

## OUR PRAYERS

<b>St. Francis</b> Betty Ray hip repl. 3/18	<b>At Home</b> Jeanette Leslie Judy Stanley
<b>Methodist North</b> Tom Boillot 555	<b>Special Prayers</b> for ....kidnapped girls from Nigeria
<b>Allenbrooke Rehab</b> Bill Whitaker 116	

## 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	

## OUR PRESENCE

**March 15**

Church School	61
Worship	74
Visitors	9

## OUR GIFTS

**March 15**

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,428
Month to Date	\$ 11,209

## OUR SERVICE

### March 22, 2015

<b>Greeters</b>	Faith Gbeneneh Rose Oyoo
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Rose Oyoo
<b>Children's Time</b>	Milton Craft
<b>Lock-up</b>	Tom Lockhart

## OUR WITNESS

**March Scripture Readers**  
29 Lisa Hughes

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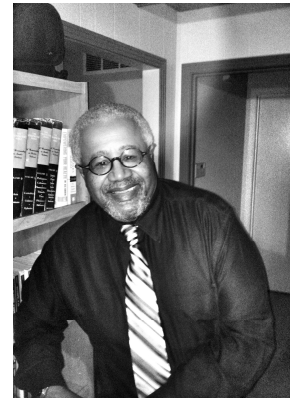
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## THE WRITE REVEREND



Believe it or not, it is possible for those of us who work in the church to become so enamored with church work that we lose sight of the work of the church and how that work ought to be accomplished. This fact was driven home for me powerfully today by my devotional reading from "Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals", by Shane Claiborne and others. Each day's reading, along with hymns, scriptures and prayers, lifts up an example of what it can mean to live the life of a Jesus-follower.

Today's example was Rachel Corrie, a 23 year old college student from Olympia, Washington, who went to Palestine to unite a Palestinian city with her hometown as sister-cities and to work with the movement for peace in the Middle East. She was crushed to death in the Gaza Strip by an Israeli armored bulldozer on March 16, 2003.

At the time, along with other activists, she was attempting to stop the bulldozer from leveling the home of a Palestinian family. Whatever your political beliefs are about the struggle between the Palestinians and the Israeli's, Rachel's example of total commitment to what she believed to be the right thing to do stands as a model of dedicated discipleship. Wearing an international orange jacket and speaking through a megaphone, Rachel placed herself, nonviolently, in harm's way to stop what she believed to be injustice.

Are we called to do any less? While we may not be challenged to stop bulldozers or stand between opposing armies, we are called to do what we do in the name of Jesus in ways that reflect our commitment to Jesus and honor the sacrificial way of life Jesus personified. There is no way to be Christ-like in un-Christ-like ways.

*Herbert*

Scriptures for the week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

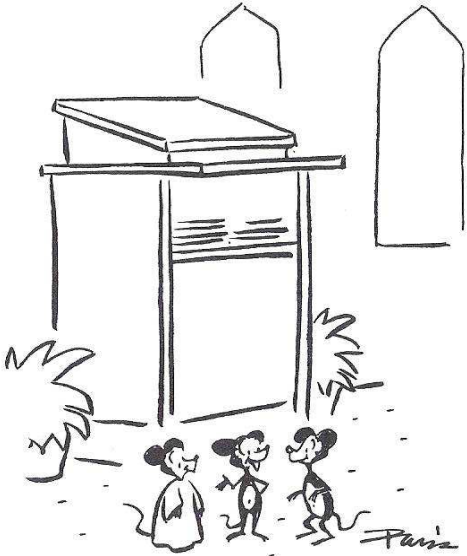


**TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Sunday, March 22nd, at 9 a.m.

- LOOKING AHEAD**
- Sun. 3/22 5th Sunday of Lent  
9:00a Trustees Meeting  
10:15a Church School  
11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
11:30a Worship
  - Mon. 3/23 Noon News Deadline
  - Tue. 3/24 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury
  - Wed. 3/25 10:00a Bible Study at Asbury  
12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbury  
5:30p Youth Fellowship  
6:00p Fellowship & Study  
7:15p Choir Rehearsal
  - Thu. 3/26 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
  - Fri. 3/27 Offices Closed  
11:30a Young at Heart @ Asbury
  - Sat. 3/28 9:00a AFLS  
1:00p Hispanic Family Ceremony
  - Sun. 3/29 Holy Week Begins  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
10:00a Worship & Easter Music at Asbury  
10:15a Church School  
11:30a Worship & Easter Music at Aldersgate



