

OUR PRAYERS

Poplar Point Rehab

Tom Boillot 116A

At Home

Jane Hight

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
Doris Palazzini	Jane Pifer	Betty Ray
Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith
Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace
Bill Whitaker		

OUR PRESENCE

April 26

Church School	42
Sunday Worship	64
Spanish Worship	20

OUR GIFTS

April 26

Offering	\$ 3,365
Month to Date	\$ 11,407

OUR SERVICE

May 3, 2015

Greeters	Anna Deekae Barine Deekae
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Renee Little
Children's Time	Rev. De la Cruz
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish


OUR WITNESS

May Scripture Readers

10	Judy Stanley
17	Tom Lockhart
24	Rose Oyoo
31	Peggy Brightwell



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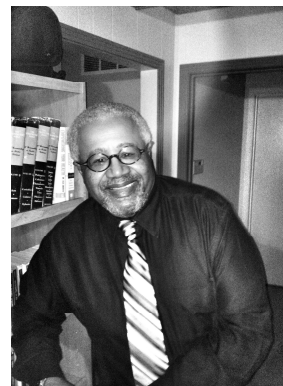
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THE WRITE REVEREND



The dictionary defines locomotion as “movement or the ability to move from one place to another.” It defines commotion as “a state of confused and noisy disturbance.” I have discovered a word which I think provides the best use of the ideas both these words convey, joined together to describe a phenomena very present in many churches. That word is “colocomotion”.

A Google search for the word netted 518 results; none of which reflected the use of the word or its definition as I define it. For me, colocomotion is: “a state of confused and noisy disturbance which gives the appearance of movement from one place to another while simultaneously, and very effectively, stifling growth and progress, going nowhere.”

Colocomotion allows people in positions of leadership and authority to exercise that authority in such a way as to maintain the status quo; to keep

things just the way they have always been and not upset the apple cart. It provides these leaders and their constituents the perfect defense from which to fight and block real change and progress on the one hand, while they vilify more progressive elements on the other, all in the name of progress!

For example, I was appointed to serve what I thought was a progressive congregation some years ago. The Secretary still used an IBM Selectric typewriter and old fashioned stencils with correction fluid. When I approached our church council about upgrading office equipment and moving to computers and more modern duplication, the secretary threatened to quit and the Chair of Finance argued that the church did not need that kind of equipment; we were not a business. The way we managed things had worked for all these years and there was no need to change now. I was amazed that this man, who operated an independent business, could see no need in the church functioning administratively as efficiently as his small business did, or that our stewardship required we give God the best service possible.

Things, even in the church, are not always what they seem. All movement is not progress; it might just be colocomotion.

Herbert

Scripture for the week: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

LOOKING AHEAD
 Sun. 5/3 10:15a Sunday School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship

May 4-10 Christian Family Week

Mon. 5/4 10:00a Church Women United @
 Buntyn Presbyterian
 Noon News Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury

Tue. 5/5 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury

Wed. 5/6 10:00a **Bible Study @ Asbury**
 5:30p Youth Fellowship
 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal
 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadline

Thu. 5/7 National Day of Prayer
 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
 7:00p Festival of Cultures
 Planning Meeting

Fri. 5/8 Offices Closed
PLEASE NOTE—Family Night
 has been postponed

Sat. 5/9 9:00a AFLS
 6:00p Spanish Worship Service

Sun. 5/10 Happy Mother's Day, Moms!
 10:15a Sunday School
 10:45a Muffins for Mom
 11:30a Worship



CONGRATULATIONS TO UMNC

We are pleased to announce that the Miriam Day Care Pre-K school at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers is among the top 5 pre-schools in testing scores in the Shelby County School System. This is quite an accomplishment for our teachers and the director, Mrs. Ileatha Washington.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ever feel like...
 "The hurrier I go, the behinder I get."
 Remember, our Lord will lead us. Just pray.

THE UPPER ROOM
 ...for May/June is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up your copy today.



ALDERSGATE SPRING FESTIVAL
Saturday, May 2 8am —2pm

The time has come! This Saturday, May 2, is our Spring Festival. Come get your goodies at the Bake Sale. Check out the White Elephant and Estate Sales. Try our International Food Court then see what else you can find. There will be entertainment, activities for the kids and much more.

To offer your help setting up on Friday night and early Saturday morning and taking down and cleaning up after 2 on Saturday, call Perri Mathis, 831-2217, or Judy Stanley, 652-4821.



To our incomparable bakers—lots of your special goodies are needed for the Bake Sale. If you cannot deliver them to the church, Aleita, (274-0089) will pick them up for you.

We are also accepting white elephant items, household goods and more. Renee (737-9899) will pick up white elephant items; call Judy (652-4821) or Barry (299-2746) for larger items.



TRAVEL TIME

Make your reservations by the May 8th deadline for the day trip to Discovery Park in Union City, TN, on June 16. The cost is \$59.50. Brochures are on the bulletin board outside the kitchen or call Carolyn, 861-0841, for all the details.

Coming up

Aug. 13 - Bass Pro at the Pyramid
 Oct. 13-16 - Autumn in the Ozarks
 Dec. 1-4 - Branson, MO Christmas Tour



THINKING ABOUT SUMMER CAMP?

Lakeshore Camping Season begins May 25 with Elementary Camp #1 and continues through July 27 for ages 7-18. You may contact them by email at office@lakeshoreuma.com or phone at 731-584-6102, or call Aleita Tutor at 274-0089.

