

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Lynda Park
Jeanette Leslie
Michelle Watts

Special Prayers for

....kidnapped girls
from Nigeria

Our Sympathy

love and prayers go out to
...Ed & Judy Stanley in the loss of his mother,
Mary Stanley
...the Gabriel family and friends of Norris Gabriel
...Rev. Goyo & Rev. Luz and family in the loss of
her father, Ernesto Campos
...Family & friends of former friend of Aldersgate,
Richard Herndon

OUR PRESENCE

January 25

Church School	44
Worship	66
Visitors	12

OUR GIFTS

January 25

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,661
Month to Date	\$ 10,777

OUR SERVICE

February 1, 2015

Greeters	Barine Deekae Sobari Deekae
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Peggy Brightwell
Children's Time	Peggy Brightwell
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers

8 Tom Lockhart
15 Jane Hight
22 Barry Mathis

February Children's Time

Peggy Brightwell

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In church-speak (that's the special language we use in the church), words like *mission*, *vision*, *call*, *evangelism*, *outreach* and *program* get tossed about quite a bit. They are part and parcel of our *nomenclature*, our special language; the specific label we put on things in the unique world of the church.

But what do these terms mean generally, and what do they mean in our distinctive context at 'the Gate? What's our mission? What's our vision? What are we being called to do and be? How do we do evangelism and reach out to those we are uniquely gifted and called to serve? Who are those people

anyway? How do we get to know them? What are our unique gifts to do ministry with them?

I would like to invite you to join us in conversation about these questions for the next few weeks. They are foundational for our future. We meet for bible study each Wednesday morning at 10 am (at Aldersgate during the month of February) and Wednesdays at 6 pm, always at Aldersgate (be sure and bring a dish to share!).

Hopefully, these conversations in weekly bible study will help us be prepared to be more definitive about our ministry as the Church Council continues to meet and give direction to our future in ministry.

Herbert

Scriptures for the week:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Psalms 111

Mark 1:21-28

LOOKING AHEAD	
Sun. 2/1	9:00a Outreach/Missions Mtg. 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship 12:30p Sip'n'See for Joan Oyoo & Elijah
Mon. 2/2	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline
Tue. 2/3	1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury
Wed. 2/4	10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate 6:00p Fellowship & Study 6:00p Youth 7:15p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 2/5	9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
Fri. 2/6	Offices Closed
Sat. 2/7	9:00a AFLS 6:00p Valentine Banquet
Sun. 2/8	10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship



VALENTINE BANQUET OPEN TO ALL

Grab your sweetheart, a friend or come solo to our Valentine Banquet on Saturday, February 7th, in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Your choice of Steak or Chicken, along with Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Beverage & Dessert, for only \$7.50 per person. You may call the church office, 683-8861, to make the **required** reservations. A nursery will be provided. Transportation will be provided as needed. Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. You'll be glad you did!

LENTEN LUNCH TRIP BEING PLANNED

A day trip to Calvary Episcopal Church's Lenten Lunch Preaching Series is in the works. The date will be given as soon as we choose the speaker we wish to hear. There will be bus transportation. A sign-up sheet is on the office window.



CONDOLENCES TO THESE FAMILIES

Services for Norris Gabriel are scheduled for Friday, Jan. 30. Visitation is at Noon in the Fellowship Hall, with the service to follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Services for R.T. (Richard) Herndon, a friend of Aldersgate, are scheduled in Camden, TN, at Stockdale-Malin Funeral Home, on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Liberty UMC Cemetery.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS TO MEET FEB. 1

Have some great ideas? Want to be involved? Interested in reaching out to others? You are invited to the Outreach/Missions meeting on Sunday, February 1, at 9:00a.m. Come learn what plans have been made for 2015 and help make new ones, as we serve our community and our Lord.

Questions??? Call Diana Bedwell, 761-1934, or email her at diana.bedwell@earthlink.net.

SIP 'N' SEE BABY SHOWER

...for Joan Oyoo and Elijah, Feb. 1, 12:30 p.m.



Your change CAN change lives!

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18th

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matt. 25:35

We can end hunger in our time, with everyone doing their part. More people escaped poverty during the 2000's than any other time in history. That is something to be thankful for!

To help continue this trend, we will again participate in the Lenten World Hunger Offering. There are Giving Calendars on the tables outside the sanctuary to help you with offerings through Lent. Remember: "Your Change Can Change Lives"

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Treat others as sacred beings who share our divine heritage.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
The family of Chuck Jones acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy. Your prayers, cards, visits, food and gifts have been most helpful to us at this time of grieving. Thank you so very much.

Betty Jones and Family



MEET MILTON

Milton W. Craft, Jr. is a visionary committed to the great commission of Jesus Christ, that of saving souls and nurturing souls that have been saved. His focus is on those who are seeking a "new beginning", those wanting to become more Christ-like, and those who want to learn about living a holy life. Milton received a Bachelors Degree in Organizational Management from Bethel College in McKenzie, TN. He is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Divinity at Memphis Theological Seminary with an expected completion date of May 2016. Upon completion, he will pursue his Doctor of Ministry.

