#### **OUR PRAYERS**

**Methodist North** Tom Boillot 451 Special Pravers for

....kidnapped girls from Nigeria

At Home

Jeanette Leslie

# 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 15

Church School 51 60 Worship Visitors 1

February 11

Wed. Morn. Bible Study 16 Wed. Eve. Bible Study 12 Wed. Youth & Leaders 25

# **OUR GIFTS**

# February 15

This Week's Offering 2,621 Month to Date 7.292

# **OUR SERVICE** February 22, 2015

Barine Deekae Greeters

Sobari Deekae

Liturgist **Bruce Hughes** 

Scripture Jane Hight Children's Time Milton Craft Lock-up **Barry Mathis** 

> **OUR WITNESS** March 1 Scripture Reader

Renee Little

March Children's Time Milton Craft

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# THE WRITE REVEREND



I love our liturgical calendar. It helps me keep track of the changing liturgical cycles as we celebrate the key events in the life of Christ and of our faith. We are now entering the season of Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday and continues for 40 days (not including Sundays as each Sunday is a mini-Easter celebration!) and ushers us into the celebration of Easter.

The Christian or liturgical year starts, however, with Advent, in November, which looks forward to the return of our Christ in His second Advent. Christmas remembers the birth of Christ, followed by Epiphany, celebrating God's self-disclosure to all human kind in Jesus. Ash Wednesday begins the celebration of Lent, followed by Easter, with Pentecost coming 50 days later. The Sundays following Pentecost are called Sundays after Pentecost or Ordinary Time, right up to the time the celebration of Advent

begins.

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Each season has its own colors and there are special days of celebration and focus within each liturgical season. Lent, for example, is a time for introspection as we consider our faithfulness in our personal discipleship and how we can be better disciples in the days and years to come. In the early church, new converts were prepared for baptism and their first Holy Communion during Lent, after having spent three years in preparation.

As we will not be celebrating Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of Ashes because of the weather, we will offer any and all worshipers who chose to receive the Ashes for their symbolic meaning an opportunity to do so on Sunday during our worship experience as part of our Invitation to Discipleship. Stay warm and I'll see you on Sunday.

Herbert

Scriptures for the week: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;

I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1: 9-15

Sun. 2/22	LOOKING AHEAD 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship	
Mon. 2/23	Noon News Deadline	
Tue. 2/24	1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury	
Wed. 2/25	10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate 12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbu 6:00p Fellowship & Study 6:00p Youth Fellowship 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	
Thu. 2/26	9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	
Fri. 2/27	Offices Closed	
Sat. 2/28	9:00a AFLS	



11:30a Worship

10:15a Church School

11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall

Sun. 3/1

# **'LENTEN SOUP AND DEVOTIONS' EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT AT ASBURY**

...begins next Wednesday, February 25, and YOU are invited. Join a brief service at Noon, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch for a small donation of \$2.

# **LENT BEGINS FEB. 18th** Join The Lenten World Hunger Offering

Share a bit of change each day to help alleviate hunger in our world. Lenten World Hunger calendars are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Think of two or three people who have shared God's grace with you. Thank them!

#### **FUNDRAISER FOR UMNC COMING UP**

..March 1 at Emmanuel UMC from 2:00-4:00, featuring the famous "Singing Preachers"! Donations accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit United Methodist Neighborhood Centers.

#### **THANK YOU**

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Aldersgate,

My family and I are very thankful to all who sent us many cards, gave us many phone calls, and communicated with us through emails at the time of our mourning. We are so thankful for the delicious casserole and dessert that were sent to us. My wife has now returned and we will continue with the work that God has given us in the church.

> May God greatly bless you, Goyo (& Luz, Ana, Cusi & Lucy)



# 'LET THE CHILDREN COME UNTO ME' **Nurturing Children in Christ's Name**

Leaders are needed for Wednesday nights to help with elementary age children. If you love kids and want to be involved, email Milton at miltonwcraft@gmail.com or call him at 316-5836, and offer your assistance.

Feeding the children and youth is an important part of nurturing. If you could provide a snack supper once a month, twice a month, once a quarter, or just one time, it would be a wonderful help! If you prefer to provide cash to purchase food items, that will work, too.

Willing to help with meals? Call Jane Hight, 737-9053, our Youth Meals Coordinator, and tell her what you can do.

# **ADULT/FAMILY ACTIVITIES LIST AVAILABLE FOR 2015**

Lists are now on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Please pick one up and plan to participate in as many activities as possible.

## THE UPPER ROOM

...for Mar/Apr is available outside the Sanctuary.





# **FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY**

Canned Tuna Beef Stew Cash is always appreciated.

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

#### **UMW NEWS**

## **Church Women United To Hold Easter Parade**

And how the children love showing off their new 'duds'! CWU provides Easter clothes for boys and girls, ages 5 to 10, who would otherwise have nothing. Appropriate sized clothing—dresses, pants, shirts, underwear, sox, hats, ties, shoes, along with love and prayers are needed. Everyone (not just UMW) is invited to pitch in. If you can help, please have all donations to Lana Solomon by Sunday, March 1. She will see to it that your gifts get to CWU in time for the Easter Parade. Questions??? Call Lana, 901-686-9977 or 662-890-8958, for the answers.



#### PROJECT 20/20

As we do annually, we are now collecting eye glasses and cash for Project 20/20, a UM Volunteers in Mission project. Your old or unused eye glasses and sun glasses will be of great benefit to many in under-developed countries. You may choose to help send an advanced optometry student on a mission trip by donating cash to the project. Every \$5 donated to a student will improve the vision of someone who might otherwise never have professional care. You may drop off your glasses in the box outside the office or make checks out to Aldersgate and note "20/20" in the memo line. Thank you for helping others maintain good sight.



# **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP? LENTEN LUNCH AND PREACHING** AT CALVARY

You may sign up on the office window or email office@agumc.org or call the office at 683-8861, to make a reservation. On Thursday, February 26, we will leave the church at 10:15. Lunch will be at the 11a.m. seating, preaching at Noon. Your only cost will be your lunch and a gratuity for our driver. Invite a friend!

#### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

# **Memorial Fund**

In memory of Norris Gabriel by His loving family In memory of Ernesto Campos by Dean & Aleita Tutor In memory of Alexander Smith, Sr. by

Dean & Aleita Tutor



#### **Family Fun Night** Friday, March 13 5:30 p.m.

(or when you can get there) Mark your calendar now!

Food and fun for the entire family at church...it just doesn't get any better than that. Don't bring a thing and plan to have a wonderful time! There will be a comfort food dinner for all ages of adults, youth and children, with special activities and games for all. You won't have to cook or deal with crowded restaurants for a great dinner, and there will be group games and activities with lots of laughter. This is an opportunity to de-stress, wind down and just unload from a busy week. There will be a sign-up sheet on the office window, so please plan to come. Your sign-up will help us so much with planning. You will have great food and enjoy a wonderful evening with other church families. See you there!



## DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE?

Let us know! Any one interested in playing one morning a week or monthly, please call the church office, 683-8861, and give us your preferences.

#### **NEW ADDRESS**

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