

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Methodist G'town.** Margaret Miller 322 S  
**St. Francis-Mphs** Bill Whitaker ICU  
Chris Simmons 907

**Jcksn/Mdsn Cnty** Jerry Morris  
**Hospice Care** Mary Stanley

**At Home**

David Weaver Margaret Burrows  
Earl Galloway Michael Solomon  
Julie Hendren Lynda Park

**OUR PRESENCE**

**June 22**  
Church School 38  
Worship 84  
Visitors 16

**OUR GIFTS**

**June 22**  
This Week's Offering \$ 1,715  
MTD \$ 12,762

**OUR SERVICE**

**June 29**

**Greeters** Margaret Ann Ligon  
Audrey Weaver  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Renee Little  
**Children's Time** Tom Lockhart  
**Lock-up** Wayne Lawrence

**OUR WITNESS**

**July Scripture Readers**

6 Warren Petty  
13 Judy Stanley  
20 Dean Tutor  
27 Peggy Brightwell



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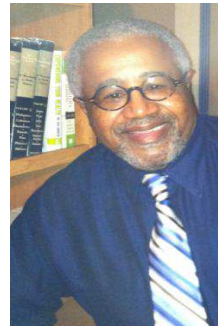
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**The Write Reverend**



We are now part of a Cooperative Parish with Asbury United Methodist Church and the El Redentor (The Redeemer) Congregation, which meets in Asbury's Family Life Center. The Parish Ministry Team will consist of Rev. Luz Campos Huaman, Pastor at El Redentor; Rev. Goyo de la Cruz (Pastor Luz' spouse) as Outreach Ministry specialist; and yours truly as Director.

We will be formally constituted as the Southeast Memphis Cooperative Parish (aka the "SEC"). To help us move into this new adventure in ministry with confidence and wisdom, I would like to share the following insights developed by the Florida Annual Conference ([www.flumc.org/cooperative\\_parity/report\\_ct6.htm](http://www.flumc.org/cooperative_parity/report_ct6.htm)). Amy Moritz, with the Center for Transforming Communities, will be working with us to develop an outreach strategy using the Shalom Zone model, which we will discuss later.

Cooperative Parish Ministry is an expression of the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church in which two or more churches work together in a formal arrangement to share at least one staff member and strengthen the ministry of all participating churches. . . .

A Cooperative Parish is NOT the same as a multi-point charge (circuit). Cooperative parishes are for churches that want to grow, congregations that want to connect with their community and faith communities that are open to change and doing ministry in new ways. Circuits [are] a strategy for linking smaller or struggling congregations that do not reflect the characteristics listed above. . . .

Cooperative parishes are formed by the Cabinet and may result from a request from the participating churches or the initiation of the District Superintendent. Cooperative parishes are formed for the purpose of intentional transformation. This is not a strategy for placing several dying congregations together in order to give them a few more years of life. Instead, it is a strategy for bringing new resources and enhancing the current ministries of the participating churches. . . .

Cooperative parish ministry lives out the biblical teaching on spiritual gifts. The staffing is built around the gifting of the Director and involves people with complementary gifts. Since the staff functions like a team, the laity of the churches are also encouraged to discover their spiritual gifts and form teams for doing ministry. . . .

Cooperative Parish Ministry is a movement that is Christ-centered, God-honoring and outreach focused. Churches that are selected to take part in a Cooperative Parish are those which desire to embrace the future, want to reach their community with the life-changing message of Jesus, are open to change and are willing to work with other churches to change their community.

*Herbert*



### WORSHIP TIME CHANGES JUNE 29

With our new pastor on board beginning June 29, we are making a minor change in our worship time to see how it works out. Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School will remain the same.

### LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 6/29 9:45a Sunday School  
**11:00a Worship (Note Change)**  
12:15p Welcome Our New Ministry Team and Potluck Lunch
- Mon. 6/30 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 7/1 No Activities
- Wed. 7/2 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 7/3 No Activities
- Fri. 7/4 **Independence Day** 🇺🇸  
Offices Closed
- Sat. 7/5 No Activities
- Sun. 7/6 9:45a Sunday School  
**11:00a Worship**



### WELCOME DR. LESTER & REV. de la CRUZ

Sunday, June 29, you are invited to a Potluck Lunch right after worship, to greet our new ministry team, Dr. Herbert Lester and Rev. Goyo de la Cruz. This will be our chance to give them a great Aldersgate welcome.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.”  
Mother Teresa

### ALDERSGATE MEN INVITED TO ASBURY

The Asbury United Methodist Men invite all Aldersgate men to be their guests and join their meeting on Thursday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m., for dinner and a speaker. All men welcome. You don't have to be a member of UMM. Reservations are requested to allow for meal planning. You may call Roger Williams at 901-937-7607 or 901-283-2429, to reserve a spot.

### UMNC'S MIRIAM CENTER TO HOLD FUNDRAISER

Please join us on Friday, July 11, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 3448 Poplar Ave., from 4 to 10 p.m. 10% of all pre-tax food sales will be given to help fund our mission at the Miriam Center. Just present a ticket when ordering. **EAT WINGS, RAISE FUNDS!** Feel free to invite everyone! Please contact David Billings or Iletha Robinson, 901-323-8060 for information and tickets.



### “WHAT'S NEXT?”

A special program for adults led by Lynn Coffman, assisted by representatives from Crossroads Hospice and the Commission on Aging will be presented on Thursday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. Lunch (by donation), of barbeque with the all the trimmings will follow. Reservations are required so we know how many to prepare for. This will be a very informative session dealing with situations we face as we become older. Mark your calendar now for this special event. Your family, friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

### GOING PLACES

#### Travel Time - September 8—11

Tour Arkansas's quad-cities, Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers and Bentonville. A beautiful time to visit the Ozarks. Make reservation now! Brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

### UMW NEWS

Would you like to see just a few of the places and programs supported by the United Methodist Women? Check out the UMW bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. The Candle Burning Program is one of the ways our UMW Unit supports missions and outreach. Once again, we are asking for your help in supporting this second-mile giving. Please give your gifts and names to be honored (\$5 minimum per name, please) to Margaret Ann Ligon.



### There's lots to do At Mission u

This year's theme is 'Learning Together for the Transformation of the World. Open to men as well as women, you may choose from the spiritual growth study, 'How Is It With Your Soul', or the geographic study, 'The Roma of Europe', or the Social Issues study, 'The Church and People with Disabilities'. Register by June 30 and save \$5 off the of \$45 fee. Friday lunch & supper and Saturday lunch meals (\$25 for all 3) must be pre-ordered and prepaid if you intend to eat at the conference. For complete information you may contact Penny Story, 270-395-5324, 270-703-6645 or [pennystory@scarletthreadwomen.com](mailto:pennystory@scarletthreadwomen.com).



### Emphasis Items for July 13 Unit Meeting — Golden Cross Needs —

There are many items on the Golden Cross Wish List that we can help with. Lists are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Many things, like paper towels, hand soap and stationery, mean little to us but so much to the elderly living at the poverty line or below. Please leave your gifts in the mesh basket by the SS office or in the church office. Your help is most appreciated!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE OFFERED AT ASBURY UMC

You are invited to attend VBS at Asbury July 14-18, from 9 a.m. until Noon. This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders—Imagine and Build with God", for ages 4-12. Helpers are always needed. If you would like to volunteer, please call 363-1135.

### GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER JULY 27

5:00p.m. The Finchers 6:00p.m. Church Family Picnic

### FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY

With the children at home every day, summer is a most difficult time for struggling parents to keep food on the table. Please help by donating these items for the month of July. Thank you!



- Jam or Jelly
- Peanut butter
- 1 qt. Packages of Powdered Milk



### HISPANIC CONGREGATION NOW IN OUR PARISH

El Redentor (The Redeemer) Methodist congregation meets at Asbury UMC at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This lively, Spanish speaking group welcomes all who would like to attend. Siempe seras bienvenido!