Born in Memphis to parents Milton, Sr. & Bessie Craft, he is the second child of three. Coming from a family of believers in Christ, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at age 14, at St. James CME Church in Collierville.

Milton married his college sweetheart, Synolve, in 1994 and will celebrate 21 years of marriage in 2015. Synolve is a graduate of the University of Memphis with a Bachelor's Degree in Professional Technical Writing and is currently pursuing a Masters of Divinity, with Milton, at MTS.

They are blessed to be parents of two wonderful children, Alexzandra and Evan.

Milton is now serving Aldersgate and Asbury UMC's as the Minister of Youth, but both he and Synolve are also very involved in assisting our community and neighbors in need.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Trustees Fund

In honor of Tom & Sharon Lockhart by Michelle Watts

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Chuck Jones by Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

Youth Fund

In memory of Mary Stanley by Jimmy & Jane Hight
Terry & Margie Williamson
Marcelle Farrow

Memorial Fund

In memory of Chuck Jones by Dean & Aleita Tutor
Marcelle Farrow

In memory of Norris Gabriel by

Dean & Aleita Tutor
Jimmy & Jane Hight
Joy Mitchell
Johnny Mitchell
Marcelle Farrow

In memory of Ernesto Campos by

Jimmy & Jane Hight

MEALS COORDINATOR NAMED

We now have a system in place for you to let us know information about any church members' needs for meals from the church. Whether it be due to illness, death in the family, or other reasons, please call the church office, 683-8861, and let Kathy know. **She will contact** Margaret Ann Ligon, our new Meals Coordinator. Margaret Ann and those assisting her, will then contact the appropriate group—UMW, UMM, Sunday School Class, etc., to set up plans.

When you contact the office, we hope you will volunteer to assist in preparing or purchasing food for the person or family in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your love for your Aldersgate friends.



FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Canned Tuna Beef Stew Chili
Cash is always appreciated.

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



Aldersgate UMC



February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00a Outreach/Missions 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p Sip'n'See for Joan Oyoo & Elijah 	2 Candlemas Presentation of the Lord at the Temple 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline	3	4 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:00p Fellowship & Study 6:00p Youth @ Aldersgate 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 	5 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	6 Offices Closed	7 9:00a Art For Life's Sake  6:00p Valentine Banquet <u>Reservation Required</u>
8 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p Education/Nurture Mtg.	9 Noon News Deadline	10 10:00a Koinonia Group @ Church 7:00p Love/Hope Group @ Jane's	11 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 10:30a Methodist Hops. Aux. 6:00p Fellowship & Study 6:00p Youth @ Aldersgate 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	12 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	13 Offices Closed	14 9:00a Art For Life's Sake  Valentine's Day
15 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service	16 Noon News Deadline 	17	18  10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 12:00p Service of Ashes-Aldersgate 6:00p Service of Ashes-Asbury No Fellowship/No Youth—Please attend Ash Wed. service 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	19 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	20 Offices Closed	21 9:00a Art For Life's Sake 10a-1p Sewing Guild
22 First Sunday in Lent 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service	23 Noon News Deadline	24	25 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:00p Fellowship & Study 6:00p Youth @ Aldersgate 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	26 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	27 Offices Closed	28 9:00a Art For Life's Sake

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Happy Birthday

- Feb. 1 Richard Morris
- 2 Lorelle Woodard
- 6 Selvin Lopez
- 7 Goyo De la Cruz
Mike Robbins
- 11 Emma Fergie
Donna Gallagher
- 12 Gary Schneider
- 13 Billy Washington
- 15 Matt Rhea
- 18 Happy Gbeneneh
- 19 Helen Griffin
- 20 Nancy Blanks
Mike Bosi
- 21 Brandon Martin
- 22 Alex Hernandez
Amy Smith
- 25 Emily Schneider
Joey Tschume
- 27 Dean Shipley



Happy Anniversary

- Feb. 14 Ed & Judy Stanley

ASSISTING IN FEBRUARY

Greeters Barine Deekae
Sobari Deekae

Liturgist Bruce Hughes

Scripture Peggy Brightwell
Tom Lockhart
Jane Hight
Barry Mathis

Children's Sermon...Peggy Brightwell

Lock-upBarry Mathis

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org

FEBRUARY

Birth Stone: Amethyst

Flower: Violet

Favorite days in February:

- 1 Baked Alaska Day
- 2 Heavenly Hash Day
- 7 Fettuccine Alfredo Day
- 10 Cream Cheese Brownie Day
- 11 Peppermint Patty Day
- 14 Cream-filled Chocolates Day
- 18 Crab-stuffed Flounder Day
- 20 Cherry Pie Day
- 21 Sticky Bun Day
- 22 Margarita Day
- 24 Tortilla Chip Day
- 25 Chocolate Covered Nut Day
- 27 Kahlua Day
- 28 Chocolate Souffle Day

February is also known as:

- American Heart Month
- Black History Month
- Canned Food Month
- Children's Dental Health Month
- Grapefruit Month

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