

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 Mava Dell Fry Earl Galloway
- Doris Hight Marie Hughes Wayne Lawrence
- Ted Lewis Betty Ray Bernice Shelby
- Emmett Smith Betty Smithmier Martha Wallace

Christian Care Center
6500 Kirby Gate Cv.
38119

- Special Prayers** for
- ...disaster victims
 - ...immigrants
 - ...the remaining kidnapped Nigerian girls

Baptist Desoto Rehab

- At Home**
- Peggy Brightwell
 - Clover Lauth

OUR PRESENCE - June 18

- Sunday School 38
- Worship 70

OUR GIFTS - June 18

- Offering \$ 2,451
- Month to Date \$ 21,786
- YTD \$ 54,965

OUR SERVICE - June 25

- Greeters**.....Jeanette Leslie
 Audrey Weaver
- Liturgist**.....Bruce Hughes
- Scripture**.....Warren Petty
- Children's Time**.....Bruce Hughes
- Lock-up**.....Henry Blanks

OUR WITNESS

July Scripture Readers

- 2 Barry Mathis
- 9 Renee Little
- 16 Faith Gbeneneh
- 23 Rebeca Ernst
- 30 Judy Stanley

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



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

- Kristen Boggs Jim Brazile Brenda Brazile
- Melissa Cole Jaunay Davis Miriam Davis
- Corella Edwards Gordillo Family Diane Harrison
- John Hight Kay Hudak Patty Hudak
- Jeff Irwin Dennis LeClear Ursula Lewis
- Bill McClain Jesse McClerkin Teresa McMullin
- Lou Ella Morris Richard Morris Joe Moseley
- Karen Mosley Boyd Pilkinton Ruth Pilkinton
- Moira Pomije Wade Reeves Stephanie Roberts
- Janet Snow Brad Weaver David Weaver
- Shannon Weaver Charlie Whitaker Margie Williamson

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The Beauty of Gratefulness

by *Dorcas Graham*

There is an undeniable rush from getting it off of your chest. Complaining gives us a way of putting it out there, getting them told, saying exactly what we feel. It makes us feel alive and relieves pressure and pain, allows us to shake it off.

Thing is, an emotional outlet is a temporary high and worse yet, only benefits the person venting. Besides, emotions are capricious, unreliable; we will know one thing, but feel something completely different. Complaining may feel good at the onset, but will leave us empty and lacking when it's all said. To be grateful is indeed another animal.

To be thankful is not necessarily instinctive. We are by nature selfish beings. And if we don't train our hearts to be grateful, we will live in a state of perpetual need or should I say, never ending want. Most of the time our unthankful attitudes stem from the expectation that our blessings should be presented in a certain way, at a certain time, for all the world to see and admire.

But many times they come subtly, unassuming, providing something here, there and over there. They don't always come through the beautiful or popular people; no trumpets make the announcement, no grandeur (man, how we love grandeur) involved. They often come in the form of unpretentious strangers lending a hand or advice, or circumstances that just somehow work out in our favor. You may see them through ideas or creative thoughts which, if we act upon them, gives us exactly what we need. This requires us to take action. Sometimes we are waiting on the wind and the blessing is in the rain. We miss it because we ignore it-- stubborn and ungrateful because it isn't the way we imagined it.

Gratefulness opens and expands our capacity to see God's goodness and receive it when it comes. It helps us to forget what hasn't materialized because we are centered on what is present. It is gratefulness that opens the hand of God. And it also allows us to give because we are so appreciative of what we have until it seems ridiculous not to give back. It takes the focus off of us and puts it on Him. It keeps us loving, hopeful and happy and that is so much more than a little venting could ever do.

