

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Memorial Isabelle Raynoso	Mexico Misael Hildago
Carriage Court Earl Galloway 247	Highlands of Memphis Antinette Guy-Scott
Corinth MS Virginia Kemp Jones	At Home Terry Williamson
Patterson, NJ Irvin Scheirer	Special Prayers for ...kidnapped girls/Nigeria ...disaster victims

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Ed Caine
Carolyn Escue	Ray Escue	Mava Dell Fry
Helen Griffin	Doris Hight	Marie Hughes
Margaret Kenley	Ted Lewis	Doris Palazzini
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace		

OUR PRESENCE - June 19

Sunday School	39
Worship	56
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS - June 19

Offering	\$	2,272
Month to Date	\$	5,496
Conference to Date	\$	3,233

OUR SERVICE - June 26

Greeters	Audrey Weaver Margaret Ann Ligon
Liturgist	Jay Finzel
Scripture	Renee Little
Children's Time	Perri Mathis
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

July Scripture Readers

3	Warren Petty
10	Andrew Baker
17	Rebeca Ernst
24	Happy Gbeneneh
31	Lana Solomon

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Pastor's Ponderings

We are now in the season of Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time. It began the day after Pentecost and will end the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include 23 to 28 Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The first Sunday of Pentecost is always Trinity Sunday and the last Sunday is always The Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday. The season also includes All Saints Day and Thanksgiving.

Having observed Pentecost, we now find ourselves at the other end of the arc that began on Ash Wednesday. "Know that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," was heard on that day. A crucial reminder, to be sure, to know what we are made of, where we are from, to where we shall return. Yet, all these weeks later, at the end of wilderness and death and resurrection, Pentecost comes to remind us that there is still more to know, and a purpose for knowing what lies beyond our individual lives.

The incompleteness of our knowing comes as its own reminder of what dusty disciples we are. Pentecost bids us to remember what the Spirit can do with dust, and draws us together and gives us to one another so we may hear and see and know with greater clarity. We are challenged to open ourselves, beyond the limits of our individual lives, to the Spirit who sets us ablaze for the healing of the world.

I would like to share this Pentecost Blessing with you:

On the day when you are wearing your certainty like a cloak
and your sureness goes before you like a shield or like a sword,
May the sound of God's name spill from your lips as you have never heard it before.

May your knowing be undone. May mystery confound your understanding.
May the Divine rain down in strange syllables yet with ancient familiarity,
A knowing borne in the blood, the ear, the tongue, bringing clarity that comes
Not in stone or in steel, but in fire and flame.

May there come one searing word: enough to bare you to the bone, enough to set
your heart ablaze, enough to make you whole again.

Blessings,
Virginia

Scriptures for the Week:

II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 6/26 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
3:00p Choir Fest @ Colonial Park

Mon. 6/27 Noon Newsletter Deadline
6:00p VBS @ **Asbury**

Tue. 6/28 6:00p VBS @ **Asbury**

Wed. 6/29 5:00p Children's Choir
6:00p VBS @ **Asbury**
6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 6/30 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
6:00p VBS @ **Asbury**

Fri. 7/1 Offices Closed

Sat. 7/2 9:00a AFLS
7:00p Prayer Vigil @
El Redentor

Sun. 7/3 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Church Family Picnic

TIME TO APPLY FOR

MARGARET PLANT CRAFT SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Craft College Scholarship are being accepted through July 31, 2016. Any Aldersgate member attending college in the fall is eligible to apply.

Please contact Renee Little by phone at 901-634-7342 or email at rwlittlepd@yahoo.com for complete information. Applications are also available in the church office.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for July/August is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up a copy today.



A HAND SHAKE AND A SMILE

...is what we need! We are getting close to the end of June and there are still NO greeters for July (and beyond). Please sign up on the office window. Thanks!

Dear Aldersgate Family,
Thank you for the gift and reception in honor of my graduation! It means a lot to my family and me to know that you all care deeply.
Tyler Pilkinton



WELCOMING NEW DISTRICT STAFF

Beginning June 23, 2016, Rev. Tim Carpenter will be the new "Metro District" Superintendent. His assistant is Ms. Rosie Holland. The Metro District is the former Asbury & McKendree Districts combined.

The new address for the DS will be:

Metro District Office
3476 Summer Ave., Suite 201
Memphis, TN 38122-3610

Contact information:

Email: tcarpenter@asburydistrictumc.org
rholland@asburydistrictumc.org

Phone: 901-590-4820

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IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

The best means of resisting the devil is to destroy whatever of the world remains in us, in order to raise for God, upon its ruins, a building all of love.

~ John Wesley ~



Candle Burning

Each organization that benefits from United Methodist Women's Candle Burning Program brings unique and vital aid to communities in need. By your support of Candle Burning, you share in the UMW's passion to help a hurting world.

You have until August 7 to give your gifts and information to Mary Robbins. A special bulletin insert will list all honorees on UMW Sunday in September.

Mission u

For Women, Men, Clergy, Laity and Youth

June 30 is the last day to register for the early bird discount at \$40. You may register on line at:

mempis-reg.brapp.com/UMWMissionu2016

July 1-11 the cost will be \$45, at the door \$65, and Youth are FREE.

You must make your own room reservations and a block of rooms has been reserved until July 15th at the Country Inn & Suites, 1935 Emporium Dr., in Jackson. Phone: 731-660-0077. Request room held for Memphis Conference United Methodist Women to get the special rate.

Meals must be pre-ordered and paid by July 11th. Late orders will NOT be accepted.



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Roof Fund

In honor of Barry Mathis, Ken Mathis & Lloyd McDougal III for Father's Day by

Carolyn McDougal

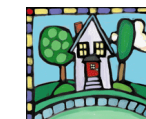
In memory of Lloyd C. McDougal, 'Coach Mac', for Father's Day by

Carolyn McDougal

Music Fund

In memory of Michael LeClear by

James & Floy Pike



OPEN HOUSE

Don't forget the Open House at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, 3000 Walnut Grove Road, on Saturday, June 25, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY FOR JUNE

Canned Beans

(kidney, lima, green, yellow, baked, pinto, black, navy, etc.)

Cash is always appreciated and will help purchase goods at a great discount.

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

Thank you.

OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Jim Brazile	Phil Cannon	Melissa Cole
Jaunay Davis	Sonny Davis	Goyo De la
Doug Dennis	Corella Edwards	John Elkins
Marcelle Farrow	Russell Gallimore	Dorothy Goolsby
Andw. Hamilton	Diane Harrison	John & Mildred Hight
Jeff Irwin	Stacy Jackson	Mark Jones
Freda Lipford	Ursula Lewis	Tom Lockhart
Bill McClain	Jesse McClerkin	Bill McMullin
Eloise Miller	Lorraine Mitchell	Glenn Moore
Lou Ella Morris	Frances Morris	Richard Morris
Joe Moseley	Moirra Pomije	Claire Rainey
Elmer Ray	Wade Reeves	Stephanie Roberts
Lana Solomon	Marie Souder	Cindy Garner
Brad Weaver	David & Shannon Weaver	