

## OUR PRAYERS

**Methodist University**      **Special Prayers** for  
Rev. Joe Moseley 515 Th ...kidnapped girls  
from Nigeria  
**Memphis Jewish Home**  
Bernard Rainey ...earthquake victims in  
Nepal  
**At Home**  
Rev. Jeff Irwin ...flood victims in Texas

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...family and friends of Doris Hunt

### 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	Mary Grace Petty	Jane Pifer
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	BettySmithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

### OUR PRESENCE - July 26

Sunday School	34
Worship	74
Visitors	9

### OUR GIFTS - July 26

Offering	\$ 3,159
Month to Date	\$ 11,465

### OUR SERVICE - August 2

<b>Greeter</b>	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Rose Oyoo
<b>Children's Time</b>	Dr. Finzel
<b>Lock-up</b>	Jimmie Bedwell

### OUR WITNESS

#### August Scripture Readers

9	Dean Tutor
16	Nubari Deekae
23	Peggy Brightwell
30	Tom Lockhart



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### Pastor's Ponderings

"In order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity" (from the Preamble to the US Constitution)...

The SE Memphis Cooperative Parish Council met Monday, July 20, 2015. Representatives from Aldersgate, Asbury, and El Redentor Churches were present. There was fairly open and honest communication among the representatives; and all in all, it seemed to be a productive meeting.

A summation of the meeting will be provided to you soon, but for now I'll offer my initial observations:

- There are more positive aspects to living in this relationship than there are negative.
- The general consensus is that we can be stronger, and we can reach deeper into the community by working together than any of us can individually. Most specifically, the relationship enables us to be multicultural in our efforts to reach the community for Christ in ways that none of us could individually.

Certainly there are areas for improvement, and know that we'll be working consistently to make those needed improvements. This note and the summation that will soon follow is a first attempt to improve communication about the work of the Parish Council among the congregations.

Clearly, there is a general lack of understanding about what it means to be partners in ministry with other congregations. One of the best definitions I've found for Cooperative Ministry is this:

It is "a style of ministry that helps us focus both on the health and strength of the local congregation and on witness and outreach across a larger geographical area".

These are some of the ways Cooperative Ministry can be beneficial:

- It can enhance and build up the identity and strength of local congregations
- It can affirm the value of all congregations
- It can help move beyond maintenance to strong ministries of witness and outreach in our communities.

It is a way of doing ministry that goes to the heart of what United Methodist connectionalism is all about. (Cooperative Ministry, A. Clay Smith)

So bear with us, as we continue to struggle to understand and grow into what it means to live in Christian community together called a "parish". Pray for us as we seek God's guidance and wisdom. While we don't quite know what it means to live and serve together, we know that none of us can do individually what we hope to do together. We believe that cooperative ministry is the best alternative for our three churches.

Blessings always,  
Virginia

**Scriptures for the week:** II Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun. 8/2 10:15a Sunday School  
11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
11:30a Worship  
12:30p Trustees Mtg.

Mon.8/3 Noon Newsletter Deadline  
6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury

Tue. 8/4 Gift Wrap @ Asbury now open by appointment

Wed. 8/5 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**  
5:30p Youth  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/6 9-Noon Food Pantry @ Asbury  
10:00a Bible Study @ **Aldersgate**  
7:00p Festival of Cultures Mtg

Fri. 8/7 Offices Closed

Sat. 8/8 6:00p Spanish Worship Service

Sun. 8/9 10:15a Sunday School  
11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
11:30a Worship



**PACK THE BACKPACK WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

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.

**Thank you!**

Remember our Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck lunch on August 16, when your gifts will be used to decorate the banquet tables. And can't you just see the children's eyes when all the goodies are passed out at school?



**PLANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The Plant Scholarship Fund was established to assist college students, who are members of Aldersgate, with their educational expenses. Now is the time to apply for those funds for the coming school year. Applications are available in the church office or from Renee Little, 737-9899 or [rwlittlepd@yahoo.com](mailto:rwlittlepd@yahoo.com).

**TAX-FREE WEEKEND AUG. 7-9**

Clothing, school and art supplies, and computers can be purchased tax-free from 12:01 a.m. on August 7th to 11:59 p.m. on August 9th. For complete information on what is tax-free, visit

[tn.gov/sales-tax-holiday](http://tn.gov/sales-tax-holiday)

Then be sure to check with Customer Service or the cashier **before** you check out.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We are grateful beyond words to tell you how much we appreciate all that each of you contributed to making our Sunday with the Finchers and the picnic a successful evening. With all of your help, we were able to host so many of our friends and fellow Christians. We had a total of 143 in attendance from many of our sister churches as well as our own church family. Thanks to the Sunday School classes who brought food and others who furnished cookies. A special thanks to those who stayed to clean up and to Perri Mathis, our in-house decorator, for the table decorations. **THANK YOU, ALDERSGATE, YOU DID IT AGAIN!**

Carolyn McDougal  
And the Adult/Family Team

Thanks to everyone for their prayers for Taylor Watts and Jordan Meeks while they were in Spain on a study trip. They came home engaged, so it was a great trip!

