

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

Homebound and Assisted Care

- Martha Allen June Burton Carolyn Escue
- Ray Escue Marcelle Farrow Mava Dell Fry
- Earl Galloway Doris Hight Marie Hughes
- Margaret Kenley Ted Lewis Betty Ray
- Bernice Shelby Emmett Smith Betty Smithmier
- Martha Wallace

Vanderbilt Hospital

Cindy Stanfil

Special Prayers for

- ...disaster victims
- ...the Vargas family
- ...immigrants

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
 ...Margie Williamson and family in the loss of her husband, Terry Williamson.

OUR PRESENCE - February 26

Sunday School	55
Worship	78
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS - February 26

Offering	\$ 2,563
Month to Date	\$ 9,671
YTD	\$ 25,400

OUR SERVICE - March 5

Greeters..... Jeanette Leslie
 Lou Pennington

Liturgist..... Rebeca Ernst

Scripture..... Renee Little

Children Time... Judy Stanley

Lock-up..... Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers

- 12 Faith Gbeneneh
- 19 Rebeca Ernst
- 26 Judy Stanley

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

OUR PRAYERS (con't)

- | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Kristen Boggs | Tom Boillot | Palma Borgognoni |
| Jim Brazile | Brenda Brazile | Melissa Cole |
| Jaunay Davis | Miriam Davis | Corella Edwards |
| Gordillo Family | Diane Harrison | John Hight |
| Mildred Hight | Jeff Irwin | Wayne Lawrence |
| Freda Lipford | Ursula Lewis | Bill McClain |
| Jesse McClerkin | Bill McMullin | Lou Ella Morris |
| Richard Morris | Joe Moseley | Boyd Pilkinton |
| Ruth Pilkinton | Moira Pomije | Claire Rainey |
| Wade Reeves | Stephanie Roberts | Marie Souder |
| David Weaver | Shannon Weaver | Margie Williamson |

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

The



Flame

Aldersgate United

Phone: (901) 683-8861

E-mail: office@agumc.org

Methodist Church

Fax: (901) 683-1374

Website: www.agumc.org

March 1, 2017

Volume 62 Issue 9

New Understandings— Matthew 17:1

By: [Kayla McClurg](#)

One of the most attractive temptations is not to understand something but to keep talking about it anyway. If we keep talking, maybe we will reach a point of greater understanding. We might form a discussion group on the subject, or conduct a survey, or brainstorm possible responses, anything to help us navigate the fog and numb the abysmal sense that we might never be among those who “get” Jesus. We might never be able to comprehend fully enough who he is and what he is doing to know what he wants each of us to do. We might not ever be able to be a “real” disciple.

Peter, it seems, cannot just stand still, be quiet, and absorb the amazement of this utterly remarkable moment. He feels he must quickly try to understand it, talk about it, and shape it into a tangible product for future reference. In the process he risks losing it entirely. For me, there are three pivotal words that help save the day for Peter, three little words that all of us might want to add more often to our own conversations with God: Peter says, “If you wish.....”

“If you wish” helps Peter move out of the driver’s seat for a moment, pause his talking and planning and lunging forward long enough to consider that Jesus might have a way different from his own way, that God might want to break through sometimes and give us a new idea or two.

To face into the journey that lies ahead will require a different type of comprehension, a way of communicating that might not feel natural at first but actually is our native language. It is a way, not of greater understanding and assurance, but of letting go into the mystery of suffering and trust. It is the way of death and yet also fullness of life. We will get there not by the familiar paths of accomplishment, but by standing still and listening. What does God want to say?

Blessings,

Virginia

Scriptures Readings:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
 Romans 5:12-19

Psalm 32
 Matthew 4:1-11



	LOOKING AHEAD
Sun. 3/5	First Sunday in Lent 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Chili Lunch for Kids2Kamp Fund
Mon. 3/6	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian 12:00p News Deadline 7:00p Church Council
Tue. 3/7	No Activities
Wed. 3/8	10:00a Asbury Bible Study 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary Noon Devotional by Lana Solomon & Lunch at Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/9	9:00a Asbury Food Pantry 10:00a Lenten Study Begins 10:00a Golden Cross Key Women 5:45p Girl Scouts
Fri. 3/10	Offices Closed 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 3/11	Set Clocks AHEAD 1 Hour tonight. Daylight Savings time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday 6 to 9p Girl Scouts - FH
Sun. 3/12	Second Sunday in Lent 2:00a Daylight Savings Time Begins 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship

LAKESHORE GEARING UP FOR SUMMER CAMP

The 2017 Lakeshore Summer Camp theme is "Branching Out: Connecting Through Christ". Though summer camp only lasts one week, what campers take home lasts a lifetime. Camp will teach and model ways to stay connected to God and others through prayer, worship, acts of love and forgiveness, family and more. Registration forms are available in the church office, from Aleita Tutor or online at lakeshore-camp.org. Don't wait till its too late! **Don't Forget!!!** Our Kids 2 Kamp Fundraiser Lunch is on Sunday, March 5, 12:30p. Come enjoy chili and tamales and help send a kid to camp!

