

## OUR PRAYERS

### Poplar Point Rehab

Tom Boillot 116A

### At Home

Betty Ray  
Jeanette Leslie

### Allenbrooke Rehab

Bill Whitaker 116

### 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     | Bernice Shelby  | Chris Simmons   |
| Emmett Smith   | Harold Smith    | Betty Smithmier |
| Martha Wallace |                 |                 |

### OUR PRESENCE

#### March 22

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Church School | 53 |
| Worship       | 78 |
| Visitors      | 3  |

### OUR GIFTS

#### March 22

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| This Week's Offering | \$ 1,798  |
| Month to Date        | \$ 13,007 |

### OUR SERVICE

#### March 29, 2015

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

### OUR WITNESS

#### April Scripture Readers

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 5  | Peggy Brightwell |
| 12 | Faith Gbeneneh   |
| 19 | Jane Hight       |
| 26 | Barry Mathis     |



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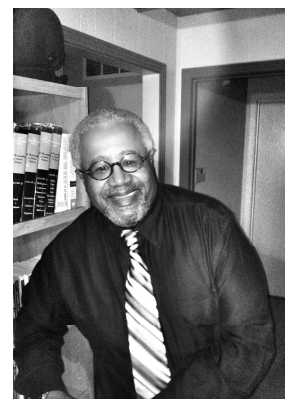
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## THE WRITE REVEREND



I would like to extend an invitation! Come and join us on Wednesday evening at 6 pm for food, fun, fellowship and bible study! Grab a dish and come on out! Each Wednesday evening we gather around a potluck meal and share.

For the past several weeks, we've been talking about discipleship and especially the Sermon on the Mount. Sometimes, our study time becomes the stuff from which Sunday's sermon emerges. But (hopefully) we are not redundant! Whatever the case, we would love to have you come and join with

us in our study and learning together.

Remember: You are needed: if you already know enough about the Bible, we need you! If you don't know nearly enough about the bible, you need our group! See you on Wednesday at 6 pm!

*Herbert*

Scriptures for the week:

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29  
Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:1-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**Holy Week Begins**  
 Palm/Passion Sunday  
 10:00a Worship & Easter Cantata at Asbury  
 10:15a Church School  
 11:30a Worship & Easter Cantata at Aldersgate

Mon. 3/30 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 3/31 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury

Wed. 4/1 10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate  
 12:00p Soup & Devotions @ Asbury  
 5:30p Youth Fellowship  
 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 4/2 Maundy Thursday  
 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury  
 7:00p Communion Service @ Asbury

Fri. 4/3 Good Friday  
 Offices Closed  
 7:00p Worship Service @ Asbury

Sat. 4/4 Holy Saturday  
 9:00a AFLS  
 10:00a Egg Hunt @ Asbury  
 1:00p Egg Hunt @ Aldersgate

Sun. 4/5 **Easter Sunday**  
 10:15a Church School  
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
 11:30a Worship



**BOX LUNCH AND BINGO**  
 Make plans to enjoy a special day of fun and fellowship on April 16th, at 11:30a. Box lunches from Chick-fil-a will be available for \$5. You may pay in advance at the office or the day of the lunch. Beverages will be provided. We will need a count—so be sure to sign up on the office window. Be sure to get those white elephant gifts ready and beautifully wrapped to share with all our bingo-ites. The more you bring, the longer we get to play. See you then!

**THANK YOU NOTES**  
 Dear Friends,  
 Your expressions of sympathy brought us comfort. Your kindness, prayers and words meant more to my family and me than you'd ever guess. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Muchas gracias,  
 Rev. Luz Campos

~ ~ ~  
 A BIG thank you to Karen Mosley and all involved with our first Family Fun Night! Its always great when the 'family' comes together for food and fellowship. We especially appreciate those who worked behind the scenes preparing and cleaning up. Thanks again!

**Your Help Makes It Possible**

Already in 2015, 5 orders of glasses, a total of 4,387 pairs, are with Project 20/20 Teams traveling to Haiti, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Belize and Mexico. Another large order will go to Nicaragua in May. Glasses that can't be used for missions are recycled and 20/20 is paid for them. The only expenses 20/20 has are processing, packaging and shipping. Donors and volunteers make that possible. Volunteers prepared at least a ton of glasses in 2014 and will probably do the same, or more, in 2015. Thank you so much for helping provide vision care around the world.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
 Discern what is yours to do  
 and accomplish it as the Spirit directs.

**WORSHIP IN SPANISH BEGINS APRIL 11**  
 As a way of reaching out to our Hispanic brothers and sisters, we will offer an ongoing worship service in Spanish on Saturday evenings, beginning April 11, at 6:00 p.m.

