

## OUR PRAYERS

<b>Baptist Rehab</b> Earl Galloway 118	<b>Special Prayers</b> for ...kidnapped girls from Nigeria
<b>Paterson, NJ</b> Irvin Scheirer	...earthquake victims in Ne- pal
<b>At Home</b> Bernard Rainey	...flood victims in Texas ...hurricane victims in Mexico

## Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Jack Eaton
Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin
Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley	Doris Palazzini
Mary Grace Petty	Jane Pifer	Betty Ray
Bernice Shelby	Darwin Shipley Sr.	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

## OUR PRESENCE - October 25

Sunday School	No Classes
Worship	188
Visitors	75

## OUR GIFTS - October 25

Offering	\$ 2,813
Month to Date	\$ 11,819
Apportionments To Date	\$ 6,776

## OUR SERVICE - November 1

<b>Greeters</b>	Jane Hight Betty Jones
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Rose Oyoo
<b>Children's Time</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Lock-up</b>	Tom Lockhart

## OUR WITNESS

### November Scripture Readers

8	Dean Tutor
15	Nubari Deekae
22	Judy Stanley
29	Faith Gbeneneh



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## Pastor's Ponderings

### A Christian perspective on Halloween

Since the eighth century Christians have celebrated All Saints' Day on November 1 to celebrate the known and unknown Christian Saints. Saints are not just those whom the Church has canonized, but all members of that "cloud of witnesses" who proclaim Jesus as Lord - including you and me!

As old as the celebration of All Saints' Day is, the tradition associated with All Hallow's Eve. ("Hallows" means "saints," both mean "holy ones," as in "Hallowed be thy name." "Eve" means the evening before.) So, Halloween means "the evening before All Holy Ones' Day." Today we call that festival Halloween (Hallow's Eve) and we have many fun, secular ways of recognizing it in addition to religious ways. However, it's important to remember that its celebration has a long, positive history in the Church.

What sort of history is that? Like many of the liturgical festivals (Christmas and Easter included), All Saints' Day and All Hallow's Eve have some connection to pagan festivals. People of many races and cultures have remembered their dead and have had superstitions about death itself. Christians remembered death itself on All Hallow's Eve and celebrated Christ's victory over death. During the Middle Ages, Christians would gather in Churches for worship and they would remember the saints' victories over evil. Likewise they would put on little displays showing Jesus' victory over Satan, often using unusual masks and costumes to act out the story.

Thus, the festivities on All Hallow's Eve were the Christian's way of laughing at death and evil, something we can do in certain hope of Christ's victory over the powers of darkness. The Church for centuries, however, has seen All Hallow's Eve not as a glorification of evil, but as a chance to affirm eternal life in the face of the death of our mortal bodies. Just as Easter is a celebration of Jesus' victory over death and evil, so is Halloween!

(Copied Internet source)

Blessings always,  
Virginia

**Scriptures:** Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

Sun. 11/1 **LOOKING AHEAD**  
 Did you set back your clocks?  
**All Saints Sunday**  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
**Potluck Cancelled**  
**Consultation Cancelled**

Mon. 11/2 10:00a Church Women United @  
 Buntyn Presbyterian  
 Noon Newsletter Deadline  
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 11/3 No Activities

Wed. 11/4 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**  
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 11/5 9-Noon Food Pantry @ **Asbury**  
 10:00a Bible Study  
 5:00p Girl Scouts  
 7:00p Parish Council Mtg.

Fri. 11/6 Offices Closed

Sat. 11/7 9:00a AFLS  
 6:00p Spanish Service and  
 Children/Youth Fellowship  
 at **El Redentor/Asbury**

Sun. 11/8 Veterans Day Recognition  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
 12:30p Trustees Meeting

**SET CLOCKS BACK**

...1 hour on Saturday night, October 31.



**VIEW THE ROOF**

Celebrate with us the installation of a new, 20 year, \$45,000 roof on the Marshall Jennings portion of our church, and thank your Trustees for negotiating the cost down to \$42,000. On Sunday, November 1, you are invited to see the roof through the access door in Room 208. You won't have to set one foot on a ladder or even go outside, if you don't want to. Further details about addressing the cost will be coming soon.

**MEETING CANCELLED**  
 There will be **NO** Pot Luck Lunch  
 and **NO** Consultation Meeting  
 on November 1.



**ITS NOT TOO LATE!**

You may still order **Anniversary Polos** with the special logo. Shirts come in men's and ladies sizes, small to 3X, and are just \$19.99. (All shirts are the same price, no extra charge for larger sizes). For children, please order a ladies small. You may fill out a form available on the tables outside the Sanctuary, call the office, 683-8861, or email us at [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org), to place your order.

**ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS**

...are now available at the church, and still only \$15. What a great Christmas gift for those cooks you know. Whether they are well versed in the art or just learning, this will be a wonderful addition to their culinary repertoire. Please make checks out to Aleita Tutor.



**JOIN US ON YOUTUBE**

Do you know you can view our worship services on YouTube? The channel can be found on YouTube using Aldersgate UMC Memphis. Enjoy many photos and postings, thanks to Barry & Tyler Pilkinton. Coming soon...photos of our 60th anniversary celebration.

**THE FLEA MARKET AT ASBURY**

Rent a booth, volunteer your services, or get more information from Debbie Williams, 901-355-5397.

The date: Saturday, November 7

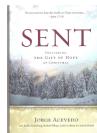
The time: 7 am — 2 pm.

and it will be **inside!** Booth rental is \$20.

The time is NOW to sign up.

**ADVENT STUDY BEGINS NOV. 12**

"Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas", will be our study this year. Join us for this 5 week journey to discover how, where and why we are sent. God is calling us to be signposts for others!



**THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Aldersgate Congregation,  
 Thank you so much for the gift bag we found on my desk Sunday morning. It just made the glorious day of celebration of the 60th anniversary of Aldersgate even sweeter. We appreciate the book and the restaurant gift card—and we are so grateful for the beautiful card and sweet sentiment expressed in it. Thank you so much!

In Christian love,  
 Virginia & Jay

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Dear Friends,  
 Aldersgate is always there when we need you. Thank you for your calls, cards, prayers and concern. Thank you for reminding us what Christian friends do. Richard finished his last treatment on October 15 and is doing really well. God bless each of you. Thank you for being there.

Love,  
 Richard and Frances Morris

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**A Glimpse of Heaven**

Words cannot express what happened at Aldersgate on October 25th! We celebrated our 60th anniversary and it was SO much fun! We celebrated our Lord and Savior, we celebrated all of our ministers, we celebrated those charter members who took the first "leaps of faith" in believing something special could happen on this sweet little corner, we celebrated former and current members, we celebrated in song and in worship, then we celebrated and visited as we enjoyed a fabulous lunch! When I think about heaven, this very familiar hymn comes to mind..."When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!" I'm pretty sure I saw a glimpse of heaven on Sunday, connecting with some of our sweetest friends from the past, and enjoying the blessing of many new friends. Aldersgate....there IS and has ALWAYS been a "Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place"!

Much love and gratitude to all,  
 Perri Mathis

**DO UNTO OTHERS**

Matthew 7:12

**Food Pantry for November**

A complete basket or any of these items:  
 2 cranberry sauce 2 canned corn  
 2 green beans 2 bags stuffing  
 1 large can yams 12 oz. instant potatoes  
 1 box powdered milk 1 small instant coffee  
 4/5 lbs. sugar 4/5 lbs. flour  
 48 oz. canola oil 40 oz. biscuit mix  
 1 cake mix 1 can frosting  
 1 box family-size tea bags  
 \$15 Kroger Gift Card

**Grace Place**

Yarn (especially Christmas colors) Stamps  
**Birthday** Cards Aida Cloth Embroidery Thread  
 Subscriptions to the Upper Room  
 These items may be placed in the shiny, blue box outside the office. Thank you.



**NOVEMBER BINGO TO BENEFIT GOLDEN CROSS**

Join us November 12 to play Bingo and bring smiles to the faces of Wesley residents. We'll have all the fun of playing Bingo then get to donate our prizes to Golden Cross. Some suggestions for what to bring as prizes:

combs & brushes, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, shower caps, tooth brushes, toothpaste, hand soap, peanut butter, soup, juice, canned meat, fruits and vegetables, paper goods and household cleaners, postage stamps, aspirin and Tylenol.

We will be having a soup and sandwich lunch of Lana's wonderful, homemade chicken soup and sharing the sandwiches you bring (please bring at least two). Dessert will be provided. See you at 11:30 on Nov. 12th...or...at 10:30 at Bible Study!

