

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis

Phil Weaver 470

Baptist Hosp.

Sue Swett 4138

Russell Vollmer 4243

Rainbow Rehab

Arthur Brown 213

Hospice Care

Jimmy Craft

OUR PRESENCE

July 1

Church School 45

Worship 62

Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS

July 1

This Week's Offering \$ 4,656

MTD \$ 4,656

OUR SERVICE

Assisting July 8

Greeters Happy Gbeneneh
Barbara Scheirer

Liturgist Bruce Hughes

Scripture Lisa Hughes

Children's Time

Lock-up Emmett Parrish

July Scripture Readers

15 Tom Lockhart

22 Barry Mathis

29 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Here's another quote from Henri Nouwen's *Bread for the Journey*. "Life is precious. Not because it is unchangeable, like a diamond, but because it is vulnerable, like a little bird. To love life means to love its vulnerability, asking for care, attention, guidance, and support. Life and death are connected by vulnerability. The newborn child and the dying elder both remind us of the preciousness of our lives. Let's not forget the preciousness and vulnerability of life during the times we are powerful, successful and popular."

Happy Fourth of July,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for July 8

Psalm 48

Mark 6:1-13

Sermon Title

"Forfeiting Faith"

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 7/8 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 7/9 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 7/10 10:45a Koinonia Group
Meet at Church
- Wed. 7/11 No Activities
- Thu. 7/12 10:00a Bible Study
CMEE @ Brownsville 1st
- Fri. 7/13 Offices Closed
CMEE Continues
- Sat. 7/14 No Activities
CMEE closes
- Sun. 7/15 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship






BIBLE STUDY AND BINGO ~ JULY 19

Bible study 10a Lunch/Bingo 11a
Sign up to bring salad or sandwiches.
All are invited!
Do Not Bring
Beautifully wrapped prizes.
Prizes will be furnished!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Magnify God's good in your life.
Pass it on!

**FOR THE FOOD PANTRY
July & August**

- Vienna Sausage 
- Crackers 
- Dry Milk 



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

Remember those exciting first days of school with your new pencil box, new notebook and new crayons? Many families today cannot provide even basic school needs for their children. Your help is greatly needed. Please keep an eye out for 'back to school' specials and look for the BIG, red backpack in the hall outside the Sanctuary for your donations.

FOR THE KIDS

Wacky Wednesdays at the Brooks

Children of all ages and their adult friends are invited to Wacky Wednesdays, July 11, 18 & 25, from 10am to noon, at the Brooks Artworks Studio. A variety of projects are planned and there will be films made just for kids. Admission and activities are FREE. Why not join the fun! Call 544-6226 for all the details.

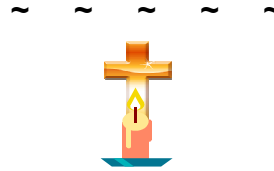


LIFE LINE SCREENING AT ALDERSGATE

Life Line Screening's mission is to make people aware of undetected health problems and encourage them to seek follow-up care with their physician. These fast, painless and inexpensive tests will be available at Aldersgate on July 17, 2012. These screenings could save you from a stroke or other life threatening disease. A sign-up sheet for Aldersgate members in on the office window. By signing up on this form or by calling the newly added 800 number, 1-800-324-9458, you will receive a \$10 discount on testing as well as the church receiving a \$10 donation to its ministries. You take care of others, now take care of yourself. Sign up!

UMW NEWS

The Koinonia Subgroup will meet at the church at 10:45 on Tuesday, July 10, and go out to lunch.



Giving Through Candle Burning

United Methodist Women have been a light for many in a world of darkness. Gifts given to the Candle Burning Program honoring loved ones will ensure our light of love will continue to burn in support of projects of mercy and justice, both locally and around the world. Your gifts of \$5 per honoree may be given to Margaret Ann Ligon. Please make all donations by July 22.

AT THE BROOKS

Opera & Ballet in Cinema

The Brooks Museum of Art will present the ballet *Sleeping Beauty* in cinema on July 15 and the opera *Boris Gununov* on July 29. Ticket price for seniors is \$12. Get information and make reservations with Andria at 901-544-6208.



"They must have had some form of email. The Apostle Paul wrote the epistles."

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Scholarship Fund

In honor of Col. Charles & Lynn Howard, Kelsey & Madison, our Air Force family, thank you for what you do. Love,
Uncle Richard & Aunt Fran Morris

Memorial Fund

In memory of Aleda Kelly by
Miki Craft

Pew Cushions

In memory of Annie Lynn Morris, our sister-in-law, given with love by
Richard & Frances Morris



HOT TIP for a COOL SUMMER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the average home spends almost 20 percent of its utility bill on cooling. These cooling bills can be lowered by simply changing out incandescent light bulbs with EPA's Energy Star qualified lighting, which uses less energy and produces approximately 75 percent less heat. Raising your thermostat by only two degrees and using your ceiling fan can also lower cooling costs by up to 14 percent. Visit http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.es_at_home for more information.



REMEMBER!

JULY 22

It isn't long now until the Finchers join us for our worship service at 10:55, and our Church Family Picnic to follow. Fried Chicken, bread, and beverages will be provided by the church. You bring those side dishes that you are so good at. We expect to have guests that day, so please make a little extra.