

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Jeanette Leslie
Kitty Strub

Special Prayers

for
....kidnapped girls
from Nigeria

Homebound/Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Gerri Colosia
Jack Eaton	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley
James Matlock	Doris Palazzini	Linda Park
Jane Pifer	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker

OUR PRESENCE

February 1

Church School	39
Worship	57
Visitors	3

January 28

Wed.Eve. Bible Study	7
Wed. Youth	25

OUR GIFTS

February 1

This Week's Offering	\$	3,427
Month to Date	\$	3,427

OUR SERVICE

February 8, 2015

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

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers

15 Jane Hight
22 Barry Mathis

February Children's Time

Peggy Brightwell

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FEBRUARY 18
Service of Ashes
& Communion
12 Noon

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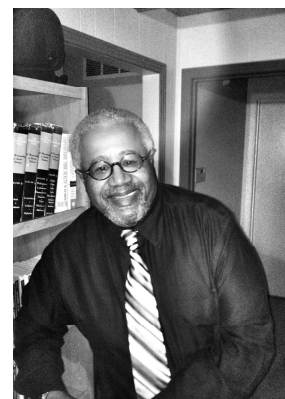
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THE WRITE REVEREND



Is this year flying by or what! Its February already and, believe it or not, Ash Wednesday and the celebration of Lent is only two weeks away.

Last year at Asbury, I asked people to get together as families and set aside a technology-free family time each week for the six weeks of Lent. By that I meant that during this family time, there would be no technology used: no TV, no cell phone, no computer, etc. My daughters, my grandchildren and I shared a meal together each week with board games and conversation and it was such a great experience for us that we are continuing the tradition this year.

I hope you and yours will find some creative ways to celebrate a Holy Lent, focusing on what it means to be disciples of Jesus, how faithful we have been in doing so and how we might grow in our discipleship during the coming year.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th and we will celebrate the occasion as a parish with noon services at Aldersgate and evening services at Asbury. Each service will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Please join us at one of these services.

Herbert

Scriptures for the week:

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11
I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/8 9:00a Web Site Meeting
 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p Adult/Family Team Mtg.

Mon. 2/9 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 2/10 10:00a Koinonia UMW Group
 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury
 7:00p Love/Hope UMW Group

Wed. 2/11 10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate
 10:30a Methodist Hospital Aux.
 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 6:00p Youth
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2/12 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury

Fri. 2/13 Offices Closed

Sat. 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day 
 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 2/15 9:00a Worship Committee Mtg.
 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship

LOST & FOUND

A pair of black men's gloves was found Jan. 15, in the parking lot. Could they be yours? Call the office, 683-8861, to claim them.



SIGN UP ASAP

...for our Valentine Banquet on Saturday, February 7th, in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Grab your sweetheart, a friend or come solo, just come, and enjoy 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. **Reservations are required.** A nursery will be provided. Transportation will be provided as needed. Please call Barry Mathis, 299-2746, if you need a ride.



WE'RE GOING TO UPDATE!

While our website has served us well for a time, technology is moving so fast we are going to update and make our site more "user friendly". If you are a techie (or even if you're not) and have some ideas or suggestions, please join us on Sunday morning, **February 8th, at 9 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to give their input.

ADULT/FAMILY TEAM TO MEET FEB. 8

All are welcome to attend the Adult/Family Team meeting on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 12:30. Bring your ideas and suggestions, your completed survey sheet, a pad, pencil and calendar, and join us in making plans for 2015. A light lunch will be served for those attending.

WORSHIP TEAM TO MEET FEB. 15

Interested in our worship planning or sacred music? Come to the Worship Team meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. and be prepared to get involved.



Your change CAN change lives!

LENTEN WORLD HUNGER CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

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

"Your change Can Change Lives"

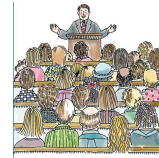
To aid you with your Lenten giving, there are Giving Calendars on the table outside the sanctuary.

TWO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES OFFERED

A 12:00 Noon Service of Ashes & Communion will be held at Aldersgate on Wednesday, February 18, and a 6:00 p.m. Service of Ashes & Communion will be offered at Asbury UMC that evening. **There will be NO Fellowship & Study or Youth meetings that night at Aldersgate.**

**UMW NEWS
No More Cans**

Many thanks and much appreciation to all of you who have saved aluminum cans for UMW Missions, with a big thank you to Tom Earl & Tom Lockhart for taking over where Phil Weaver left off, transporting the cans to the recycling center. Sadly, the price for aluminum has decreased drastically so—**no more cans, please.** We encourage you to continue recycling by using the city recycling bins or taking them to the Humane Society of Memphis/Shelby County on Farm Road.



LENTEN LUNCH AND PREACHING AT CALVARY

We will take a group of members and friends to the Calvary Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop on Thursday, February 26. We will leave the church at 10:15, with transportation being provided. Lunch will be at 11:00, preaching at Noon. Your only cost will be your lunch and a gratuity for our driver. You may sign up on the office window or email office@agumc.org or call the office at 683-8861, to make a reservation. Invite family or friends to join us to hear internationally known, Rev. Tony Campolo, the speaker for the day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Perceptions can either serve you or limit you. Which do you choose?

HAVE YOU CLICKED ON "UMC.ORG"?

Throughout 2015, UMC.org will offer fresh news stories, features and commentaries on the events that will define this year and remember what brought us to this time. Look forward. Think back. Once you check them out, share your thoughts with UMC.org and with others: what you've learned on your spiritual journey, what gives your life meaning, sound off. Read. Questions. Comment. Tell YOUR story.



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Memorial Fund**

In memory of Mary Stanley by
Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Norris Gabriel by
Michael & Mary Ann McCarty
Doris Bellott
Carolyn McDougal
Terry & Margie Williamson
Keith Coffman
Mike Bosi

In memory of Chuck Jones by
Keith Coffman

Youth Fund

In memory of Mary Stanley by
Carolyn McDougal
Keith Coffman
Joy Mitchell
Johnny Mitchell

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Norris Gabriel by
The Love/Hope Group of UMW
The Fellowship Class
Mary Robbins
Cathy Boice & Daniel
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

In memory of Mary Stanley by
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

In memory of Chuck Jones by
Martha Wallace



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.)