

## OUR PRAYERS

### Baptist Memorial

Becky Roberts ICU

### Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

### Allenbrooke NH/Rehab

Bill Whitaker 206

### At Home

Aleita Tutor  
Earl Galloway

### Forest Cove NH

Chris Simmons 129

Lynda Park  
Terry Williamson

### Special Prayers for

....kidnapped girls from Nigeria

## OUR PRESENCE

### October 12

Church School	46
Worship	64
Visitors	13

## OUR GIFTS

### October 12

This Week's Offering	\$ 3,718
MTD	\$ 7,508
Apportionments TD	\$ 7,090

## OUR SERVICE

### October 19, 2014

<b>Greeters</b>	Barine Deekae Rose Oyoo
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Lisa Hughes
<b>Children's Time</b>	Ed Stanley
<b>Lock-up</b>	Emmett Parrish

## OUR WITNESS

### October Scripture Readers

26 Tom Lockhart

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



# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

# The



# Flame

Phone: (901) 683-8861

E-mail: [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org)

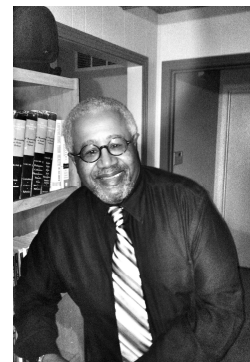
Fax: (901) 683-1374

Website: [www.agumc.org](http://www.agumc.org)

October 15, 2014

Volume 59 Issue 42

## THE WRITE REVEREND



If 50 is the new 30, then I must be about 46 years olds. I wish somebody would let my body know! Seriously, I love my life right now, 66 years and all. But I am ever more conscious of the reality that each and every day matters. The words of an old Dinah Washington song keep coming to mind:

What a difference a day makes  
Twenty-four little hours  
Brought the sun and the flowers  
Where there used to be rain

For those of us who follow Jesus, its Jesus that makes the difference in our lives; its Jesus that gives our lives meaning and direction. As part of my devotion this morning, I read the 139<sup>th</sup> number of Psalms. In it, the author expresses his realization of how much God loves him and how God has known him since the moment of his conception. He realizes that he is "fearfully and wonderfully made." He also realizes that there is no place he can go where God is not already there. The Apostle Paul expresses much the same sentiments in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans, where he writes:

"Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture. . . . None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us." The Message

I recently heard a women, 29 years old, suffering from brain cancer, share her story and her reasons for choosing to end her own life. She wanted to die with dignity and spare herself anymore of the tremendous pain and suffering she was already experiencing and which she and her family knew would get worse. I have seen families have to make this kind of decision. I don't know what I would do in her shoes and my prayers are with her and her family. I do know, however, that not even death can separate us from the love of our God in Christ Jesus our Lord, and that God's love for us is always with us. What a difference a day makes!

Scriptures for the week: *Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22*

THE FLAME is a publication of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The newsletter is published weekly. Please contact your local Postmaster if you are having difficulty with delivery



### GOING PLACES

**Ozark Mountain Christmas - December 2-5**  
There are still a few spaces available for this Christmas tour to Branson, MO. Enjoy this special chance to see the live play of "Jonah" at the Sight & Sound Theater. We have arranged a special behind the scenes to see hoe these beautiful productions are produced. There is an 80' whale on stage! Additional Christmas shows, light and decorations make this a special tour. Brochures are on the bulletin board or you may call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for information.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The golden cord of God's faithfulness winds its way through our lives each day. Believe in His promises

### CONNECTIONAL TABLE TO HOST HUMAN SEXUALITY LIVE STREAM

You may join panelists from the Council of Bishops on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m.–10:00a.m. as they discuss their perspectives on human sexuality and you may ask questions via the internet. For complete information, you may contact Ashley Boggan at [aboggan@umc.org](mailto:aboggan@umc.org) or call 773-714-1517. To view the event live stream, go to: <http://umc.org/connectional-table-webcast> on the day of the event.



### "SHOES FOR LAKESHORE" DEADLINE APPROACHING

There is still time for you to clean out your closet of those shoes you just don't wear anymore and donate them to Lakeshore. The more the better. Funds2Orgs will pay Lakeshore for every pair of new or gently used shoes donated. Children and adult sizes are needed. There is a collection bin outside the church office. The deadline is October 26. Let's put our best 'feet' forward and give Lakeshore our shoes!

