

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 8/13 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Spaghetti Lunch Fund-raiser for Scholarship Fund and Church-wide Birthday Bash
- Mon. 8/14 12:00p Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 8/15 8:30a Mission Study Registration and Refreshments
9a-2p UMW Geographic Mission Study: Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States
- Wed. 8/16 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 8/17 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry
6:00p **Asbury** UM Men
- Fri. 8/18 Offices Closed
Deadline to enroll for the Citizen Police Academy
- Sat. 8/19 No Activities
- Sun. 8/20 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
- Mon. 8/21 Solar Eclipse Day



!! REMEMBER !!

...our Spaghetti Lunch Scholarship Fundraiser and the Church-wide Birthday Party are Sunday, August 13. Lunch is 'free' for your donation to the Scholarship Fund. Dessert will be Birthday Cake! **There are still many months without birthday sponsors:** January, February, March, June, August, September and November and May needs a birthday cake. Which one sounds right for YOU?

THANK YOU

My Friends,
Thank you for keeping my niece, Clover Lauth, in your prayers. The reports from my sister and mother regarding Clover are very positive. Clover has a baby brother due August 18, and while all signs are positive for a good new-sibling adjustment, we're realistic that such a change in a family with a toddler with autism could cause a few issues. I'd really appreciate your adding Clover's family to your prayer list.

Thanks so much,
Rebeca

MPD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY 2017

Enroll now to participate in the Memphis Police Department's Citizen Police Academy which will begin September 5, 2017. Take advantage of a fascinating opportunity to become a valued partner with the MPD by becoming a distinguished graduate of this worthwhile law enforcement educational awareness program. Enrollment is open to all citizens for this 9 week training program. **The deadline to enroll is August 18, 2017.** Applications are available on the table outside the church office.

RUMMAGE SALE

To Benefit Colonial Park Youth

Saturday, August 19 - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tons of brand name clothes, electronics, computers, jewelry, toys, furniture, artwork, collectibles, CD's movies, books and lots of other great items.

**** Specials ****

\$5 plastic bag of clothes (no other items)

Furniture goes half price at 12:30.

All remaining merchandise is \$5 per paper sack full

Colonial Park UMC
5330 Park Ave

Answers to

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE WORDS

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UMW Reading Report Due August 15

I've collected the check-out books from the library and will submit the info soon. If you have read a book that didn't make the notebooks, please let me know by Friday, August 11.

Thank you,
Rebeca

UMW Mission Study August 15

Join us for "Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the U.S.", our geographic Mission Study this year. Men are welcome to attend, and bring a friend or two.

We ask your help in providing juice, fruit and sweets for breakfast and finger sandwiches, chips, and salads for lunch. Call Lana at 626-9977 to let her know what you will bring. Beverages will be provided. Registration begins at 8:30a, the program at 9. See you there!

**Conference Social Action Day
Saturday, August 26**

...to be held at Aldersgate-Jackson, 1050 N. Parkway, Jackson, TN. Choose from 3 workshops: Human Trafficking; Maternal & Child Health; Bullying/Teen Suicide, lead by Marissa Castellanos, Dr. Debra Selby and Kimberly Yeiter, respectively. The fee of \$10 includes a box lunch and the deadline to register is Tuesday, Aug. 22. Forms are available on line or on the table outside the church office.



Okay, fellas, don't forget the ABBA Conference, presented by Memphis Conference United Methodist Men, at First UMC, 200 S. Church St., Jackson, TN, on Saturday, August 12. Check in at 9:00 a.m., program at 10:00a.m. Open to both laity and clergy. Bishop Bill McAllilly will lead the worship service. The fee of \$20 is payable at check-in. For more information, please contact Frank Holbrook at frankmh52@charter.net or 731-514-3080

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Marcelle Farrow by

- Carolyn McDougal
- Jim & Carol Florow
- Lorelle Woodard
- Jimmy & Jane Hight
- Joyce Kernodle

In memory of Paul DeLong by

- Jim & Carol Florow

Maintenance Fund

In memory of Paul DeLong by

- Joyce Kernodle



FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST

Hot or Cold Cereal
Cash is also welcome.
Thank you.

