

OUR PRAYERS

Poplar Point Rehab
Tom Boillot 116A

At Home
Jane Hight
Jeanette Leslie

Special Prayers for
....kidnapped girls
from Nigeria

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Family and friends of De Lavelle Carroll

Homebound/Assisted Care

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

OUR PRESENCE

April 12

Church School	42
Worship	62
Visitors	9

OUR GIFTS

April 12

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,327
Month to Date	\$ 5,851

OUR SERVICE

April 19, 2015

Greeters	Lorelle Woodard Margie Williamson
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Dean Tutor
Children's Time	Dr. Lester
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

April Scripture Readers
26 Barry Mathis

ALDERSGATE United Methodist Church
4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917



**Scriptures
for the week**

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
I John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48



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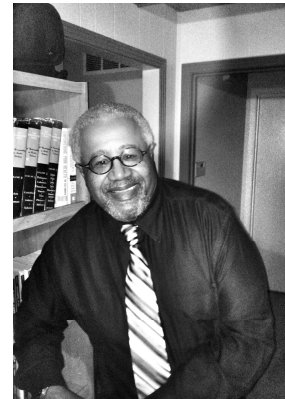
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THE WRITE REVEREND



If being a Methodist was easy, anybody could be one. Especially challenging is our itinerate system of clergy deployment. Each year, after consultation with local church Staff Parish Relations Committees and Pastors, our Bishop and his cabinet, made up of all the District Superintendents, meet to project who will serve the needs of the kingdom in what place best and for how long.

Its not an easy job, especially when it seems that the needs of the Annual Conference often appear to trump the needs of any local church and the people in the pews are left thinking and feeling that they don't really matter; their needs have not been heard or considered; their church, in the grand scheme of things, does not matter. But believe me, that is not the case. Preachers also often have those same feelings and frustrations with our system. What we sometimes do not remember, however, is that God's

spirit is actively engaged with this process and even when it seems that we, as individuals or congregations, have been forgotten and abandoned and ignored, God is working to bring about God.

In Romans, the 12th chapter, verse 2, the Apostle Paul writes: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect".

The Greek word translated *transformed* is metamorpoo, from which we get our word metamorphosis. It describes the process through which caterpillars are transformed into beautiful butterflies. One crucial stage in this process is the struggle to leave the cocoon. The newly formed butterfly makes a small whole in the bottom of the cocoon and forces itself through that tight little opening. It's the pressure of getting through that opening that forces fluids in other parts of the body into the butterfly's wings that gives them the strength and form necessary for flight. Without the struggle to escape the cocoon, the butterfly would never fly and would eventually die, never having reached its potential.

The same can be said for us as citizens of the kingdom and collectively in local churches; our present struggles prepare us for the future glory God has for us. The challenge is to complete our work in the cocoon, break out, and try our wings.

Herbert

LOOKING AHEAD
 Sun. 4/19 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
12:30p Birthday Bash
 Mon. 4/20 Noon News Deadline
 Tue. 4/21 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury
 Wed. 4/22 10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate
 5:30p Youth Fellowship
 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal
 Thu. 4/23 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
 Fri. 4/24 Offices Closed
 Sat. 4/25 8:30a Faith in Action Cleanup
 9:00a AFLS
6:00p Spanish Worship Service
 Sun. 4/26 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship

**FOOD, FUN AND BINGO
 April 16 - 11:30a**

FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL

Dried Beans Rice Canned Fruit
 Cash is always appreciated.

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

Thank you!



SENDING "Kids AND CELEBRATING OUR BIRTHDAYS" to Kamp"

... are great ways to 'make merry'. Join us on April 19th right after worship. No standing in line, just come in and take a seat. Enjoy the 'birthday' decorations and let the children serve you. There is no charge for the spaghetti lunch, only tips (donations) to the Lakeshore Fund for the service the children will provide. (Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note "Lakeshore" in the memo line.) Cake bakers and table decorators are still needed. Please sign up on the office window for the month of your choice, either to provide a cake, to decorate a table or both for those multi-talented people.



