

OUR PRAYERS

Poplar Point Rehab
Tom Boillot 116A

Special Prayers for
...kidnapped girls
from Nigeria

Dyersburg Rehab
Jack Baker

...earthquake victims in
Nepal

Applingwood Rehab
Mary Grace Petty

...flood victims in Texas

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 Sympathy. love and prayers go out to
...Angie Ellis Conrad and the Ellis family in the loss of
their husband and son-in-law, John Conrad III
...Families and friends of Maddie Kruse and Rachel
Lynch

OUR PRESENCE

May 31

Church School	46
Sunday Worship	73
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS

May 31

Offering	\$ 1,910
Month to Date	\$ 10,391

OUR SERVICE

June 7, 2015

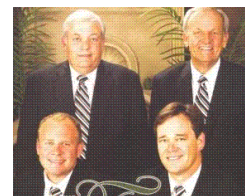
Greeters	Ginny Lawrence Wayne Lawrence
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Lisa Hughes
Children's Time	Rev. Milton Craft
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

June Scripture Readers

14 Peggy Brightwell
21 Jane Hight
28 Faith Gbeneneh

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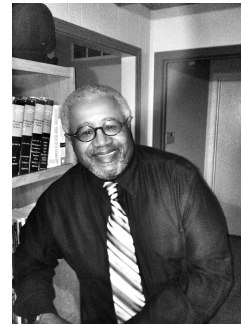
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THE WRITE REVEREND



As I metaphorically put pen to paper (really I am on a Mac putting fingers to keyboard!) and compose this last "Write Reverend" at Aldersgate, I am reminded of one of the great hymns of the church and the events that inspired its writing. The hymn is John Fawcett's "Blest Be the Tie." Fawcett wrote this hymn in response to his last minute decision not to leave the small and poor church he and his wife had faithfully served for a more lucrative position and prestigious pulpit in London. As they loaded the last wagon with their possessions, his wife, as the story goes, told him she felt they ought not leave this parish. Fawcett agreed and they ordered the wagon unloaded and their furniture was joyously returned to the house. Fawcett sent a letter to the church in London, saying he could not come. Fawcett had begun his journey with Christ as a Methodist, but later joined the Baptist church where he had the luxury of deciding personally his place of service. Our itinerant system does not give us that luxury, but the itinerancy does not

limit forming relationships that transcend place and time and bind us together in Christian love. The last verse of this great hymn says:

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

We often have little or no control over the daily challenges we face. We do, however, have some say over how we respond to those circumstances. Our faith does not leave us without resources in dealing with sadness when we are called to part and go our different ways. Horatio Spafford, a devout Chicago lawyer, was inspired to write some of the most memorable lines in our tradition at the spot where his four daughters went down with the ship they traveled in to Europe:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when storm clouds like sea billows roll;

whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul

Finally, I would share the words of Memphis schoolteacher Lucy E. Campbell, inspired by an encounter with a homeless man on a cold and snowy day. Ms. Campbell says the man was wrapped in rags and sat on the curb, playing a beautiful and captivating melody on a harmonica. She asked him: "How can you play like that, sitting here in the cold, wrapped in rags?" "I don't know," said the man, "its just something within me." Inspired by this encounter, Ms. Campbell wrote:

Have you that something, that burning desire? Have you that something, that never doth tire?

Oh, if you have it - that Heavenly Fire! Then let the world know there is something within.

Something within, that holdeth the reins, Something within, that banishes pain;

Something within me I cannot explain, All that I know there is something within.

Herbert

Scriptures for the week: I Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-5); Psalm 138; II Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Sun. 6/7 10:15a Sunday School
11:00a Parish Worship Service
12:00p Fish Fry & Farewell for Brother Herbert

Mon. 6/8 Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 6/9 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury

Wed. 6/10 **NO Morning Bible Study** - Come to the meeting on the 17th
NO Youth Fellowship
NO Fellowship or Study
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 6/11 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury

Fri. 6/12 Offices Closed

Sat. 6/13 9:00a AFLS
10 to 2 Camp Aldersgate Family VBS - "Feel the Love"
 6:00p Spanish Worship Service

Sun. 6/14 10:15a Sunday School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p UMW Unit Meeting and Salad Pot Luck Lunch

CHANGES TO NOTE

...on the June monthly calendar:
 June 14 12:30p UMW Unit Meeting with Salad Pot Luck Lunch will be held
 NO Youth on June 3rd and 10th
 NO Worship Meeting on June 7th

BIDDING BROTHER HERBERT FAREWELL
 Sunday, June 7, join us at a Fish Fry, right after worship. Aldersgate will host one **parish** worship service at **11:00 a.m.** The Fish Fry will follow at Noon and give you a chance to say your good-byes to Brother Herbert. If you have not made your reservations, please call the office, 683-8861, ASAP!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Are you viewing life with human expectations or with spiritual perspective?

