

OUR PRAYERS

Magnolia/Corinth

Virginia Jones
(Dr. Finzel's mother)

LeBonheur

Logan Singer (14 yrs)

Signature at St. Francis

Martha Wallace 225

At Home

Marcelle Farrow
Wayne Lawrence
Betty Smithmier
Dean Tutor
Charlene Watkins
Terry Williamson

Special Prayers for
...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...disaster victims

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Andrew & Beth Baker and family in the loss of
his mother, Peggy Baker

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Carolyn Escue
Ray Escue	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Doris Hight	Marie Hughes
Margaret Kenley	Ted Lewis	Doris Palazzini
Betty Ray	Elmer Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	

OUR PRESENCE - October 23

Sunday School	49
Worship	55
Visitors	2

OUR GIFTS - October 23

Offering	\$ 1,186
Month to Date	\$ 8,958
Apportionments to Date	\$ 6,776

OUR SERVICE - October 30

Greeters	Lilian Garcia Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Rebeca Ernst
Scripture	Andrew Baker
Children's Time	Ed Stanley
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

November Scripture Readers

6 Rebeca Ernst
13 Happy Gbeneneh
20 Lana Solomon
27 Jay Finzel

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4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
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
Moira Pomije	Claire Rainey	Wade Reeves
Stephanie Roberts	Marie Souder	Cindy Stanfil
Everett Tutor	David Weaver	Shannon Weaver
John Williams	Margie Williamson	

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**PASTOR, AUTHOR ADAM HAMILTON USES
'CROWN OF THORNS' FROM GRACE PLACE UMC
TO ILLUSTRATE REDEMPTION**



We know of Grace Place UMC through Dr. Finzel's involvement there teaching a Bible Study and being a friend of the pastor, Rev. Diane Harrison.

On Palm Sunday 2016, Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, MO, stood before his congregation, holding this crown of thorns made from biscuit boxes. The thin, brown circlet was made by Janelle, a member of Grace Place UMC and an inmate at the Mark Luttrell Correctional Center in Memphis. "The women of the prison carefully chose this as the gift they wanted to send you, this crown of thorns made of rubbish, cast aside," he told his listeners. "For them it represented what's happened in their own lives—that God has taken what others have seen as refuse and rubbish, people who are in prison—and makes them into something new." The inmates at Grace Place had been watching Hamilton's Bible Study videos for several years and felt a connection with him. When Harrison met a friend of Hamilton's, she found an opportunity for a special gift for her congregation. Through the friend, she encouraged the pastor to record a video for Grace Place members. Hamilton obliged. Grace Place members were so grateful, they wanted to give Hamilton and his members a gift. They settled upon the simple 'crown of thorns'. "It's beautiful", Hamilton said of the piece. "The work is really fine". In return, Hamilton sent Janelle a hand-written thank you letter on his church's behalf. Then, on Palm Sunday, he picked it up at the end of his sermon and told Janelle's story. He described her situation in prison. He talked about how she came to be a part of Grace Place and explained how she found redemption through Christ. "For Janelle, the meaning of the cross was love and grace, mercy and a new beginning, a different way of living and a God who would not let her go", he said in the sermon, then placed the crown of thorns on a cross. "Just think—she made this out of trash because that was all she had", said Harrison. "She had nothing else to give. Adam Hamilton gave such dignity to her".

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Scriptures for the Week:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5

Psalms 119:137-144

II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10



LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun 10/30 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
- Mon. 10/31 All Hallows' Eve
Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 11/1 All Saints Day
- Wed. 11/2 10:00a Bible Study -**Asbury**
6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 11/3 9:00a Food Pantry-**Asbury**
10:00a Bible Study-Join us!
5:00p Girl Scouts
- Fri. 11/4 World Community Day
11:00a Brown Bag Lunch @
Germantown UMC
5:45p Girl Scouts
Offices Closed
- Sat. 11/5 UMW Mission Outreach Retreat at
Lakeshore begins
Set clocks **BACK** tonight. Daylight
savings time ends at 2 a.m.
Sunday morning
- Sun. 11/6 **All Saints Sunday**
UMW Mission Outreach Retreat at
Lakeshore ends
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
2:00p Charge Conference at
Asbury UMC