WELCOME

...to our newest member, Ms. Gerry Gaines. She officially joined our church family on Feb. 19, though she has attended Aldersgate for some time. Her address is 4539 E. Mallory Ave., 38117; Phone 683-0861. Please give her a warm Aldersgate welcome.



CHILI & TAMALES LUNCH TO BENEFIT

"KIDS 2 KAMP" FUND

Sunday, March 5, 12:30p
Your donation to the K2K Fund will be your admission fee. Join us for Chili with all the toppings, home made tamales by Lilian & Mireya and a yummy dessert by Happy and Anna. Sign up on the office window or call 683-8861 to make your reservations.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH



Rice
Canned Sauces
(NO glass jars, please)



Cash is also welcome.
(Make checks payable to Aldersgate and write "Food Pantry" in the memo line.)

THE UPPER ROOM

...for March/April is available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up today and don't miss any of the great devotionals.



Rabbi Micah Greenstein

LENTEN PREACHING & LUNCH AT CALVARY EPISCOPAL

We will leave Aldersgate at 10 a.m. on March 21 to attend Calvary's Lenten Preaching & Lunch Program, lunching at the first seating, then hear Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel, bring the message. Bus transportation will be available. A sign-up sheet is on the office window. Make your reservations and invite a friend.



GEAR UP FOR THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

"The Hands of God", lead by Dr. Birgitte French, is the program. You won't want to miss it! The registration deadline is March 24 and forms are available in the church office and on line. The retreat will be held March 31-April 1 at Lakeshore.

LEARN ABOUT A 'NEW APPORTIONMENT PROPOSAL' FOR THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE

Each annual conference has the authority to decide its own formula for apportionments to local churches within its boundary. Apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the budget, are the main way United Methodists support the ministries of the church. Four district presentations about a new apportionment proposal for the Memphis Conference scheduled for March are listed here:

- Tennessee River Dist.: Monday, Mar. 20
6:30 p.m., Jackson First UMC
200 S. Church St., Jackson, TN 38301
www.jacksonfumc.org
- Purchase District: Tues., March 21
6 p.m., Purchase District Office
2285 Jack Treas Rd., Kirksey, KY 42054
www.purchasedistrictumc.com
- Mississippi River District: Thur., March 23
7 p.m. Milan First UMC
2029 Main St., Milan, TN 38358
www.milanfirst.org
- Metro District: Thursday, March 30
7 p.m., Covenant UMC
8340 Walnut Grove Rd, Cordova 38018
www.covenantumc.org
(Aldersgate is in the Metro District.)

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Terry Williamson by

Joy Mitchell
Peggy Brightwell
Mary Robbins
Cathy Boice & Daniel
The Oxford Class
Doris Bellott
Neil & Jean DeLong

In memory of Charles & Harriet Kicklighter by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Kids 2 Kamp Fund/Lakeshore

In memory of Terry Williamson by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

In memory of Kenny Bedwell by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Terry Williamson by
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

LINDENWOOD SPONSORS BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CHURCH HEALTH CENTER

"Dancing in the Dark" with Chris and Friends will be held on Sunday, March 5, at 4 p.m., at Lindenwood Christian Church, 2400 Union Ave. Selections from The Great American Songbook Vol. 2 will be performed. Admission is a \$20 donation or you may request Golden Circle tickets at \$50 each at 901-458-1652, or cnemec@Lindenwoodcc.org. Credit card orders will be accepted at iTickets.com, type Lindenwood in the search box.

FREE 2ND SATURDAY LEGAL AID CLINIC

...will be held at the Central Library, 3030 Poplar Avenue, on March 11, from 10 a.m. to Noon. Applications will be taken until noon. Once your application is completed, you will speak to an attorney about your legal matter.

DID YOU LOSE SOME KEYS?

What looks like house keys on a leopard spotted lanyard have been turned in to the church office. Please call us to claim them, 683-8861.