### UMW NEWS

**Do You Know...**that our very own United Methodist Neighborhood Centers is a United Way recipient? ...that you can make a pledge to United Way and designate it for UMNC? ...that if you designate UMNC you should spell out the name, not use the initials? Many companies have a matching program for your donations to United Way, which makes your gifts even better. Check with the personnel office. UMNC needs our support and this is a great way to help! Pledge sheets are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary.

### FOOD PANTRY FOR OCTOBER

Green Beans, Corn, Cake Mix, Frosting



### ADVENT IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

We are planning a special study during the Sunday School hour with all the adult classes joining together during the five Sundays of Advent, beginning November 30 (First Sun. of Advent). We will have teachers from each adult class. The title is "Not a Silent Night", written by Adam Hamilton. This story is a witness of the life and ministry of Jesus through the eyes of his mother. It is very unique in that it begins with the crucifixion and goes backwards to Jesus' birth. You will not want to miss a single session. You may place an order for the book by writing a check to Aldersgate for eleven dollars. Please indicate 'Advent Book' in the memo line. Place your checks in the offering plate or take them by the church office. Please order by November 16.

### THE UPPER ROOM

...for November/December is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary.



### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Join us for a cup of coffee from the kitchen then visit with your friends in the Fellowship Hall.



### LOST

My computer glasses must have gotten lonesome while I was away and decided to look for company. If they have visited any of you, would you please tell them to come back home. They live near the monitor on my desk. I'm back now and I really miss them. Thank you so much.



Kathy

### NEW ADDRESS FOR OLD FRIENDS

Rick & Rebeca Ernst  
4775 Fillmore Street North  
Keizer, Oregon 97303

This is now their 'official' address. They would love to hear from you.

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Our Harvest Dinner is November 16th!

We will have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner together after the morning worship service. It will be catered by Mary Proctor, Aldersgate's favorite cook. It will consist of all our favorite foods for the season and a special children's menu will be provided. Reservations will be a must, as the meal is catered. Look for the sign-up sheet on the office window around October 26.

### HAVE YOU HEARD OF 'GENERAL TRANSFORMATION'?

General Transformation is a group of young adults using their faith to address injustice and work for systemic change around the world. GT is an initiative of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries offering service opportunities for young adults ages 18-30. "GT is for all who are willing to go and ready to respond to God's call." says Rachel deBos of Global Ministries. Three programs are offered for those interested:  
~ Global Mission Fellows (ages 20 to 30) —2 years mission service with local communities globally  
~ Global Justice Volunteers (ages 18-30) - 10 weeks during summer working with grassroots organizations globally.  
~ Individual Volunteers for singles and couples, offers two month to two year service at sites around the world, including the United States.  
~ Learn more at [www.umcmmission.org/GT](http://www.umcmmission.org/GT).

### LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 10/19 **9:15a Worship Committee Mtg.**  
9:45a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship  
12:15p UMW Executive Mtg. for Goals, Budget & Program
- Mon. 10/20 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 10/21 6:00p Cub Scouts
- Wed. 10/22 10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate  
6:00p Fellowship & Study  
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 10/23 9a-12p Food Pantry Open at Asbury
- Fri. 10/24 Offices Closed
- Sat. 10/25 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 10/26 **9:00a Finance Committee Mtg.**  
9:45a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship  
12:30p Sip & See Mary Bierbrodt  
Deadline for Shoes for Lakeshore

### TAKE NOTE

#### Meetings Announced

~ The Worship Committee will meet this Sunday, October 19, at 9:15 a.m.

~ The Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, October 26, at 9:00 a.m.

### TAAUMCAUMMGT IS THIS SATURDAY

The time has come for our annual Golf Tournament. Have you signed up? Give Dean Tutor a call, 901-301-2819, for all the info.



### CHURCH HEALTH CENTER TO BENEFIT FROM MASQUERADE BALL

Phillip Ashley Chocolates will present the inaugural Masquerade Charity Ball on Oct. 31 at the Pink Palace Mansion, 3050 Central Ave. Proceeds will benefit the Church Health Center. For tickets, please visit [MemphisMasquerade.com](http://MemphisMasquerade.com).