

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 9/3 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
- Mon. 9/4 **LABOR DAY** Offices Closed
- Tue. 9/5 12:00p Newsletter Deadline
- Wed. 9/6 10:00a **Asbury** Bible Study
6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 9/7 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry
10:00a Bible Study
11:00a Golden Cross Key Women
5:45p Girl Scouts
- Fri. 9/8 Offices Closed
5:45p Girl Scouts
- Sat. 9/9 No Activities
- Sun. 9/10 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship



JOIN US FOR 'MOSES'

...on Thursday, September 7th, at 10:00 a.m., as we begin our fall Bible study. Study books are available in the office for \$12.



CHURCH HEALTH OFFERS FAMILY & CHILDREN'S COOKING SERIES

Learn side-by-side how to cook healthier foods, how to cook together, how to prepare healthy food inexpensively, and more. Classes will be Thursday evenings, Sept. 7—Oct. 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Church Health Nutrition Hub, 1350 Concourse Ave. Pre-registration is required. Log on to churchhealth.com/events for complete information and to enroll.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for your loving support through prayers, messages and cards during my dad's illness and passing. We're blessed to have such a great church family.

Barry Pilkinton & Family



FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER

Canned Fruit Canned Vegetables
Cash is also welcome.
Thank you.

(Make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'food pantry' in the memo line.)

HOW TO HELP HARVEY VICTIMS

UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to victims of hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please **continue to pray** for survivors (their safety and well-being) and all who have suffered loss and/or damage.

Read Bishop Bill McAlilly's Aug. 28 message on his blog at memphis-umc.org

Help fill a truck with cleaning kits (previously called flood buckets and cleaning buckets). Deliver to the church no later than **noon, Thursday, Sept. 7.**

Lists are available on the table outside the office. **Make an online donation** for **Advance # 901670, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) U.S. Disaster Response** at memphis-umc.org then click on UMCOR.

Do not self-deploy! Affected areas are not ready to receive volunteers. Wait for invitations to mobilize teams and volunteer.

More Information:

Dr. Joe Geary, Memphis Conference Director of Connectional Ministries: jgeary@memphis-umc.org | 731-664-8480

Rev. Robert Craig, Memphis Conference Coordinator of Disaster Response Ministries: robert.reelfoot@gmail.com | 731-538-9970



Registration for Assembly 2018 Opens September 1st

Plan to spend May 18-20, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio, at the UMW Assembly, "The Power of Bold", acquiring the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world. Take advantage of the early bird discount by registering between September 1 and November 30, 2017, for \$295. After that, the fee is \$330. More info can be found on line at umwassembly2018.org.

Be Informed - Take Action

This Action Alert from United Methodist Women lists several ways to support and join others fighting for prison reform. Since 1980, the prison population in the U.S. has quadrupled, incarcerating particularly men of color and women. The number of women in prisons increased eight-fold between 1980 and 2005.

To see improvements in areas of equality, discrimination and police brutality, reform is essential. Citizen activism and police reform are critical elements to enforcing justice.

Contact your congressional representative and voice your support for:

Bill H.R. 1055 and Bill S. 1258

The Capital Switchboard can be reached at: **1-202-224-3121**

Visit these sites to Learn:

action.naacp.org/page/-/Criminal%20Justice/Toolkit.pdf

Read:

theislamicmonthly.com/black-women-and-police-brutality/

Join others:

Common Justice vera.org/centers/common-justice
Prison Police Initiative prisonpolicy.org/
Prison Gerrymandering Project prisonersofthecensus.org
Campaign Zero joincampaignzero.com
Transformative Justice Coalition tjcoalition.org
National Police Accountability Project nlg-npap.org

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

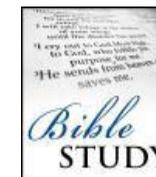
Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Boyd Pilkinton by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Joy Mitchell

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Boyd Pilkinton by
Joyce Kernodle



BIBLE STUDY, BINGO AND BBQ

Join us for Bible Study at 10 a.m., BBQ at 11:15 & Bingo at Noon, coming up on September 14th. Lunch is being offered for a donation and will include BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Cookies and Beverage. You are asked to bring a gift or two, beautifully wrapped, as bingo prizes. The more prizes we have, the longer we play. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window to give us a count for ordering lunch.