Blessings,

Virginia

Scriptures Readings:

Genesis 21:8 -21

Romans 6:1b-11

Psalm 17

Matthew 10:24-39



LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 6/25 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
- Mon. 6/26 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 6/27 No Activities
- Wed. 6/28 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 6/29 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry
- Fri. 6/30 Offices Closed
- Sat. 7/1 No Activities
- Sun. 7/2 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship



**COOKBOOKS! COOKBOOKS!
GET YOUR FREE COOKBOOKS!**

There's 200+ books to look at,
That's thousands of dishes and snacks.
Tell your family & friends to join you
To look thru all the stacks.

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As a matter of fact, they're free.
The choices are extensive
And they'll suit you to a T.



FOOD PANTRY FOR JUNE
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Crackers

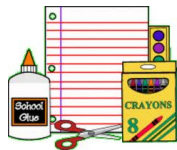
SAVE the DATE

Sunday, July 23, at 5:30 p.m., our special entertainers, The Finchers, will be in concert in our Sanctuary. Mark your calendars now. More details to come.



UMNC NEWS

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers celebrated 110 years of serving the children of Memphis at an Open House on June 14th. We were delighted to dedicate our brand new, beautiful front door that was donated anonymously. During our summer donations campaign, if you would like to give thanks for UMNC's dedication and service with a donation, you may give through a check made out to Aldersgate, designated for UMNC in the memo line. Thank you so much for your continued support!



**WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES
FOR OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL
WILLOW OAKS ELEMENTARY
Suggested Supplies**

- Undies for Girls
- .74 oz. Glue Sticks
- 8 ct. Crayola Crayons
- Back Packs
- Hand Sanitizer with pump
- Large Boxes Facial Tissue
- Poly Brad and Pocket Folders (any color)
- Notebook Filler Paper-Wide Ruled-200 count
- D'Nealian Tablets- Wide Ruled, Blue Baseline
- Standard 1 Subj. Wide Ruled, 70 Count Ntbks.
- Cash is also welcome.

Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note Willow Oaks or school supplies on the memo line.



Remember! "Mission u"

...July 28-29 at First UMC, Jackson TN. **If you register by June 30 the fee is \$40;** \$45 by July 14; \$65 after July 14. Friday lunch & supper and Saturday lunch can be included for an additional \$27. Meals must be pre-ordered and pre-paid by July 14. Forms are available in the church office.

Candle Burning

The Candle Burning Program is one facet of missions giving supported by our United Methodist Women and a wonderful way to honor special people in your life or to celebrate a special occasion like a birthday, anniversary, graduation or other momentous event. Each and every one will be lifted in prayer and remembered on UMW/UMM Sunday in our bulletin insert in September. Forms are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary or use the one below. Please give your gifts and names of those honored (\$5 minimum per name/event, please) to Mary Robbins or the church office and make checks out to Aldersgate **UMW**. Your participation will help improve the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

CANDLE BURNING GIFTS TO UMW MISSIONS

Please complete this form, enclose payment, and give to Mary Robbins or the church office. (A minimum gift of \$5 per name/event, please). Make checks out to Aldersgate **UMW**.

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In celebration of _____

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Music Fund

In memory of John Grinstead by
Joy Mitchell
Johnny Mitchell

Homebound Ministries

In memory of Margaret Kenley by
Joyce Kernodle



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE
GOLDEN CROSS GOLF CLASSIC
SEPTEMBER 14
WINDYKE COUNTRY CLUB**

This year celebrates the 17th Golf Classic to benefit Golden Cross Ministries. There will be both morning and afternoon flights on Thursday, September 14, starting at 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The fee of \$600 a foursome or \$150 per person, including lunch and mulligans, cart, green fees, range balls and a Golf Classic gift, reflects an adjustment to offset rising costs. Remember to bring extra money so you don't miss out on the "Winner Takes All Raffle".

Registration forms for golfers and sponsors are available in the church office or online at www.goldencross.org. Please make checks payable to Golden Cross. Questions? Contact david@goldencross.org or kristi@goldencross.org or call 901-213-1930.



PLEASE NOTE

The church offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.