CONGRATULATIONS

Dean and Aleita Tutor are the proud grandparents of Everett Jude Tutor, born April 8, weighing 9 lbs.6 oz. and measuring 22 1/2 inches long. The happy family are parents, Reid & Melinda Tutor, big sister, Kelsey, and big brother, Daniel.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Aldersgate Family,
 Your prayers and concern have been a great comfort to me through this difficult time. Aldersgate is truly the church of the warm heart. Thank you.

Lisa Matlock



"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" Psalm 91:11
 This scripture is certainly true of our Aldersgate family. We are so very thankful to each of you for your calls, visits, cards and prayers and general concern for us at the death of my brother. Thanks to each of you for being angels to us at this time. Special, special, special thanks to Barry & Perri...what true friends you are.

With much love,
 Ed & Judy Stanley

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Expect great things and give great thanks.



RECIPES

REQUESTED

Okay, Aldersgate cooks—with some of the best cooks in town, there are many great recipes out there that haven't made it into our cookbook files yet. Give us your tried & true favorites or something great you've just discovered. Crockpot creations would be charming, pastries are perfect, desserts would be delectable, along with an entrée or two to entice. Please turn recipes in at the office or to Aleita Tutor, either by hand or by email.

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UMW NEWS

Micro-loans Start Businesses and Improve Lives in Cote d'Ivoire

Just one of the many ways the UMW's money to missions changes the world for the better is making 'micro-loans' to women in the Cote d'Ivoire Conference. Dorcas Adou, president of the United Methodist Women in the Abidjan District in this Conference, was praying for a way to help the many women and children living in poverty on the Ivory Coast. She approached the international UMW office in New York and was given \$20,000 to make micro loans to help women set up and run enterprises that would feed their families, keep their children in school, teach them good business practices and change their lives. 48 women have used these loans to start their own businesses. Though they work long hours, up to 14 hours a day, for what we would call a pittance, perhaps \$10 to \$40 a week, these women feel truly blessed to have these business opportunities that they learned of in their local Methodist churches. From tailoring, to juice making, to pressing palm oil and beyond, the lives of these women and their families have been greatly improved, all to the glory of God, with a small investment by United Methodist Women.

(Information from Kathy Gilbert, UMNS)

MUFFINS FOR MOM

May 10

Table set up for pictures...special bulletin insert for honorariums and memorials...fond memories and lots of love. Please put your name and mom's name with photos. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 on Mother's Day, May 10th

CROSSROADS UMW PRESENTS

ANNUAL FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

The United Methodist Women of Crossroads UMC, 9315 E. Shelby Road in Collierville, invite you to their annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, May 2. The day will feature a Silent Auction to begin at 10:30 a.m., their famous chicken salad lunch, many door prizes, and fashions by Christopher & Banks. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling 737-3776. All proceeds from this event go to UMW Missions. You don't have to be a UM Woman to attend. Mark your calendars now.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Youth Fund

In memory of James Matlock by
 The Fidelis Class

Scholarship Fund

In honor of Audrey Weaver and
In memory of Phil Weaver by
 Lana Solomon

Memorial Fund

In memory of James Matlock by
 Joyce Kernodle



JOIN US FOR 'FAITH IN ACTION' CLEANUP

Aldersgate will participate in Mayor Wharton's Faith in Action Cleanup on Saturday, April 25. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and concentrate on the area around Willow Oaks School and Godwin Park. Need more details. Contact Diana Bedwell by email at diana.bedwell@earthlink.com or by phone at 761-1934.

TRAVEL TIME

Join us on June 16 for a great one day trip to Discovery Park in Union City, TN. This 50 acre site includes 10 exhibit galleries, an aquarium, Native American artifacts, vintage cars, European and American gardens, an 1800's recreated village and more. Reservations deadline is May 8. The cost is \$59.50. Brochures are on the bulletin board outside the kitchen or call Carolyn, 861-0841, for all the details.



ALDERSGATE SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 2 8am —2pm

Are you all set for good times, good food and good fun? Join us and bring your family and friends to our new Spring Festival. Akin to our Fall Festival, there will be music and entertainment, food for purchase at an "international" food court, an estate sale, bake sale, children's activities and fun for the whole family. Mark your calendar now for May 2!