

- Sun. 3/6 **LOOKING AHEAD**
 4th Sunday in Lent
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 2 to 4 Non-church Gathering
- Mon. 3/7
 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian
 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**
- Tue. 3/8
 10:00a Koinonia Group
 7:00p Love/Hope Group
- Wed. 3/9
 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
 10:30a Meth. Hospital Auxiliary
 Noon Devotional & Soup Lunch at **Asbury**
 6:00p Staff/Parish Relations Committee
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadline
- Thu. 3/10
 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
 10:00a Lenten Bible Study
 11:00a Golden Cross Key Women
 5:00p Girl Scouts
- Fri. 3/11
 World Day of Prayer
 10:30a Sr. Adult Game Day @ **Asbury**
 Offices Closed
- Sat. 3/12
 9:00a AFLS
 6:00p Spanish Worship Srvc @ **El Redentor**
- Sun. 3/13
 Girl Scout Sunday
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p UMW Unit Meeting



LENTEN LUNCHEON @ ASBURY

All are invited and encouraged to attend a brief service at Noon, followed by a soup & sandwich lunch for \$2 per person. Lunch will be served on Wednesdays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd. Volunteers are still needed to help with the soup. Please call 363-1135, to sign up

World Day of Prayer 2016
 ...is Friday, March 4.



WORSHIP LEADERS WANTED

Now is your chance to sign up for Liturgist, Greeter, Scripture Reader, or Children's Time leader, (or all of the above). Sign-up sheets are on the office window. These are several ways to honor our membership vows with "our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness" in serving God and our church. If you prefer, you may call the office, 683-8861, and give Kathy your preferences. Won't you help?



FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH

Hot Cereals

Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Grits, Quinoa

Cash is always appreciated. (Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)

Thank you.



LENTEN HUNGER OFFERING
"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

Our United Methodist Neighborhood Centers in Memphis is another of the feeding programs supported by the Lenten Hunger Offering. Food Pantries like those of UMNC's offer food to the hungry in urban areas of Memphis. Many children depend on this ministry to avoid going to bed hungry each night.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In your awareness of Christ is the courage to face any challenge.



Second Annual Day of Giving

A Day of Giving, March 23, 2016, will be a 24-hour giving festival, and is part of United Methodist Women's five-year lead-up to the 150th anniversary in 2019. The date honors the small group of women, who gathered in Boston, to organize for mission. Establishing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, one of our predecessors, they raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India to serve the women of that country.

A Day of Giving gifts will go to The Legacy Fund which will support mission outreach of future generations of United Methodist Women.

Please consider a gift of \$15 or \$150 or even \$1,500, in recognition of our upcoming 150th anniversary, or \$18.69 or \$186.90 or even \$1,869, in recognition of the year of United Methodist Women's founding.

Everyone is invited to donate.

Spiritual Growth Retreat

There's a buzz in the air about our Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held at Lakeshore April 8-9.

Led by Rev. Sharon Karamoko, the program will be "The Power of Intercessory Prayer".

The registration deadline is March 28. Forms are available in the church office. The fee of \$65 in-



COME FOR BREAKFAST!!!

The Aldersgate United Methodist Men invite you to our annual Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Easter morning. No reservations needed. There is no charge, however, donations will be accepted.

Cooks and servers are greatly encouraged to contact Bruce Hughes, 262-1508, to volunteer their help.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Loyd Hight by

The Fidelis Class

Terry & Margie Williamson

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Loyd Hight by

Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

Joyce Kernodle

Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Maintenance Fund

In memory of Loyd Hight by

Carolyn McDougal



Easter Bunny himself will be here on Saturday, March 19, to help us celebrate at our Egg Hunt. Your gifts of individually wrapped candy (NO chocolate, please) will ensure a good time will be had by all. Thank you for your help.



EASTER LILIES

Honor your loved ones this Easter by placing flowers in the Sanctuary. Please complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the office or place in the offering plate.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

The cost is \$15 each. Make checks to Aldersgate UMC and designate "Easter Flowers" or "Lilies" in the memo line. The deadline is March 16th.

Methodist Germantown **Corinth, MS**
Peggy Brightwell surg 3/1 Virginia Kemp Jones

Methodist University **Hospice Care**
(Nellie) Marie Park 929T Sylvia Edwards
Juanita Caldwell

St. Francis Memphis
Eloise Miller

Baptist Memorial
Janet Milewski ICU Terry Williamson
Marie Hughes

Jackson/Madison
Ted Lewis ICU Linda Burrow

Baptist Rehab
Kitty Strub ...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...disaster victims

Paterson, NJ
Irvin Scheirer

OUR SYMPATHY, love and prayers go out to
Jimmy Hight, Betty Jones & Families in the loss of their
cousin, Romas Hight

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen June Burton Mava Dell Fry
Earl Galloway Helen Griffin Margaret Kenley
Doris Palazzini Betty Ray Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons Emmett Smith Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier Martha Wallace Bill Whitaker

OUR PRESENCE - February 28

Sunday School 73
Worship 50
Visitors 4

OUR GIFTS - February 28

Offering \$ 3,586
Month to Date \$ 11,086

OUR SERVICE - March 6

Greeter Nubari Deekae
Fortune Gbeneneh
Liturgist Jay Finzel
Scripture Renee Little
Children's Time Judy Stanley
Lock-up Mary Robbins

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers

13 Warren Petty
20 Andrew Baker
27 Dean Tutor



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At the Altar

by Jan Ackerson

When my daughter Jericho was a freshman in college, she suffered a terrible injury which required months of recuperation and rehabilitation, and left her with a permanent disability. During the long weeks of her recovery at home, I wrestled constantly with negative emotions and depression. I doubt that anyone knew what spiritual distress I was in; I became very adept at masking my pain.

One bleak Sunday morning, I was acutely feeling my separation from God. I was still angry with Him for allowing Jericho to be hurt, but even more, I was missing God and the relationship with Him that I had previously cherished. I play piano during the morning worship, and when the time came for congregational prayer, I slipped away from the piano and knelt at the altar in tears, wordlessly appealing to my Heavenly Father for comfort and forgiveness.

The piano is very near the altar, so I was kneeling there alone for several seconds while the pastor finished his invitation to the congregation to come and pray. While my spirit reached out to God, my mind was aware of the sound of many others coming forward to kneel. Being the well-brought-up Christian woman that I was, I did not peek, but I heard and felt several others, settling in all around me and even in front of me. I remember thinking (even as I prayed) that there were more people than usual praying there that morning, and that the needs must be great.

As the pastor's prayer came to a close, a supernatural peace settled on my heart, and the heaviness lifted from my spirit. God and I were going to be all right. I opened my eyes and prepared to rise, expecting to see several friends making their way back to their pews. Instead, I was surprised to see that I was the only person at the altar, except for the pastor down at the other end.

Now, I am skeptical and somewhat disapproving of our popular culture's current preoccupation with angels. Nevertheless—I believe that God sent several angels to pray with me that morning. I believe that He allowed me to hear and feel them settling in around me. I believe that it was they who bore my burden back to the Heavenly Father. Thank You, Father, for the brush of angels' wings! My prayer for each of you is that at some point in your suffering, God may draw back the curtain for a moment and give you some small glimpse of heaven.

Scriptures for the week:

Joshua 9:5-12

Psalms 32

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32