UMW NEWS
MTSO to present
"United Methodist Women's History:
Voices Lost and Found"

United Methodist Women will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2019. In preparation for this sesqui-centennial, Methodist Theological School in Ohio will host a conference May 28-30, to consider the current state of historical research on UMW and to identify areas in need of further research.

Dr. Dana L. Robert, speaker, historian, teacher, author, and member of the Committee on Faith and Order for the United Methodist Church, will be the opening speaker at the conference. Her research and teaching interests span the fields of mission history, the history of world Christianity, and mission theology. She is currently Truman Collins Professor of World Christianity and History of Mission as well as director of the Center for Global Christianity and Mission at Boston University School of Theology.

Papers will be presented covering home and foreign mission, the effect of the work on women and communities, significant figures in the history of UMW and deaconess history.

A registration fee of \$90 covers all conference activities, Friday meals and Saturday breakfast. There is a preferred rate, by request, at two local hotels, for conference attendees.

You may contact Sarah Lancaster at 740-362-3360 or slancaster@mtso.edu, if you are interested or want more information?

ASBURY'S 'YOUNG AT HEART'
PLANS OUTING

Instead of the usual potluck lunch, Young at Heart will meet on Monday, May 18, and travel to Christ UMC for lunch and the season finale of the First Generation Singers. The cost for lunch is approximately \$5 and reservations are needed by May 13. All are welcome. Please contact Debbie Williams at 901-355-5397, to make a reservation.

FOOD PANTRY AT ASBURY NEEDS HELP

If you are available just one Thursday a month, or any Thursday from 9a.m. until Noon, you are needed to help staff the Food Pantry. Please contact Mary Lou Minor, 362-3641, at your earliest convenience.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Lloyd C. McDougal in remembrance of his birthday on May 5

By Carolyn McDougal



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.



MUFFINS FOR MOM - MAY 10th

Join us as we celebrate our Moms on Mother's Day, May 10th, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45. Please bring pictures of Mom to share with our church family, and be sure to put her name and yours with the photos.

As in the past, you may give an honorarium or memorial in Mom's name or that of a special lady, be she Nana, Auntie, sister or loving friend. If you wish, you may designate your gifts to any fund you choose. Forms are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary or use the form below.

HONOR THY MOTHER

... or a special woman in your life by giving a gift in her name. A special insert will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin listing those honored. Please complete this form, enclose payment, and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please place gift(s) in Hon/Mem Fund or _____ Fund


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May 2015

Pastor: Dr. Herbert L. Lester, Jr.
 Outreach Min: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz
 Youth Min: Rev. Milton W. Craft, Jr.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 May Friendship Day Offices Closed	2 8a-2p Spring Fling 9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc. 
3 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship	4 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline  6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	5 Cinco de Mayo 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	6 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 10:50p One Harvest Order Deadline	7 National Day of Prayer 8a-3p Willow Oaks Screening 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 7:00p Festival of Cultures Planning Meeting	8 8a-3p Willow Oaks Screening Offices Closed	9 9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc.
10 Mother's Day 10:15a Sunday School  10:45a Muffins for Mom 11:30a Worship	11 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	12 10:00a Koinonia Group 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury 7:00p Love/Hope Group	13 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	14 Ascension Day 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 11:00a Meet at Church for trip to Botanic Gardens & Lunch	15 Offices Closed	16 Armed Forces Day  9:00a AFLS 1:00p One Harvest Distribution @ Asbury 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc.
17 Ascension Sunday 10:15a Sunday School  11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship	18 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	19 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	20 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 	21 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	22 Offices Closed	23 9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc.
24 Pentecost Aldersgate Day 10:15a Sunday School  11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship	25 Memorial Day  Observed Offices Closed 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	26 Noon News Deadline 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	27 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	28 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury	29 Offices Closed	30 7a-1p Asbury Community Flea Market  9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc.
31 Trinity Sunday 10:15a Sunday School  11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship	June 1 Annual Conference	June 2 Jackson, TN	June 3			✠ Invite ✠ someone to church



FOOD PANTRY FOR MAY
Canned or Powdered Milk
Canned Fruit



Did You Know.....

May 24, or the nearest Sunday, is Aldersgate Day? This celebrates our founder, John Wesley's life-changing experience at a meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, May 24, 1738 - the place he felt his "heart strangely warmed".

Happy Birthday!



Happy Anniversary

- May 1 Norma Park
- 3 Becky Graves
- 5 Joan Oyoo
- 5 Agnes Broyles
- 6 Mike Kelly
- 10 Linsy Gordillo
- 12 Michael Florow
- 12 Ian Lee
- 13 Henry Blanks
- 14 Alexzandria Craft
- 15 Richard Mann, Jr.
- 15 Barry Pilkinton
- 21 Brooke Anderson
- 24 Wanda King
- 28 Emmett Smith
- 30 Gail Wilson
- 31 Chris Bond

- May 16 Ben & Pat Carr
- 19 Bruce & Lisa Hughes
- 21 Brad & Jennifer Weaver
- 25 Barry & Perri Mathis

ASSISTING IN MAY

- Greeters** Ana Deekae
Barine Deekae
- Liturgist** Bruce Hughes
- Scripture** Renee Little
Judy Stanley
Tom Lockhart
Rose Oyoo
Peggy Brightwell
- Children's Time**..... Goyo De la Cruz
- Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

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

Memphis In May Salutes Poland

