

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist North	Special Prayers for
Tom Boillot 451kidnapped 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 22

Church School	48
Worship	69
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS

February 22

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,537
Month to Date	\$ 8,829

OUR SERVICE

March 1, 2015

Greeters	Faith Gbeneneh Rose Oyoo
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Renee Little
Children's Time	Milton Craft
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers

8	Warren Petty
15	Judy Stanley
22	Dean Tutor
29	Lisa Hughes



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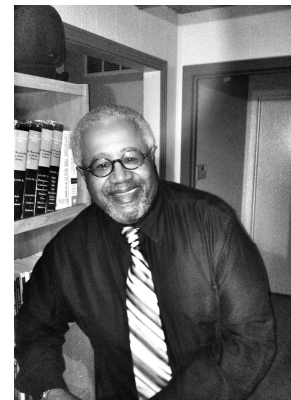
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THE WRITE REVEREND



Yesterday, I had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion that looked at some of the challenges facing us denominationally as we approach General Conference in 2016. The discussion was sponsored by Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) and looked at the issues from an African American perspective, but, as we all know, issues like this are much larger than any one ethnic group.

For many people schism seems inevitable. They see no resolution to the question of how we as a denomination deal with issues associated with fully including our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning (LGBTQ) brothers and sisters. Some United Methodists argue that our Social Principles are right in saying that homosexuality is not compatible with Christian principles: "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching." Other United Methodists want to change our language and our stance and fully include LGBTQ people in our communities of faith, recognizing and performing marriages with same sex couples and ordaining persons who are members of this community. Still others propose to let annual conferences and local churches make decisions about these issues based on their unique perspectives so as to avoid schism and to accommodate ourselves to the culture in which we live.

These are indeed difficult questions and will require much prayer and hard work to find resolution. I would like to ask you to keep the United Methodist Church in your prayers as we head toward General Conference and the challenges before us. Let me know where you think we're headed and what you think we should do.

Herbert

Scriptures for the week:

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1: 9-15

- LOOKING AHEAD**
- Sun. 3/1 Second Sunday in Lent
 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
 2:00p UMNC Fundraiser @ Emmanuel UMC
- Mon. 3/2 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian
 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 3/3 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury
- Wed. 3/4 10:00a Bible Study at Asbury
 12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbury
Note Change → 5:30p Youth Fellowship
 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 3/5 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
- Fri. 3/6 World Day of Prayer
 Offices Closed
- Sat. 3/7 9:00a AFLS
Set Clocks AHEAD Tonight.
 Daylight Savings Time
 Begins at 2:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning
- Sun. 3/8 3rd Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins
 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship



FUNDRAISER FOR UMNC COMING UP

Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby Road, will offer a musical presentation featuring the famous "Singing Preachers", The Miriam Center Children, along with a silent auction and reception on Sunday, March 1, at 2:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit United Methodist Neighborhood Centers new program, "New Vision for New Days".

THANK YOU

Have you checked out the bulletin board by the kitchen? A big thank you to Cindy Pilkinton for volunteering her time and talent in keeping us up to date.



'LENTEN SOUP AND DEVOTIONS' AT ASBURY

Join a brief service at Noon, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch for a small donation of \$2 on the Wednesdays in Lent: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1.

THE UPPER ROOM

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



EASTER EGG HUNT TO BE APRIL 4th

Want to know how to help? The Easter Bunny needs plastic eggs and lots of individually wrapped candy, or cash to purchase same, for the hunt. Children 1-10 are invited to hunt. All others are invited to cheer them on. Come join us for the fun! Please leave your gifts in the basket outside the church office. **THANK YOU!**

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.

A change: The Egg Hunt is April 4 at 1 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH

Peanut Butter Soup Crackers

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RECIPES NEEDED FOR OUR 60th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Do you have Grandma's recipe for Chicken & Dumplings? Aunt Sue's recipe for Apple Strudel? How about a family favorite for home-made pasta? We want them all and many more for our special edition 60th Anniversary Cookbook. Still in touch with former members? Ask them to submit some loved family favorites, as well.

If you would like to submit some of your traditional favorites in memory of your loved one who "passed it on", please do so. Have a friend with a procedure for making scrumptious bread, submit it in their honor. How about a treasured childhood tidbit? Share it. We want this to be our best cookbook yet!

Recipes may be turned in at the office or to Aleita Tutor, either by hand or by email.

Office email: office@agumc.org

Aleita email: rdeantutor@bellsouth.net



PROJECT 20/20

Check your bureau drawers and cubby holes for those old, unused glasses and donate them to Project 20/20. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation. 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 our volunteers help others.