INTRODUCTORY MEETING FOR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
 ...on June 17, 10 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Meet Dr. Finzel and give her your thoughts about our summer course of study. All are welcome. There will be **NO WEDNESDAY MORNING OR EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on June 3 & 10.

WE STILL WANT MORE!!!

...Recipes For Our 60th Anniversary Cookbook
 Dear Church Family,
 You are doing a little better. The recipes are still trickling in but, WE STILL WANT MORE! Please turn recipes in at the office or to Aleita Tutor, either by hand or by email.

Office email: office@agumc.org
 Aleita email: rdeantutor@bellsouth.net
 Thank You and Waiting Expectantly,
 Your Cook Book Editor

THANK YOU NOTES

Many thanks to Tom Lockhart, Jimmie Bedwell, Dean Tutor, Cathy Boice and Mary Robbins for changing bulbs and cleaning light fixtures in the Sanctuary. Have you noticed the change?
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Precious, Sweet Friends,
 Thank you so very much for your generosity to Golden Cross Senior Ministries. You make a kingdom difference. Blessings always,
 Cynthia (Dr. Cynthia Davis)



CAMP ALDERSGATE VBS TO ASSIST UMCOR WITH AID

The cleaning buckets that the United Methodist Committee on Relief provides in emergencies are essential to clean-up after a flood or other disasters. As our Outreach Project at Camp Aldersgate Family VBS, we will be filling 'cleaning buckets' to assist UMCOR. Lists of needed items are on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Cash is also welcome to purchase items not donated. We appreciate your generous response and invite everyone to join us on June 13, from 10 to 2, for our "Feel the Love" Family VBS. To volunteer as a leader or helper, please contact Perri Mathis by email at bamathis@att.net or by phone at 831-2217.



UMW NEWS
 June Unit Meeting - Sunday, June 14, 12:30p
 Salad Pot Luck Lunch
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 To be counted as a reader for this year's Reading Program, you must read at least 5 books from the reading list - 1 from each category:
 Education for Mission
 Leadership Development
 Nurturing for Community
 Social Action
 Spiritual Growth

 We have a great selection in the church library: "Good God, Lousy World & Me" by Holly Burkhalter; "Sum It Up" by Pat Summit; "Americanah" by Chimamanda Adichie; "Not Just A Pretty Face" by Stacy Malkan; "Finding Joy in a Bag of Groceries" by Laura L. Willis; "Shopping" by Michelle A. Gonzalez, and many others. Don't wait too long. Time runs out in August to be counted for this year.

GREETERS NEEDED

You can help! We have greeter vacancies in July, September, October and November which need to be filled. Please sign up on the office window.

SHAKE A HAND - OFFER A SMILE

Our Hispanic Ministry is looking for greeters, care givers and helpers in the bilingual programs on Saturday evenings, and event coordinators and Sunday School helpers. You **do not** need to speak Spanish to help. Please contact Brother Goyo for all the details. He can be reached by cell phone at 601-496-1297 or by email at goyodelacruz@gmail.com.

TRAVEL TIME

Trip to Bass Pro! August 13, we have a day trip to the new Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid. The cost is \$29.50. Please see the brochures on the bulletin board.
Autumn in Arkansas - October 12-15 Plan now for the fall foliage tour to northeast Arkansas. Accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn. Deposit of \$100 due by June 26. Call Carolyn, 861-0841, for details on both trips.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Honorarium Fund**
 In honor of our graduates, Daniel Boice, Lynn Coffman and Gaby Gordillo by Carolyn McDougal

JUNE IS GOLDEN CROSS MONTH

The "Golden Cross Basket", across from the Sunday School office, is waiting to be filled by our generous members. Lists of needed items are on the tables outside the Sanctuary, on the office window and on the back of the June monthly calendar in the May 27th edition of *The Flame*. Your gifts to Golden Cross Ministries make the lives of many seniors so much easier. They won't have to choose between food or medications or other essentials. What a blessing you are to these older citizens. Thank you so much.



HONORING DAD

Although we will forego our Donuts for Dad on Sunday, June 21, and attend Asbury to welcome Dr. Virginia Finzel, you do still have the opportunity to honor Dad with a gift to our church in his name. Forms are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary or use the one below.



HONOR THY FATHER

... or a special man in your life by giving an honorarium or memorial in his name. Please complete this form 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 Honorarium/Memorial Fund or _____ Fund