We must have a count early so please sign up by Sept. 7th.



NEW ADDRESS FOR AN OLD FRIEND

Mrs. Martha Wallace
Ave Maria Home
2805 Charles Bryan Road
Room 110
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Phone Number: 901-682-3123

OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministers	Our Church
Our Leaders	Our Ministry Teams
Our Children & Youth	Our Homebound
Our College Students	Our Missionaries
Our Police Dept.	Our Fire Dept.
Our City	Our Military

Methodist University (Kenneth) Neal Carter 927 Tower	Special Prayers for ...Clover Lauth & family ...George & Laura Cornwall flooded out in texas ...immigrants & families ...disaster victims ...the remaining kidnapped Nigerian girls
Ephraim McDowell Hosp. Dorothy Pruitt	
Hospice Care Betty Smithmier	
At Home Tom Nix	At Home Henry & Jesslyn Sammons

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Carolyn Escue
Ray Escue	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Janie Heflin	Doris Hight	Marie Hughes
Wayne Lawrence	Ted Lewis	Betty Ray
Bernice Shelby	Emmett Smith	Martha Wallace

OUR PRESENCE - August 27

Sunday School	49
Worship	73

OUR GIFTS - August 27

Offering	\$ 1,245
Month to Date	\$ 8,268
YTD	\$ 83,754

OUR SERVICE - September 3

Greeters.....Barine Deekae
Faith Gbeneneh

Liturgist.....Rebeca Ernst

Scripture.....Jay Finzel

Children's Time.....Dr. Finzel

Lock-up.....Bruce Hughes

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

10 Dean Tutor
17 Happy Gbeneneh
24 Jane Hight

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile
Peggy Brightwell	Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis
Miriam Davis	Corella Edwards	Gordillo Family
John Hight	Kay Hudak	Jeff Irwin
Dennis LeClear	Ursula Lewis	Mary Lockhart
John Mason	Bill McClain	Jesse McClerkin
Teresa McMullin	Lou Ella Morris	Richard Morris
Joe Moseley	Karen Mosley	Becky Pennington
Ruth Pilkinton	Moira Pomije	Jamie Proctor
Wade Reeves	Stephanie Roberts	Billy Smith
Brad Weaver	David Weaver	Shannon Weaver
Charlie Whitaker	Margie Williamson	Kristine Young

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DON'T GET STUCK BEHIND FOUR WALLS

by *Vanessa Grossett*

[Isaiah 6:8](#) 'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" (NIV)

There are Christians who believe their ministry is only for their local church, and that is only where they will operate that ministry. Well, have I got news for you! God can use us anywhere and not just behind our church walls.

In the above scripture, the voice of the Lord is saying "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" Like Isaiah, our response should be, "Here I am. Send me!"

Now, that's not to say we should leave behind our church and go off setting up our own church, if that isn't our calling, or start laying hands on anyone we come across. We have to apply wisdom. What I am saying is don't think God cannot use you outside your local church, because He can and He wants to.

God has given us each gifts and abilities for His purpose. What we do with them is entirely our decision. We can either waste them or use them. Personally, I want to use mine.

Don't hold back using your gifts. Believe in yourself and operate in your ministry. As the word of God says, 'the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few'. Let's each be one of those laborers.

There are still people out there who need to know Christ and God is waiting for us to be bold, be strong, to go out there and harvest for the kingdom. God can use you in any capacity. He could lay it on your heart to pray for a work colleague, or to give money to someone. All this is a valuable part of ministry, as little is much when placed in the Master's hands.

So don't hold back! If God wants to use you outside those four walls, let Him! We all have the Holy Spirit within us so we shouldn't fear, because if you don't go out to the harvest field and allow Him to use you, He will use someone else who was bold enough to say 'Here I am. Send me!'

Blessings,

Virginia

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28