REMINDER Lenten Lunch at Calvary

Be at the church at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, to go to Calvary Episcopal Lenten Preaching Service to hear Rev. Tony Campolo. Bus transportation is furnished. Your only expense is your lunch at the Waffle Shop and a gratuity for our driver. Sign up on the office window, call the office, 683-8861, to make a reservation or — just show up on Thursday.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Mary Stanley by

Peggy Brightwell

In memory of Norris Gabriel by

Peggy Brightwell

Trustees Fund

In memory of Ernesto Campos by

Tom & Sharon Lockhart

In memory of Alexander Smith, Sr. by

Tom & Sharon Lockhart



Family Fun Night

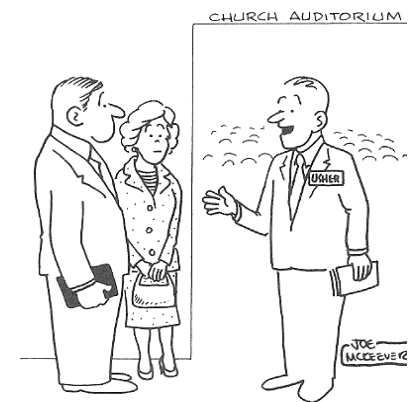
Friday, March 13 5:30 p.m.

(or when you can get there)

Have you put it on your calendar? **Don't bring a thing** and plan to have a wonderful time! Comfort food, special activities and games for all are on the menu. There is NO COST but please sign up on the sheet on the office window to help us with planning food and activities.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Look for ways to share God's love in the words you speak and the kindnesses you show.






GOOD MORNING—COUGHING OR NON-COUGHING SECTION, PLEASE?

Aldersgate UMC



March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service 2:00p UMNC Benefit at Emmanuel UMC	2 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline	3 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	4 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 	5 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	6 World Day of Prayer Offices Closed	7 9:00a Art For Life's Sake Spring Forward  Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am on Sunday
8 3rd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service	9 Noon News Deadline	10 10:00a Koinonia Group @ Church 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury 7:00p Love/Hope Group	11 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:30a Methodist Hops. Aux. 12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadline	12 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	13 Offices Closed 10:30a Sr. Game Day @ Asbury  5:30p Family Night w/supper	14 9:00a Art For Life's Sake
15 4th Sunday in Lent 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p UMW Unit Mtg.	16 Noon News Deadline	17 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury  St. Patrick's Day	18 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:00a UMNC Key Women 12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	19 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	20 First Day of Spring  Offices Closed	21 9:00a Art For Life's Sake 1:00p One Harvest Distribution @ Asbury
22 5th Sunday in Lent 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship Service	23 Noon News Deadline 	24 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	25 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	26 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	27 Offices Closed	28 9:00a Art For Life's Sake 1:00p Hispanic Family Ceremony
29 Palm Sunday 10:00a Worship & Easter Music @ Asbury 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship & Easter Music @ Aldersgate	30 Noon News Deadline	31 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	Aldersgate United Methodist Church Pastor: Dr. Herbert L. Lester, Jr. Outreach Ministries: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz Youth Ministries: Rev. Milton W. Craft, Jr. Choir Director: Jo Ann Shelton Organist: Lana Solomon 4459 Willow Road Phone: 901.683.8861 Website: www.agumc.org Memphis, TN 38117 Fax: 901.683.1374 Email: office@agumc.org			
← Holy Week through April 4						

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Happy Birthday

- Mar. 1 Rebecca Bedwell
Jeremy Bellott
Greg Bishop
Margaret Ann Ligon
Shannon Pitner
- 2 Frances Morris
- 7 John Farrow
- 12 Matthew Bedwell
- 14 Brock Tschume
- 16 Christopher Little
- 19 Perri Mathis



Happy Anniversary

- Mar. 1 Scott & Scarlet McMullin
- 11 Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

ASSISTING IN MARCH

- Greeters** Faith Gbeneneh
Rose Oyoo
- Liturgist** Bruce Hughes
- Scripture** Renee Little
Warren Petty
Judy Stanley
Dean Tutor
Lisa Hughes
- Children's Time**..... Milton Craft
- Lock-up** Tom Lockhart

OBSERVING LENT



Lent (Quadragesima in Latin) is a solemn religious observance, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending at dusk on Holy Saturday, the last day of Holy Week. The Easter vigil is then begun, marking the official start of the Easter season.

Lent is the season of the Christian year when the pious focus on simple living, prayer and fasting in order to grow closer to God. In many traditions, the customs of penance, almsgiving and self-denial are practiced.

In more recent times, the idea of 'taking' up something, rather than 'giving' up something, has become popular.

Here are a few suggestions for what to "give up" or "take up" for Lent:

- Give up the snooze button on your alarm.
- Get to know your neighbors better.
- Give up eating meat on Fridays.
- Give away something every day, be it time, money, or possessions.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room but let your light shine.
- Leave a post-it note with a positive message wherever you go.
- Make a list of 40 people who have touched your life. Write to one each day.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- Stop using the word "can't".
- Say the Lord's Prayer before you get out of bed in the morning and when you get into bed at night.
- Smile at everyone you see.
- Find a different thing in God's creation to appreciate and be thankful for every day and praise Him.

Add your own ideas to our list. Some things are harder than you think. Have you ever thought about giving up your fork and spoon and learning to eat with chopsticks? Our Oriental friends can do the opposite.

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