

OUR PRAYERS

Christian Care Center

Betty Smithmier 230

Signature at St. Francis

Martha Wallace 225

St. Peter's Villa

Peggy Baker 417

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria

...disaster victims

At Home

Marcelle Farrow

Jeanne Gillis

Gordillo Family

Wayne Lawrence

Carla Martin

Lillian McDonald

Warren Petty

Charlene Watkins

Terry Williamson

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen June Burton Carolyn Escue

Ray Escue Mava Dell Fry Earl Galloway

Helen Griffin Doris Hight Marie Hughes

Virginia Jones Margaret Kenley Ted Lewis

Doris Palazzini Betty Ray Elmer Ray

Bernice Shelby Chris Simmons Emmett Smith

OUR PRESENCE - October 16

Sunday School 54

Worship 80

Visitors 7

OUR GIFTS - October 16

Offering \$ 2,278

Month to Date \$ 7,772

Apportionments to Date \$ 7,111

OUR SERVICE - October 23

Greeters

Lilian Garcia

Lorelle Woodard

Liturgist

Rebeca Ernst

Scripture

Warren Petty

Children's Time

Ed Stanley

OUR WITNESS

October Scripture Readers

30 Andrew Baker

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Child of God, Adult of God – Luke 18:1-8

by Kayla McClurg

When I was a college student, a friend and I would discuss often what it means to live the Christian life—not just to believe in the idea of it or strive to get better at it or seek a certain emotional response to it, but to let the way of Jesus become our way, here and now. What if we made choices based not so much on what fit our preferences or even on our sense of moral rightness, but on what Jesus might do and be calling us to do? How would that impact the way we lived? Where would we go, with whom would we associate, if we were to get that serious about following Jesus?

We were waking up. Out of the pleasant slumber of being good church kids, we were now facing a pivotal question: Would we reap the reward of being seen as responsible young adults who made good choices from a proscribed list called “morally approved,” or would we begin to ask questions, knock at the door of authority, make people squirm if necessary? Would we follow the path of least resistance, mostly keeping our eyes shut, or would we dare to encounter God in the world?

Jesus tells a parable about a widow, then an icon of dis-empowerment, who is not satisfied with the responses she has been getting from her local distributor of “morally approved” answers, the justice system. She shows us what it looks like to be not only a child of God but an adult of God, not abdicating our responsibility to stand up for what is true. She who is called powerless will not accept the status quo, will not allow authority, even the authority determined to be above other authorities, become an impenetrable wall. She goes again and again to knock on that wall, to challenge that wall, to demand that it yield. Our good and moral lives take us only so far, and sometimes they simply do not align with the response God wants from us.

To wake up is to seek realignment. We must dare to grow up, to stand steady before the powers, to pester and provoke them when necessary, to be a wedge under the foundation. Even though our efforts might be as small as the widow's, the wall does shift. Justice depends on our being adult enough to act on our small part.

OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Birdie Boyd	Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile
Phil Cannon	Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis
Miriam Davis	Doug Dennis	Corella Edwards
John Elkins	Gordillo Family	Andrew Hamilton
Diane Harrison	John Hight	Mildred Hight
Jeff Irwin	Mark Jones	Freda Lipford
Ursula Lewis	Martin Family	Bill McClain
Jesse McClerkin	Glenn Moore	Lou Ella Morris
Joe Moseley	Moirea Pomije	Claire Rainey
Wade Reeves	Stephanie Roberts	Marie Souder
Cindy Stanfil	Everett Tutor	David Weaver
Shannon Weaver	John Williams	Margie Williamson

Scriptures for the Week:

Joel 2:23-32

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Psalm 65

Luke 18:9-14



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 10/23	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 10/24	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 10/25	No Activities
Wed. 10/26	10:00a Bible Study - Asbury 12:00p Young @ Heart- Asbury 6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 10/27	9:00a Food Pantry- Asbury 10:00a Bible Study-Join us! 5:00p Girl Scouts
Fri. 10/28	Offices Closed 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 10/29	No Activities
Sun 10/30	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship



SATURDAY, OCT. 22nd - 10 a to 2p

Open to the community, this event, to be held in Aldersgate's parking lot, will be loaded with fun and fellowship for all. Come join the festivities and see what we're all about!