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**Palm Sunday—March 29—Easter Cantata**  
10:00 a.m. at Asbury  
11:30 a.m. at Aldersgate  
What a treat we have in store. Not only will we hear great Easter music on March 29th, but we can hear it twice! The Aldersgate and Asbury Choirs are combining and will surely 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'. All are invited to Asbury and Aldersgate on Palm Sunday morning to hear the coupled choirs.  
**Wednesday of Holy Week—April 1:**  
10 a.m. Bible Study at Aldersgate  
12 p.m. Soup & Devotional at Asbury  
**Maundy Thursday—April 2:**  
7 p.m. Communion Service at Asbury  
**Good Friday—April 3:**  
7 p.m. Worship Service at Asbury  
**Holy Saturday—April 4:**  
10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Asbury  
1 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Aldersgate  
6 p.m. Spanish Service at Aldersgate



THIS IS MORRIS. HE LIVES IN THE CHOIR ROOM.

**UMW NEWS**

**March is Women's History Month**

Nationally and within the United Methodist Church, March is recognized as Women's History Month. In this, our 60th Anniversary year at Aldersgate, let us celebrate Women's History Month by remembering those women who significantly contributed to our history as United Methodist Women by serving as presidents of Aldersgate UMW:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Geneva McIntyre     | Louise Jones         |
| Mrs. Walter Baldwin | Mrs. Raymond Hawkins |
| Mildred Kee         | Donna Smith          |
| Twila Comer         | Earline Gabriel      |
| Sue Craft           | Doris Hight          |
| Doris Godbold       | Emily Davis          |
| Joanne Allison      | Carol Florow         |
| Madge Lawrence      | Margaret Ann Ligon   |
| Sharon Lockhart     | Aleda Kelly          |
| Miki Craft          | Joye Smith           |
| Doris Bellott       | Teresa McMullin      |
| Frances Morris      | Rebeca Ernst         |
|                     | Lana Solomon         |

To those who are with us, offer a hug and a thank you for their service. For those who are not, offer a prayer of thankfulness for their leadership. In our 60 year journey at Aldersgate, we have truly made a difference in the history and lives of thousands of women, children and youth in our community and around the globe, as we connected with partners and allies who are engaged in the transformation of the world.



**ALDERSGATE COOKS**  
Recipes for our 60th Anniversary Cook Book are slow to be submitted. We can't have a cookbook without recipes, and we do have a deadline. We still want as many of your best as you will share. Please turn them in at the office or to Aleita Tutor, either by hand or by email.  
Office email: [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org)  
Aleita email: [rdeantutor@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdeantutor@bellsouth.net)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Knowing our Lord's immeasurable mercy toward us, we can (and should) extend it to others.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH**

Peanut Butter      Soup      Crackers  
Cash is always appreciated.  
(Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)

**YOU ARE INVITED**

...to the 'Young at Heart' Pot Luck & Bingo Party at Asbury UMC on Friday, March 27 at 11:30am. Ham will be provided as the entrée for lunch. Please bring a side dish to share and be ready for good food and good fun.

**SENIOR EXPO**

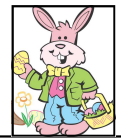
**May 5 Bellevue Baptist Church**

**Sponsor: Professional Network on Aging**

Put this on your calendar now. The festivities will include entertainment, speakers, food for purchase, lots of good information on all aspects of senior living, aging and wellness. For complete information you may call, 901-505 0946 or email [info@pnamidsouth.org](mailto:info@pnamidsouth.org). Be part of this exciting event at Bellevue, 2000 Appling Rd., Cordova, TN, on May 5th.

**MARCH 17**

Happy St Patrick's Day



**EASTER EGG HUNT IS APRIL 4**

Come join the fun on April 4, at 1:00p, at our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children 1-10 are invited to hunt. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket) and come see how many eggs can be found! Family and friends are invited to cheer them on.



**TRAVEL TIME**

**June 16 Discovery Park Union City, TN**

This 50 acre site is dedicated to increasing understanding of our area. There are exhibit areas showing a simulation of the 1811-12 earthquake that formed Reelfoot Lake, an aquarium, gardens, log cabins, Native American artifacts, and more. Full payment for this tour on Crown Coach is \$59.50, with a deadline of May 8. Brochures are available on the bulletin board by the kitchen. You may call Carolyn McDougal (861-0841) for additional information.