

Sun. 2/7 **LOOKING AHEAD**
Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunglasses Sunday
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship

Mon. 2/8
 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**
 6:00p Staff/Parish Relations
 Committee. Meal served
 for members.

Tue. 2/9
 10:00a Koinonia Group
 7:00p Love/Hope Group

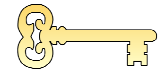
Wed. 2/10 **Ash Wednesday**
 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary
 Noon Service of Ashes @
Asbury
 6:30p Service of Ashes @
 Aldersgate
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
 10:59p One Harvest Deadline

Thu. 2/11
 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
 10:00a Lenten Bible Study

Fri. 2/12
 Offices Closed
 10:30a Sr. Game Day @ **Asbury**

Sat. 2/13
 9:00a AFLS
 6:00p Prayer Vigil @
EI Redentor

Sun. 2/14
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
12:30p Valentine Luncheon



CONGRATULATIONS

...to Tyler Pilkinton on winning the Silver Key Award for his short film, "Last Hope" at the Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards. The event is held at The Brooks and more than 2,500 entries, in categories including painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, sculpture, graphic design, film, fashion, as well as senior art portfolios, are judged. Tyler, we're proud of you!!!

THANK YOU NOTES
 Thank You! Thank You!
 Work Day was a big success! 22 people came to help with our projects and we made a lot of progress. Our special thanks to the following:

Andrew Baker	Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Rebeca Ernst	Dean & Aleita Tutor
Neil & Jean DeLong	Jimmie & Diana Bedwell
Byron Gudiel & Lilian Garcia	Nelson & Byron, Jr.
Margaret Ann Ligon	Henry Blanks
Emmett Parrish	Lucky Deekae
Gaby Gordillo	Lisa Hughes
Cathy Boice	Mary Robbins

Thanks again,
The Trustees

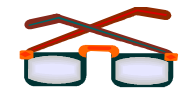
Our heartfelt thanks once again to all the generous Aldersgate members who donated foodstuffs for the Asbury Food Pantry. Your help increases our supply of available goods. We are so grateful that you collect for the pantry on a regular basis. We are deeply indebted to the Aldersgate congregation.

Many Thanks,
Cookie Greer



FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY
 Pastas and Red Spaghetti Sauce

Cash is always appreciated.
 (Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)
 Thank you.



SUNGLASSES SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7

There is a special need this year for adult and children's sunglasses and for reading glasses for the Room In The Inn program, directed especially to the homeless. You are encouraged to bring any glasses you no longer use or new glasses and sunglasses to the church on Feb. 7, and place them in the box outside the office door. For more information about Project 20/20 or Sunglasses Sunday, you may contact Grace Bonner, 20/20 Coordinator, at grace.bonner@comcast.net.

FEB. 7th IS TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
 You may ask, "Why does the celebration of the Transfiguration take place just before Lent in the United Methodist Church?"

We celebrate the revelation of Christ's glory "before the passion" so that we may "be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness." The focus of the Lenten season is renewed discipline in walking in the way of the cross and rediscovery of the baptismal renunciation of evil and sin and our daily adherence to Christ. At Easter, which reveals the fullness of Christ's glory (foreshadowed in the Transfiguration), Christians give themselves anew to the gospel at Easter Vigil where they share the dying and rising of Christ.

In the biblical context, the synoptic gospels narrate the Transfiguration as a bridge between Jesus' public ministry and his passion. From the time of the Transfiguration, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem and the cross.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's grace gives me the ability to access an attitude of gratitude in any situation.



**"JOSHUA THREW A FIT AT JERICO,
 JERICO, JERICO.
 JOSHUA THREW A FIT AT JERICO,
 AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN!"**



GOLDEN CROSS NEEDS

Our representative, Audrey Weaver, will be attending the Golden Cross Key Women's Meeting on March 10th. Let's have a great collection of things for her to take! Items for Move-in Kits and Bountiful Blessing Bags are needed. To name a few—shower curtains & hooks, bath mats, toilet bowl brushes, pillows and blankets. Food items are—canned veggies, soups & fruits, peanut butter, rice, sugar, flour and oil. Please place them in the basket near the Sunday School office. Thank you.



LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

Across the world, Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is the largest killer of children under five years of age. An estimated 20 million children suffer from SAM, and malnutrition contributes to the death of more than 3 million children each year. Without proper treatment, the majority of children who survive live with major compromises to their health, as well as to their cognitive and physical capabilities.

Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) is a generic name for a product that has a specific nutritional makeup proven to bring malnourished children back from the edge of starvation. Many people have heard of "Plumpy'nut," which is produced in France. Project Peanut Butter's product is known locally as "Chiponde" in Malawi and "Dutasi" in Sierra Leone. Lend your support to Project Peanut Butter, and others, in saving the lives of starving children by following your daily Lenten Hunger Calendar. Calendars are available on the table outside the Sanctuary.

Methodist North
Tom Boillot ICU263

Paterson, NJ
Irvin Scheirer

Baptist Mem'l.
Linda Burrow 5108

Corinth, MS
Virginia Kemp Jones

Baptist Rehab
Marie Hughes 219

Hospice Care
Sylvia Edwards

At Home
Neil DeLong
(Pacemaker on Thurs)
Lynne Persellin
Eloise Miller
Brad Weaver (again)

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

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen June Burton Jack Eaton
Mava Dell Fry Earl Galloway Helen Griffin
Margaret Kenley Doris Palazzini Betty Ray
Bernice Shelby Chris Simmons Emmett Smith
Harold Smith Betty Smithmier Martha Wallace
Bill Whitaker

OUR SYMPATHY, love and prayers go out to
...Family & friends of former member, Betty Clegg

OUR PRESENCE - January 31

Sunday School 51
Worship 68
Visitors 2

OUR GIFTS - January 31

Offering \$ 2,899
Month to Date \$ 12,114

OUR SERVICE - February 7

Greeter Anna Deekae
Nubari Deekae
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Perri Mathis
Lock-up Henry Blanks

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers

14 Barry Mathis
21 Rose Oyoo
28 Judy Stanley



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Trophy For Sale

by David Padfield

One day last summer I was on my way to lunch when I drove by a house that was having a rummage sale. Even though I did not stop for the sale, I could not help but notice the display near the street -- what caught my eye was a table filled with old trophies that were now for sale on someone's driveway.

I wondered why anyone would be interested in purchasing a used trophy. What could they possibly do with it? The trophies for sale probably had the name of the recipient engraved on it, along with a brief description of their meritorious actions. Who would want to put someone else's trophy on their mantle?

Later, I wondered why the seller wanted to get rid of their old trophies in the first place. I am sure that at one time those trophies held a lot of value, or at least some emotional attachment. Trophies usually signify some accomplishment -- they serve to remind us of some success in our business or personal life. Maybe a bowling trophy loses its luster when one stops bowling. That trophy from a winning high school football season might not seem as important thirty years later when your own children are in college. What we value today might wind up in the trash or on a table at a rummage sale tomorrow.

The truth is that there is nothing in this life we can carry into the next. The trinkets and knick-knacks we treasure here will be of no value in eternity. This being so, it makes one wonder why we spend so much time acquiring earthly possessions, but so little time preparing for the life which is to come.

Suppose you gained all that this world has to offer -- what would you really have? A handful of tinsel? Jesus told His disciples: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" ([Matt. 16:24-26](#)).

Scriptures for the week:

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36