BOOK SALE

Quality Hard-backs
Many in Mint Condition

Friday & Saturday
October 21 & 22
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Wesleyan Hills UMC
390 S. Yates Rd.

Proceeds benefit UMNC's Miriam Center
and other ministries of
United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Aldersgate Friends,
Thank you so much for all of the calls, prayers and concern for our family during the illness and passing of our MamMaw. We love you and appreciate you.

Love,
Ed, Pat and Michael Miller

MAKING STRIDES FOR BREAST CANCER 5K FUNDRAISING WALK

Saturday, October 23, at the Liberty Bowl. Event begins at 1:30 p.m. Walk begins at 3:00 p.m.
Walk together and we will never walk alone

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKS AT BPACC

The Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center presents the Southern Fried Chicks, featuring Etta May, on their 'cage-free comedy tour', on Saturday, Oct 29th, special matinee at 2:30p. Evening performance at 8. For info, call 901-385-6440 or go online at www.bpacc.org.



ASBURY/EL REDENTOR HOST GUATEMALAN CONSULATE OCTOBER 22-23

Guatemalan citizens living in our area are able to obtain appropriate documentation so they may drive, work, attend school, and may also report births, deaths and marriages at this event. This is often the only 'contact' they have with their home country.

YOU may volunteer to help at the event. Official business will be handled by Consulate personnel, but there are other areas that need assistants. Please Asbury UMC, 363-1135, for all the details. If you cannot be on hand but wish to contribute, items needed are: bottled water, pre-packaged snacks, paper towels and toilet tissue, hand sanitizer and copy paper. All may be taken to Asbury UMC at 2969 S. Mendenhall Rd., Mon.-Thurs., between 9a and 4p.



NEW BOOKS IN THE READING PROGRAM

Soul Repair—Recovering from Moral Injury After War, by Rita Nakashima Brock and Gabriella Lettini, investigates the thought that war is not just what takes place on the battlefield.

Falling Into Place—A Memoir of Overcoming, by Hattie Kauffman, is her story of overcoming the ghosts of her childhood.

Called by the Fire—The story of Dr. Charles Johnson, by Chet Bush, is about how Dr. Johnson witnessed for God in Mississippi during the civil rights movement.



THE UPPER ROOM

...for November/December is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. This issue takes us through the Advent & Christmas seasons.

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

"Be always open to instruction, willing to be wiser everyday than the day before, and to change whatever can be changed for the better."

~ John Wesley ~



REMINDER

If you are one who enjoys the fun and fellowship of the Young @ Heart Group at Asbury UMC, or even if you haven't been before, please note the date change: Oct. 26 at Noon for a special treat. *The Noiseful Joys* will be the entertainment for the day. You won't want to miss them. All are invited to join us for lunch and to hear this special group. Give Asbury UMC a call, 363-1135, for details.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Honorarium Fund

In honor of Keith Coffman for his birthday by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Memorial Fund

In memory of Birdie Boyd by
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

SINNERS FOR SAINTS HALLOWEEN BALL II

This 21 and up Halloween Bash kicks off at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at 345 Madison Ave. Tickets are \$40 and include entertainment, appetizers, drinks and Amurica Photobooth. Costumes are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. Proceeds support Church Health. Log on to churchhealth.org/events for all the details.



WE'RE TAKING NAMES!!

Names of those who would like to work with the Children's Department, that is, as a teacher, a substitute, helper or sponsor. If you would like to give it a try, please contact Rebeca Ernst, by email at heyuena@yahoo.com or by phone at 901-484-7385. Thanks!

YOU MAY STILL SIGN UP FOR 'READ FOR THE RECORD'

..on Thursday, October 27, 9 a.m., at Willow Oaks Elementary. Help us celebrate childhood literacy by reading "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich" with our students. Please reply to Liz Kerr at 901-416-2196 or kerrea@scsk12.org.

LIKE TO GARDEN? LIKE TO HELP CHILDREN? WANT TO COMBINE THE TWO?

Willow Oaks Elementary School would love to participate in the Kitchen Community's grant offer of spring gardens for local schools. All that is needed is a few friends to volunteer. A Garden Team must be formed, including volunteers from the community, to help with the day-to-day 'stuff'. Please contact Sharon Lockhart at: sharonlockhart@icloud.com or 901-754-3429, for all the details or if you would like to help our adopted school with this undertaking.