Sharon Lockhart

**UMW NEWS**

**Mission Study for August**

Mark your calendars and invite your friends now to our UMW Mission Study, to be held on Tuesday, August 18, starting at 9:00 a.m. This year's study, *Latin America—People & Faith*, will be a one day event. Much effort has already been put in to preparations, so make your plans to attend.

**UMW Secures Future Through the Legacy Fund**

United Methodist Women are undertaking an ambitious challenge in recognition of our 150th Anniversary in 2019.....to provide even more resources to help relieve the suffering of women, children and youth. The Legacy Fund, which is our legacy to the future, has been established to ensure we are able to follow God in mission even more faithfully, through our 150th year and beyond. Everyone is encouraged to learn more at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/LegacyFund](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/LegacyFund) and to make a generous donation. May God bless us and our giving as we move toward our next century and a half of mission!



**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY AT ALDERSGATE**

Our Study is "Learning to Walk in the Dark (Because God Sometimes Shows Up at Night)" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Join us at 10 a.m. each Thursday. Books for this study may be purchased in the church office for \$11.

If your schedule won't allow for Thursday mornings, you are invited to attend Wednesday mornings at Asbury at 10 a.m., for the same study.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

God's grace is free to us, but it was not cheap! Look toward Calvary for the price that was paid and be forever thankful.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for **Memorial Fund**  
In memory of Jack Baker by  
Warren Petty



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

We are still accepting "memories" for our Anniversary Booklet. YOU are the ones who made our history! If you have a personal memory of a special occasion or big event, a photo, an article, or something historical to share about our past 60 years, please submit your material to Sharon Lockhart or Margaret Ann Ligon, to be included in our Anniversary Booklet.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST**  
Hot or Cold Cereal Jams or Jellies

**GOLDEN CROSS MINISTRIES TO BENEFIT FROM GOLF CLASSIC**

...on September 17, at Wyndyke Country Club. The 15th Annual Golden Cross Golf Classic is a big fund-raiser for Wesley Senior Living Communities. The fee of \$125 per person includes lunch and mulligans, or, register a foursome for \$500.



**TRAVEL TIME**

Deadline extended for the day trip to the Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid on August 13. The Autumn in Arkansas Tour on October 12-15 is still open for sign-up. Brochures are available on the bulletin board or call Carolyn for more information, 861-0841.

# Aldersgate UMC

# August 2015

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Virginia Finzel  
 Outreach Min: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz  
 Youth Min: Milton W. Craft, Jr.  
 Choir Dir: Lisa Hughes  
 Organist: Lana Solomon

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<p>30                  10:15a Church School                  11:15a Coffee                  11:30a Worship Service</p>	<p>31                  Noon News Deadline                   6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pay No Tax on Select Items      Tax-free Weekend - August 7-9</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Computers</b> \$1,500 or less each</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Clothing</b> \$100 or less per item</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>School Supplies</b> \$100 or less</p> </div> </div>				



## Happy Birthday

Aug. 4	Andy Washington
6	Jackson Little
	Lili Turner
7	Rick Bellott
	Betty Smithmier
9	Sandra Taylor
10	Shirley Hancock
11	Joy Swain
13	Charles Swain
15	Nicholas Lung
	Shelby Ray
18	Jeff Brightwell
21	Jesus Hidalgo
22	Gaby Gordillo
	Sofia Hernandez
24	Ray Gabriel
25	Jimmie Bedwell
26	Jean DeLong
28	Shannon Weaver
29	Daniel Boice
	Laura Dalton
30	Milton W. Craft



## Happy Anniversary

Aug. 1	Terry & Margie Williamson
4	Goyo De la Cruz & Luz Campos
27	Tilford & Lorelle Woodard
29	Wade & Pam Young

### ASSISTING IN AUGUST

<b>Greeters</b> .....	Lorelle Woodard Margie Williamson
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### TENNESSEE TAX FREE WEEKEND IS AUGUST 7-9

Mark your calendars and set your reminders for Tennessee's Tax Free Holidays! A lot of money could be saved during this weekend on back-to-school items and home computers.

From 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 7, through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, you will be able to purchase certain items tax free.

In Tennessee, the items are:

- Clothing under \$100 per item
- School and school art supplies under \$100 per item
- Computers (for personal use) under \$1500 each

The exemption not only applies to store-bought items, but also to purchases by phone, internet, or mail order in which the retailer accepts the order during the tax free period.

