

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist North

David Weaver 359

St. Francis-Memphis

Martha Meyer ICU

Allenbrooke NH/Rehab

Bill Whitaker 233W

Forest Cove NH

Chris Simmons 129

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

Anne Brauer

At Home

Aleita Tutor

Tom Lockhart

Amy Posey

Earl Galloway

Lynda Park

Kathy Earl

Special Prayers for
....kidnapped girls from Nigeria

OUR PRESENCE

August 17

Church School	37
Worship	86
Visitors	32

OUR GIFTS

August 17

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,200
MTD	\$ 6,408
Apportionments TD	\$ 3,522

OUR SERVICE

August 24, 2014

Greeters	Jeannette Leslie Lou Pennington
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Barry Mathis
Children's Time	Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

31 Renee Little



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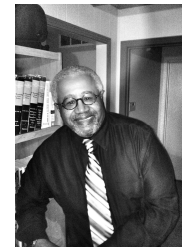
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THE WRITE REVEREND



This past weekend, one of our sister churches in the Southeast Memphis Cooperative Parish, Asbury Church, celebrated 50 years of ministry; and they did it in grand fashion! That celebration, coupled with all that is happening in our world right now, gave me the opportunity to look at what it means to be in ministry in the modern world today.

My perceptions are grounded in what Albert Outler called the Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. As a matter of fact, within the parameters of this quadrilateral, I believe that the past should be our foundation, it should be what gives us firm **footing**. But it must not be our **focus**. Standing on the firm foundation of what has preceded us, our focus must be on the **future**.

We can never go back and be what we once were. That is an impossibility. Neither can we simply seek to maintain the status quo; we will become stagnant and die. Our focus must be on the future. God is forever calling us forward. Calling us out of our comfort zones into newness and adventure.

Following Jesus is dynamic, with never a dull moment! As followers of Jesus, we are a pilgrim people who find fulfillment and meaning for the present by keeping the past in perspective and the future in focus.

That's what I think; how about you? Let me know: herb.lester3@gmail.com

Herbert

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 8/24	9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship
Mon. 8/25	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 8/26	9:30a Mission Study Regis. 10:00a UMW Mission Study— The Church and People with Disabilities
Wed. 8/27	10:00a Bible Study 5:30p Staff/Parish Relations Committee 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 8/28	9a-12p Food Pantry Open @ Asbury
Fri. 8/29	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/30	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 8/31	9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship
Mon. 9/1	Labor Day Offices Closed



BRING-A-SANDWICH & BINGO

Join the fun on Thursday, August 21, at 11:30a for lunch and bingo. Bring a sandwich (or 2) for lunch and your beautifully wrapped prize or prizes. The more prizes, the longer we get to play. Drinks and dessert will be furnished.

UM MEN TO MEET

Aldersgate Men! You are invited to Asbury's United Methodist Men's dinner and program on Thursday, Aug. 21. Barbeque with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. Please make reservations with Debbie, 355-5397.

ITS FELLOWSHIP TIME AGAIN

Sunday, September 7, join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 as Fellowship Time resumes, hosted by the Fellowship Class. As you can tell, FELLOWSHIP is the key word!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

... to everyone who brought school supplies for Willow Oaks, yummy food for the luncheon and to those who helped set up and clean up! There were approximately 30 teachers and their families visiting our church. The day would not have been so successful without **everyone's** help.

PLAN AHEAD!

Mark you calendar now for Sunday, September 14, for our annual Aldersgate Birthday Party.



CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE

The Festival of Cultures is just the place. Each booth (free of charge) will be to display your country or culture's native dress, flag, special treats, maps, music and anything else you consider of interest from your heritage.

On October 5, set up will be until 10 a.m. Our worship service will be al fresco, under a tent, from 10:30 to 12 noon. The Festival begins at the close of our worship service and lasts until 3 p.m.

If you plan to offer food, treats or drinks of your culture, please be sure they can withstand outdoor temperatures and that you can keep them hot or cold, if required.

Nothing will be 'for sale'. All will be shared among Parish brothers and sisters from Asbury, El Redentor and Aldersgate.

GOING PLACES



You are invited...to a slide presentation of Collette Tours for 2015 on Tuesday, September 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Presented will be slides and information on tours to Israel, Spain, Canyon Country (lower Southwest), Pacific Northwest and California, and Islands of New England (Martha's Vineyard). Come and bring a friend.

UMW NEWS

What's Coming Up?

The Memphis Conference Social Action Workshop is Saturday, August 23, at Medina UMC in Medina, TN. You may contact Laura Meanwell for details, 901-246-1230.

The final session of our Mission Study, "The Church and People with Disabilities", is Tuesday, August 26, with a pot luck salad lunch to follow. All are welcome to join us, even if you missed the first session.

McKendree District Annual Day Celebration is September 7, at St. Luke's UMC, 480 S. Highland. Registration begins at 2p, program at 2:30. Come, learn how we helped "Make It Happen" in Louisville, KY; honor those whom we have lost; learn about what's coming up and elect officers.

UMW Annual Meeting—With Bishop Bill McAlilly—Saturday, September 27

"Noontime in Paris"—at (where else?) Paris, TN, First UMC, 101 E. Blythe St. Registration at 10 a.m., program at 11:00. The fee of \$11 and forms may be sent to Meredith Bingham, 267 River Commons Circle West, Memphis, TN 38120.

Do you have these dates on your calendar?



ALDERSGATE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

Come one, come all! Everyone interested in helping plan our 60th Anniversary Celebration for 2015, we need your help! A light lunch and planning meeting will be held on Sunday, August 31st, at 12:15p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the office window or call the office, 683-8861, if you will be in attendance. We don't want anyone to go hungry!

THE UPPER ROOM

...for September/October is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick yours up now and don't miss a single day of these great devotionals.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The more we focus on others,
the more our lives will be fulfilled.



GOLDEN CROSS SENIOR MINISTRIES FUND TURNS 'NOTHING' INTO 'SOMETHING'

Try to imagine, if you can, what nothing looks and feels like. Nothing looks like a tattered blanket to cover up with as you lay your head on a hard wood floor, or a used bottle of dish soap and a old, cloth placemat in the bathroom to wash with, or a lone paper cup on the kitchen counter because that is the only dish there is.

Wesley Senior Ministries sees this situation many times over and has developed a "Move-in Kit" to help their residents, who actually have nothing, to move in with something. \$200 will purchase all the things we use daily and take for granted, that these seniors may not have had in a very long time. 100% of all donations to Golden Cross Ministries goes to help transform lives. Your kindness and generosity will help turn nothing into something. If you would like to help, you may make your donations to Aldersgate UMC and note Golden Cross in the memo line. Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST

Dry or Hot Cereals



PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL GUIDE AND INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR IS THE 28TH

Crossroads Hospice, 1669 Shelby Oaks Dr., is hosting this seminar presented by Memorial Park, 11:00a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, August 28. Open to all, please feel free to bring guests. Information and handouts are meant to be shared with family and friends.

If you are interested in attending, Please email Lynn Coffman at mlcoffman@hotmail.com to make a reservation to ensure there are enough materials for everyone.