

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Methodist Dallas** Gladys Dennis ICU  
**Appling Wood** Bernice Shelby

**Hospice Care** Jimmy Craft  
**At Home** Marjie Ferguson

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...Richard & Frances Morris in the loss of their sister-in-law, Annie Morris  
...Rev. Linda Gabriel and family in the loss of her father, Larry Karmoil

**OUR PRESENCE**

**May 20**  
Church School 39  
Worship 62  
Visitors 6

**OUR GIFTS**

**May 20**  
This Week's Offering \$ 2,805  
MTD \$ 10,091

**OUR SERVICE**  
**Assisting May 27**

**Greeters** Jean DeLong  
Neil DeLong  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Judy Stanley  
**Children's Time** Ed Stanley  
**Lock-up** Wayne Lawrence

**June Scripture Readers**

3 Brother Paul  
10 Dean Tutor  
17 Happy Gbeneneh  
24 Jane Hight



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Where's your spiritual gas gauge?

1. When is the last time you heard God speak to you?
2. When is the last time a Scripture jumped off the page at you even though you've read it before?
3. When is the last time you invited a stranger to church?
4. When you are in a worship service, does your mouth and mind go to automatic pilot when you sing—or do you truly mean the words that you are singing?
5. Can you remember where God brought you from?
6. Do your family and friends see Jesus in you?
7. Are you ministering out of OBLIGATION or OVERFLOW? Is working for God a CHORE? If so, there won't be any fruit.

To FILL UP we must do what Mary did (Luke 10:38-39) and spend time at the feet of Jesus and listen. (Shared by Russell Hylton)

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27

Sermon Title  
"We Are Not Alone"

## LOOKING AHEAD



- Sun. 5/27 Pentecost  
9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 5/28 Memorial Day Observed  
Offices Closed
- Tue. 5/29 No Activities
- Wed. 5/30 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 5/31 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 6/1 Offices Closed
- Sat. 6/2 9:00a AFLS  
10:00a Camp Aldersgate
- Sun. 6/3 9:45a Church School  
9:45a Camp Aldersgate  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p Camp Cookout  
4:00p Annual Conference  
begins in Jackson



## GOING PLACES

### Branson and the Ozarks - Oct. 23-26

Start saving your money! We have a fall foliage trip planned for the Ozarks and Branson, MO, from October 23rd through 26th. This will be a beautiful time to enjoy the fall scenery at its best. One of the special attractions of this tour is the production of "Joseph" at the beautiful Sight & Sound Theater. This company does all live productions from Bible stories., The music and costumes are fantastic. Contact Carolyn McDougal, 862-0841, for more information.



## CREATION CARE

Did you know that the amount of energy wasted from aluminum cans *not recycled* in 2006 would be sufficient to supply the energy needs of 1.8 million American homes for a year?

Source: Container Recycling Institute

## THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Paul and Congregation.  
Thank you all so very, very much for all you did for Aunt Lois over the years. You are a blessed people.

The funeral was so beautiful and appropriate for her. I know she was very pleased.

Love in Christ,  
Alice Novareese



## SPARK12 LOOKING FOR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

The United Methodist justice ministry, Spark12, is looking for innovative ministries that push boundaries to transform the world. Spark12 supports justice-oriented, community-based projects proposed by young people, ages 18-35, actively looking for a way to make their dream a reality. Those selected as Spark12 fellows will receive funding and will be assisted by mentors, peers and spiritual coaches through this faith-based organization. For information and details, visit [spark12.org](http://spark12.org) or [info@spark12.org](mailto:info@spark12.org). Application deadline is June 29.

Excerpt from UMReporter

## UMW NEWS



### Candle Burning Campaign Begins

Aldersgate UMW is beginning its Candle Burning Campaign. A gift of \$5 will allow you to honor someone or give in memory of someone. Your contribution will be used for Mission Work in the United States and around the world. Please give your money and names to Margaret Ann Ligon. Acknowledgements will be sent to honorees. Checks should be made out to Aldersgate UMW.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the shadow of His cross,  
our souls live forever!



## CAMP ALDERSGATE 2012

"For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also."

Bible Study, Crafts, Games, Pizza, Music, Mission Focus, Cookout and more are in store for all at Camp Aldersgate on June 2nd (10 to 2) & 3rd (9:45 to cookout after church). **All ages** are invited to join the fun. The Cookout is Potluck-bring side dishes to go with hamburgers and hot-dogs such as chips, potato salad, slaw, baked beans, or pick another favorite. **NO DESSERTS, PLEASE!** Grab your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors and **BE THERE!** Please register in advance at 683-8861 to help us plan for crafts and food.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Aleda Kelly by  
Jimmy & Jane Hight  
Dean & Aleita Tutor  
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Crowder  
The Love/Hope Group of UMW  
Neil & Jean DeLong  
Marcelle Farrow  
Peggy Brightwell  
Terry & Margie Williamson  
Johnny & Joy Mitchell  
Doris Burton

In memory of Lois Fagan by  
Dean & Aleita Tutor  
Richard & Karen Hall

In memory of Mary Nell Derrington by  
Dean & Aleita Tutor  
Terry & Margie Williamson

In memory of Charles Goddard by  
Betty Smithmier  
Marcelle Farrow

In memory of Gabe Colosia by  
Terry & Margie Williamson

### Pew Cushions

In memory of Aleda Kelly by  
Evelyn Goddard  
Carolyn McDougal

### Scholarship Fund

In memory of Aleda Kelly by  
Jeanette Leslie  
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

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Carolyn McDougal