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

ROCK FOR LOVE

...a music event presented by Church Health is Aug. 18-19 in collaboration with the grand opening of Crosstown Concourse. All events are free with a suggested donation of \$10 to help support Church Health. Log on to churchhealth.org/events for info.



SOLAR ECLIPSE - AUGUST 21

Be sure to wear protective glasses through the entire eclipse, which will take 2 hours and 58 minutes, beginning at 11:52 a.m. The maximum eclipse to be seen in Memphis will be at 1:22 p.m. For 'total eclipse' places along its path, visit eclipse2017.org. There won't be another total solar eclipse until April 8, 2024.

OUR PRAYERS

- Our Ministers
- Our Church
- Our Leaders
- Our Ministry Teams
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Homebound
- Our College Students
- Our Missionaries
- Our Police Dept.
- Our Fire Dept.
- Our City
- Our Military

Hospice Care

Boyd Pilkinton

Special Prayers for

- ...Clover Lauth & family
- ...immigrants & families
- ...disaster victims
- ...the remaining kidnapped Nigerian girls

Homebound and Assisted Care

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| Martha Allen | June Burton | Carolyn Escue |
| Ray Escue | Mava Dell Fry | Earl Galloway |
| Janie Heflin | Doris Hight | Marie Hughes |
| Wayne Lawrence | Ted Lewis | Betty Ray |
| Bernice Shelby | Emmett Smith | Betty Smithmier |
| Martha Wallace | | |

OUR PRESENCE - August 6

Sunday School 45
Worship 72

OUR GIFTS - August 6

Offering \$ 4,879
Month to Date \$ 4,879
YTD \$ 80,365

OUR SERVICE - August 13

Greeters.....Dorothy Christiansen
Audrey Weaver

Liturgist.....Jay Finzel

Scripture.....Judy Stanley

Children's Time.....Andrew Baker

Lock-up.....Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

20 Byron Gudiel
27 Andrew Baker

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



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

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| Kristen Boggs | Jim Brazile | Brenda Brazile |
| Peggy Brightwell | Melissa Cole | Jaunay Davis |
| Miriam Davis | Corella Edwards | Gordillo Family |
| Shanon Groves | John Hight | Kay Hudak |
| Patty Hudak | Jeff Irwin | Dennis LeClear |
| Ursula Lewis | Mary Lockhart | John Mason |
| Bill McClain | Jesse McClerkin | Teresa McMullin |
| Lou Ella Morris | Richard Morris | Joe Moseley |
| Karen Mosley | Becky Pennington | Vic Petty |
| Ruth Pilkinton | Moira Pomije | Jamie Proctor |
| Wade Reeves | Stephanie Roberts | Billy Smith |
| Brad Weaver | David Weaver | Shannon Weaver |
| Charlie Whitaker | Margie Williamson | Kristine Young |

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God and I Like Apples

by Bob Valleau

I was a part-time church leader in youth ministry for ten years. I helped teenagers understand God's love for them. Occasionally, I would volunteer to teach Sunday school to younger kids. One time, a seven-year-old girl walked up to me after class and asked, "Mr. Baloo, what would you do if I died?"

My heart sank. I couldn't believe what I was hearing from a such a young, beautiful girl.

Before answering, I squatted before her and looked into her big blue eyes. I wondered what would cause her to ask such an important question. Perhaps she had a difficult home life, or maybe she was being bullied at school or she just didn't like herself.

"I would be very, very sad because I care about you, and so does God," I said. "Did you know God says you are the apple of His eye?"

"Apple? I like apples. What does that mean?" "It means He thinks you're special. You are one-of-a-kind. There is no one else in the world exactly like you. Let me ask, how do you feel when you give someone a picture you drew or colored?"

"I feel good. I feel happy."

That's exactly how God felt when He created you. Now, every time He sees you, He smiles. He drew you perfectly, and He colored your life with people who care about you."

"Oh. Okay."

I think she understood what I was saying, and I was satisfied.

When her mom arrived, she ran to her and said, "Guess what, Mommy? "What, darling?" "God and I like apples."

Blessings,

Virginia

You, too, are one of a kind, the apple of God's eye!

Scripture Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33