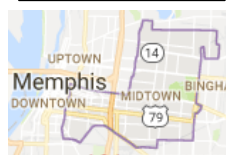
TO GARDEN WITH A PURPOSE

Willow Oaks Elementary School would love to participate in the Kitchen Community's grant offer of spring gardens for local schools. A Garden Team must be formed, including volunteers from the community, to help with the day-to-day 'stuff'. All that is needed is a few friends to volunteer. 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The holiday season begins very soon with our annual Harvest Dinner. This year it is on Sunday, November 13th, at 12:30pm. Reservations are required. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window. It will be another great meal prepared by Mary Proctor. Adults \$8, 12 and under \$3.50. Remember to make your reservations!



JIMMY OGLE TO SPEAK ABOUT MIDTOWN AT NOVEMBER 'BROWN BAG LUNCH'

Jimmy Ogle, Duck Master at the Peabody Hotel and Shelby County Historian, will speak at Germantown UMC's Brown Bag Lunch, on Friday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. Bring a sack lunch, beverages will be provided. No reservations required. Just come enjoy the program and fellowship. Ogle will lead us on Midtown's journey from 1895 to the present and show us why 'Midtown is Memphis'. You are welcome at the Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning, sponsored by the Older Adult Council.



Ladies,
~ Don't forget the Mission Outreach Retreat, coming up at Lakeshore November 5th and 6th.
~ Remember to read some of the new books available in the church library for our reading program.



CARE-GIVER WANTED

As Mrs. Happy Gbeneneh is now happily teaching children's Sunday School, we are again looking for a nursery worker on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is interested in this paid position for 3 hours each Sunday morning, please call Mary Robbins, 683-0281.



BE A PART OF THE SHOEBOX JOURNEY

We need people to fill 50 boxes from Aldersgate this year for Operation Christmas Child. You may choose a boy or girl and an age range. Labels are available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please use a cardboard or plastic shoebox and fill with 1 "wow" gift and other small gifts such as cars, puzzles, jump ropes, yo-yo's, school supplies, crayons and coloring books, **non-liquid** hygiene items, etc. Suggestions are in the brochure. There is also a list of "non-allowed" items. **Please adhere to the instructions.** You may include a photo and a personal note. If you include your address, the child may be able to write to you. Please add \$7 for postage in an envelope inside the box. If you are unable to fill a box, you may choose to donate the \$7 postage fee. **Your box must be at the church by Sunday, Nov. 6,** to be delivered to a distribution center. Think of the smile on the face and the sparkle in the eyes of the child receiving your gift and how they experience God's love through you.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Memorial Fund**
In memory of Birdie Boyd by
Mary Robbins, Cathy Boice & Daniel

THE UPPER ROOM

Don't forget to pick up your Upper Room from the tables outside the Sanctuary. This issue takes us through the Advent & Christmas seasons.

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

My fear is not that our great movement, known as the Methodists, will eventually cease to exist or one day die from the earth. My fear is that our people will become content to live without the fire, the power, the excitement, the supernatural element that makes us great."
~ John Wesley ~



FOOD PANTRY FOR NOVEMBER

Its time to think about our Thanksgiving Baskets for UMNC. Items needed are much the same as last year to fill a basket (or box) to be given out by United Methodist Neighborhood Centers in time for the holiday. The list is below and also on the office window:

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| 2 bx. dressing mix | 2 cans cranberry sauce |
| 2 cans corn | 2 cans green beans |
| 40 oz. can yams | 26 oz. bx. Instant potatoes |
| 40 oz. biscuit mix | 1 bx. family size tea bags |
| 4/5 lbs. flour | 4/5 lbs. sugar |
| 1 cake mix | 1 can frosting |
| 24 oz. oil | 1 jar instant coffee |
| 1 bx. powdered milk | \$15 Kroger gift card or cash to purchase |

Please have all baskets and/or items to the church by Sunday, November 13, for delivery to UMNC. Thank you!!!