### CHURCH HEALTH CENTER NEWS



### Enjoy 'Hairspray' and help the Church Health Center

The Church Health Center will host its 3rd annual Night of Theater at Playhouse on the Square on June 27 at 8 p.m. with a performance of *Hairspray*. Tickets are 'pay what you can', and if you choose to donate \$50 or more per seat, you are invited to a special VIP reception. Tickets are available by calling 901-272-7170 or emailing [dickersonj@churchhealthcenter.org](mailto:dickersonj@churchhealthcenter.org) or you may go by 1210 Peabody Ave.

# Aldersgate UMC



# July 2014

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 901-683-8861 Email: office@agumc.org Web: www.agumc.org		Pastor: Dr. Herbert L. Lester, Jr. Associate: Rev. Goyo de la Cruz Choir Director: JoAnn Shelton Organist: Lana Solomon	1 	2 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	3 NO Bible Study	4 <b>Independence Day</b>  Offices Closed	5 
6 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship Service	7 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Pres. Noon News Deadline	8 10:00a Koinonia	9 10:30a Meth. Hospital Aux.  7:00p Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00a Bible Study	11 Offices Closed 	12	
13 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship Service 12:15p UMW Unit Mtg & Potluck. Emphasis: Golden Cross Needs	14 Noon News Deadline 	15 Vacation Bible School at Asbury UMC 9 a.m. until Noon			16 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	17 10:00a Bible Study	18 Offices Closed 
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27 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship Service 5:00p The Finchers in Concert and Church Family Picnic 	28 Noon News Deadline	29 	30 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	31 10:00a Bible Study 	We will be collecting School Supplies for Willow Oaks Ele- mentary through August 17. 	We will be collecting items for Golden Cross through July 13. See list on back 	



## Happy Birthday

July	3	Jimmy Lee Ed Stanley John Wilburn
	4	Glenn Little Wayne Quarles
	7	Becky Elkins
	17	Leslie Bond
	23	Elizabeth Williams
	24	Harley Bond Matthew Lopez
	26	Tom Lockhart Linda Paisley
	27	Chet Wilson
	28	Steven Craft Glenda Drewery
	29	Elizabeth Hernandez Dean Tutor
	30	Jane Pifer



## Happy Anniversary

26 Emmett & Pam Parrish

### ASSISTING IN JULY

Greeters .....	Carolyn McDougal Mary Robbins
Liturgist .....	Bruce Hughes
Scripture .....	Warren Petty Judy Stanley Dean Tutor Peggy Brightwell
Children's Time.....	Renee Little
Lock-up .....	Barry Mathis



We will be collecting school supplies for Willow Oaks Elementary School through August 17. (List available soon.)

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### Golden Cross Wish List

#### Personal Items:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tooth Brushes                 | Toothpaste         |
| Hand Soap                     | Combs & Brushes    |
| Shaving Cream                 | Hats, Gloves       |
| Lotion                        | Deodorant          |
| Bath Powder                   | Scarves, Socks     |
| Hand Sanitizer                | Denture Care Items |
| Bath Soap                     | New Towel Sets     |
| New Bed Sheets (Full & Queen) |                    |

#### Cleaning Supplies/Paper Goods/Household Items:

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Paper Towels                              | Toilet Paper        |
| Detergent                                 | Paper Napkins       |
| Kleenex                                   | Household Cleansers |
| Dish Cloths                               | Dish Towels         |
| Reynolds Wrap                             | Potholders          |
| Kitchen Utensils                          | Small Kitchen Items |
| Kitchen Baggies (sandwich, quart, gallon) |                     |

#### Other Items:

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|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pain Medications (over the counter, i.e. Tylenol, aspirin) |                          |
| Postage Stamps                                             | Stationery               |
| Puzzles                                                    | Board Games              |
| Card Games                                                 | Used Wii Games           |
| Books on Tape/CD                                           | Crossword & Puzzle Books |
| Sewing Supplies                                            | Arts & Crafts Supplies   |
| Yarn (Crochet & knitting supplies)                         |                          |



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