOU to the Sunday School Classes, the Methodist Men, the Adult/Family Ministries team and all the people who brought food, drinks, cooked, set-up and cleaned up for our church picnic. We had a great time and great fellowship!



PEW CUSHION PROJECT

The Trustees would like to replace the pew cushions in the Sanctuary, including the choir pews and altar chairs. The Bazaar Committee has already given generously towards this project, but we need your help to cover the remaining cost. If you would like to contribute, you may designate memorials, honorariums or other contributions to the “Pew Cushion Fund”. As this project moves forward, updates will be provided in the newsletter. If you have questions, please contact the Trustees Committee.

IMAX DAY TRIP - July 23

Meet at the church at 11 a.m. to carpool. Lunch at Piccadilly then on to the show!

UMW NEWS

The Kononia/Rebekah Group had a meaningful experience visiting their four shut-in friends this week: Mava Dell Fry (newly adopted) and Joan Clark in their homes; Doris Babb at Waverly Gardens and Bea Harris at Kirby Villa.

Our congratulations go to Jean DeLong, who received a membership pin during visitation!

At our Executive Committee Meeting, we found we are well on our way to becoming a Platinum Unit.

For the next several weeks we will be very busy. August 18 and 25 is our spiritual growth study, “Food & Faith”, with 15 churches already committed to coming.

I will need your help as we set up our display, gather supplies and other items, take our scrapbook to District Annual Meeting in September, with UMW Sunday preparations and ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Subgroups: please, please give your pledges to Joyce after each meeting. Even if you do not meet in the summer, our expenses still go on.

Aleda Kelly

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Candle Burning deadline is July 26. Please submit your gifts ASAP!

Margaret Ann Ligon
Mission Coordinator

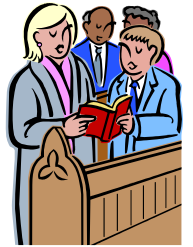


BOOK SALE COMING UP

Now is the time to get rid of your unwanted books and magazines. Bring them to the Exercise Room and we will categorize them for our book sale during the Fall Festival in October. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between Neighborhood Centers and Grace Place.

YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS

Have you told us your favorite hymns? Call the office, drop a note in the offering plate or in the box by the office door, with the title or number of your favorites and we'll include them in our worship services during August.



ABOUT THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Music & Worship Committee has agreed to leave the artificial flowers on the altar for a month at a time or longer. If you sign up for a specific Sunday, you may either bring your own arrangement (1) or the flowers may be purchased through the church office. If you have questions, please contact Kathy in the church office.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS



Aldersgate UMC is collecting school supplies and backpacks for the students at Willow Oaks for the next several weeks. Each grade has specific needs, so please pick up a list (outside the Sanctuary) to take with you as you shop or call the church office. Thank you for your help.

PAPER GOODS FOR UM NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

Our July collection for United Methodist Neighborhood Centers is paper goods: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins and tissues. Please place your donations in the box in the hall near the Sunday School Office.