**PARISH COUNCIL TO MEET**  
 ...on Thursday, November 5, at 7 p.m.

# Aldersgate UMC



# November 2015

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
<b>1 All Saints Sunday</b> 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service		<b>2</b> 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian  Noon News Deadline  6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury		<b>3</b>		<b>4</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury  6:45p Choir Rehearsal		<b>5</b> 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study  5:00p Girl Scouts 7:00p Parish Council Mtg.		<b>6</b>  Offices Closed		<b>7</b> <b>7:00a Indoor Flea Market @ Asbury</b>  9:00a Art For Life's Sake  6:00p Spanish Service & Children/ Youth Fellowship @ Asbury	
<b>8 Veteran's Day Recognition</b> 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p Trustees Meeting   <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>		<b>9</b> Noon News Deadline		<b>10</b> 10:00a Koinonia Group @ Church  7:00p Love/Hope Group		<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury  6:45p Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Deadline for Ordering		<b>12</b> 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study   11:30 Soup & Sandwich Bingo with Prizes for Golden Cross		<b>13</b> 10:30 Senior Game Day @ Asbury Offices Closed  Set-up for Harvest Dinner		<b>14</b> 9:00a Art For Life's Sake Set-up for Harvest Dinner  6:00p Spanish Service & Children/ Youth Fellowship @ Asbury  ← <b>UMW Mission Outreach</b>	
15 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service   12:30p Harvest Dinner  <b>Retreat @ Lakeshore</b> →		<b>16</b> Noon News Deadline		<b>17</b>		<b>18</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury  6:45p Choir Rehearsal		<b>19</b> 9—12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study  5:00p Girl Scouts 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury		<b>20</b> 11:30a Young at Heart @ Asbury  Offices Closed		<b>21</b> 9:00a Art For Life's Sake  1:00p One Harvest Distribution  6:00p Spanish Service & Children/ Youth Fellowship @ Asbury	
22 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service		<b>23</b> Noon News Deadline		<b>24</b>		<b>25 NO Bible Study @ Asbury</b>  6:45p Choir Rehearsal		<b>26 Happy Thanksgiving</b> 12:00p Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless and Those Alone   Offices Closed		<b>27</b>  Offices Closed		<b>28</b> 9:00a Art For Life's Sake  7:00p Payer Vigil @ Asbury/El Redentor	
<b>29 1st Sunday of Advent</b> 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship w/Hanging of the Green		<b>30</b> Noon News Deadline		<p><b>Aldersgate United Methodist Church</b></p> <p>Pastor: Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel      Outreach Ministries: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz      Choir Director: Lisa Hughes</p> <p>Organist: Lana Solomon      Pianist: Lynn Coffman</p> <p>4459 Willow Road      Phone: 901.683.8861      Website: www.agumc.org</p> <p>Memphis, TN 38117      Fax: 901.683.1374      Email: office@agumc.org</p>									



## Happy Birthday

- 1 Hayden Bond  
Alyssa Little
- 2 Cathy Barrie  
Emmett Parrish
- 4 Millie Hernandez  
Eric Wheat
- 6 Brandon Bellott
- 10 Anna Deekae
- 11 Karen Hall
- 13 Bill Turner
- 14 Carolyn McDougal
- 15 Scott McMullin  
Lou Pennington
- 16 Catherine McCollum  
JoAnn Shelton
- 18 David Deekae  
Fortune Gbeneneh
- 19 Martha Ruth Allen
- 20 Sobari Deekae  
Cusi De la Cruz  
Bruce Hughes
- 24 Stanley Gallimore
- 27 Pat Tully
- 28 Wayne Lawrence
- 30 Brad Weaver



## Happy Anniversary

- 11 Richard & Karen Hall

### ASSISTING IN NOVEMBER

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|----------------------|--|
| Greeters.....        | Jane Hight<br>Betty Jones  |
| Liturgist.....       | Bruce Hughes   |
| Scripture.....       | Rose Oyoo<br>Dean Tutor<br>Nubari Deekae<br>Judy Stanley<br>Faith Gbeneneh |
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### FOOD PANTRY FOR NOVEMBER

A complete basket or any of these items:

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 cranberry sauce          | 2 canned corn           |
| 2 green beans              | 2 bags stuffing         |
| 1 large can yams           | 12 oz. instant potatoes |
| 1 box powdered milk        | 1 small instant coffee  |
| 4/5 lbs. sugar             | 4/5 lbs. flour          |
| 48 oz. canola oil          | 40 oz. biscuit mix      |
| 1 cake mix                 | 1 can frosting          |
| 1 box family-size tea bags |                         |
| \$15 Kroger Gift Card      |                         |

Cash is also welcome.

(Make checks payable to Aldersgate and write "Thg. Baskets" in the memo line.)

### GRACE PLACE

- |                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Yarn (especially Christmas colors) | Stamps     |
| <b>Birthday Cards</b>              | Aida Cloth |

Embroidery Thread

Subscriptions to the Upper Room

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Thank you.

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|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Comb & Brushes     | Lotion        | Deodorant         |
| Shower Caps        | Shampoo       | Tooth Brushes     |
| Toothpaste         | Hand Soap     | Peanut Butter     |
| Soup               | Juice         | Aspirin/Tylenol   |
| Canned Meat        | Canned Fruits | Canned Vegetables |
| Household Cleaners | Paper Goods   | Postage stamps    |

Please do not wrap items.