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**El Culto de Adoracion en Espanol**  
**Comienza el 11 de Abril**  
 Nos hemos acercados a nuestros hermanos y hermanas hispanas, para ofrecerles un servicio en espanol los sabados comenzando el 11 de Abril a los 6 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVAN CRAFT!!!**  
 ...a junior at Collierville High School, for being selected to participate in the 2015 Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, which partners with the University of Memphis. This Conference is held each year for young men and women who are entering their senior year in high school and who have demonstrated leadership potential in their academic and extracurricular regimens. Only two students from each school have the opportunity to attend and must exhibit qualities in one or more of the following areas: scholastic attainment, citizenship, school organizations, extracurricular activities such as athletics, debating, drama, music, etc. We are praying for you, Evan, as you prepare to address the Rotary Club in April to provide highlights of the conference, along with your fellow attendees.

**MARGARET PLANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**ASSISTS WORTHY STUDENTS**  
 For several years, worthy Aldersgate students have benefitted from the Margaret Plant Scholarship Fund. Awards of \$500 per semester are given to students who are active members of Aldersgate and enrolled as college undergrads, or in trade school or seminary. Christopher Little, our present scholarship recipient, is doing well at Jackson State. If you would like to contribute to this worth-while program, please specify memorials and honorariums for "scholarship fund".



**FISH FRY IN** **FROG JUMP**  
**APRIL 21**  
 Memphis Conference United Methodist Men will gather for their annual Fish Fry at Archers Chapel UMC, 356 Archer's Chapel Rd., Frog Jump, TN, on Tuesday, April 21. Food service will begin at 5 p.m. with the program at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. The keynote speaker will be Dr. James E. Swanson, Sr., Mississippi Conference Bishop and President of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. If you would like to car pool, please contact Charles Gilliland at [charlesagilliland@gmail.com](mailto:charlesagilliland@gmail.com) or by phone at 901-240-3356.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**  
 Gifts have been given for  
**Memorial Fund**  
In memory of Norris Gabriel by  
 Teel & Jo-Anne Beam



**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.)

**OUR OWN SYNOLVE CRAFT**  
**TO SPEAK AT CAPLEVILLE**  
 Rev. Synolve Craft will be the second speaker at Capleville United Methodist's, "The 7 Last Words of Christ", on Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. She will speak on Jesus' Second Word: "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43) Please plan to attend and support Synolve on this special occasion on April 2. All are welcome.



**EASTER EGG HUNT IS APRIL 4**  
 Children 1-10 are invited to hunt. Family and friends are invited to cheer them on. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket) and come see how many eggs can be found! Join the fun on April 4, at 1:00p.



**BIRTHDAY BASH**  
 Our annual church-wide Birthday Bash is coming up on April 19th, right after worship. We love celebrating everyone's birthdays together and want your help. We need bakers and decorators to bake a cake for 'your' month and to decorate the table for 'your' month. Colors, flavors and designs are your choice. They will be perfect no matter what you choose. Please sign up on the office window for your birth month, either for a cake or to decorate or both. Everyone, get ready for our big birthday party!

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## April 2015

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| Pastor: Dr. Herbert L. Lester, Jr.<br>Outreach Min: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz<br>Youth Min: Rev. Milton W. Craft, Jr.<br>Choir Dir: Jo Ann Shelton<br>Organist: Lana Solomon |  |   | 4459 Willow Road<br>Memphis, TN 38117<br>Phone: 901-683-8861<br>Email: office@agumc.org<br>Website: www.agumc.org                               |  | 1 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate<br>12:00p Soup & Devotional @ Asbury<br>5:30p Youth Fellowship<br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:15p Choir Rehearsal | 2 <b>Holy Thursday</b><br>9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury<br>7:00p Communion Service @ Asbury<br><b>Holy Week</b> | 3 <b>Good Friday</b><br>Offices Closed<br><b>NO</b> Good Friday Service | 4 <b>Holy Saturday</b><br>9:00 AFLS<br>10:00a Egg Hunt @ Asbury<br>1:00p Egg Hunt @ Aldersgate |
| 5 <b>Easter Sunday</b><br>9:30a Easter Breakfast<br>10:15a Church School<br>11:15a Coffee<br>11:30a Worship Service   | 6 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian<br>Noon News Deadline | 7 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury<br>                                    | 8 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate<br>10:30a Hospital Auxiliary<br>5:30p Youth Fellowship<br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:15p Choir Rehearsal   | 9 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury  | 10 Offices Closed   | 11 9:00 AFLS<br>6:00p Spanish Worship Service   |   |  |
| 12 10:15a Church School<br>11:15a Coffee<br>11:30a Worship Service  | 13 <b>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday 1743</b><br>Noon News Deadline         | 14 10:00a Koinonia<br>1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury<br>7:00p Love/Hope | 15 <b>Income Tax Deadline</b><br>10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate<br>5:30p Youth Fellowship<br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:15p Choir Rehearsal | 16 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury<br>11:30 Box Lunch & Bingo<br><br>Remember to make lunch reservations | 17 Offices Closed   | 18 9:00 AFLS<br>6:00p Spanish Worship Service   |   |  |
| 19 10:15a Church School<br>11:15a Coffee<br>11:30a Worship Service<br>12:30p <b>Birthday Bash</b><br>   | 20 Noon News Deadline  | 21 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury                                       | 22 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate<br>5:30p Youth Fellowship<br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:15p Choir Rehearsal                               | 23 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury   | 24 Arbor Day<br>Offices Closed  | 25 <b>World Malaria Day "Imagine No Malaria"</b><br>9:00 AFLS<br>6:00p Spanish Worship Service              |   |  |
| 26 10:15a Church School<br>11:15a Coffee<br>11:30a Worship Service  | 27 Noon News Deadline<br>  | 28 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury                                       | 29 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate<br>5:30p Youth Fellowship<br>6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:15p Choir Rehearsal                               | 30 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury   | <br><b>ALDRSGATE</b><br>Invite someone to church  |   |   |  |





### FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL

Dried Beans      Rice      Canned Fruit

Cash is also welcome

Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'Food Pantry' in the memo line.

Thank you!

## World Malaria Day — April 25th

### Good News, Malaria is 100% Preventable

In 2008, the United Methodist Church (UMC) as a denomination committed to join the global fight against malaria, embarking upon a \$75,000,000 fundraising campaign. To date, The Global Fund has received over \$8.5 million in payment from this campaign. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has directly implemented over \$6 million for malaria programming.

As the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR is called to cultivate partnerships and implement malaria control programs across Africa. Our approach includes:

Education, prevention and treatment programs for affected communities;

Revitalizing health facilities;

Supporting hospital and health care human resource development.

### Fighting Malaria through Health Boards

UMCOR's current anti-malaria focus aims to leverage our health systems, partnerships and resources in Africa in order to decrease mortality and morbidity caused by the disease.

One way UMCOR is doing this is by developing and building capacity of Health Board structures in UMC Annual Conferences across Africa. [Strong health facilities](#) enable local communities to develop strategic plans and propose integrated solutions to end malaria and other preventable diseases.

Health Boards are vital in implementing and growing the national health strategies in the Annual Conferences, which includes malaria control. Currently, there are 13 health boards trained in 16 countries.

For additional resources about malaria, visit [Imagine No Malaria](#). Find other resources at [The Global Fund for AIDS/TB/Malaria](#) and the [World Health Organization](#). Our partners in this effort include the [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#) and the [U.N. Foundation](#).

### UMCOR Malaria Timeline

- 2005: UMCOR's Malaria Control Program was launched in late 2005 in Sierra Leone and is now operating in various countries around the globe.
- 2006: When the United Nations Foundation [Nothing But Nets](#) Program launched more than five years ago within the UMC, the concept spread like wild fire throughout the denomination
- 2008: United Methodists pledged to support a "Global Health Initiative" at General Conference.
- 2010: Since the launch of Nothing But Nets and the Global Health Initiative, we as a denomination have learned more about the complexities of malaria, other related health challenges, and all the issues tied to poverty and development.
- In addition to bed nets, our efforts support other areas in the fight against malaria: environmental clean-up (stagnant water and trash), basic sanitation (latrines and water), treatment, education, training more health care workers, and improving our existing hospitals and clinics. UMCOR's role in this campaign is to help UMC health boards and local communities develop strategic plans and propose integrated solutions. All of these efforts will be needed in order to combat malaria and other diseases of poverty in Africa; and United Methodists are responding.

Gifts to this program via [UMCOR Advance #3021190](#) can make a big difference.



### Happy Birthday

- |        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| Apr. 1 | Aleita Tutor     |
| 2      | Lisa Matlock     |
|        | Aaron Wheat      |
| 3      | Brian Dunn       |
|        | Terry Williamson |
| 5      | Dustin Craft     |
|        | Neil DeLong      |
|        | Ricky Mann       |
| 6      | Judy Babb        |
| 7      | Joy Mitchell     |
| 8      | Diane Pierce     |
| 10     | Laurie Howell    |
| 13     | Lucy De la Cruz  |
| 17     | Emily Gift       |
|        | Tyson Petty      |
| 18     | Darwin Shipley   |
| 20     | Keo Bueford      |
| 24     | Alan Mathis      |
| 26     | Pam Parrish      |
| 27     | Beth Baker       |



### Happy Anniversary

- |         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| Apr. 14 | Chet & Gail Wilson     |
| 17      | Rick & Rebeca Ernst    |
| 20      | Mike & Regina Robbins  |
| 30      | David & Shannon Weaver |

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL

- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b> .....        | Lorelle Woodard   |
|                              | Margie Williamson |
| <b>Liturgist</b> .....       | Bruce Hughes      |
| <b>Scripture</b> .....       | Peggy Brightwell  |
|                              | Faith Gbeneneh    |
|                              | Jane Hight        |
|                              | Barry Mathis      |
| <b>Children's Time</b> ..... | Herbert Lester    |
| <b>Lock-up</b> .....         | Jimmie Bedwell    |

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