

OUR PRAYERS

- Baptist Memorial**
(Wm.) Jack Pollard 29121CU
- Baptist Hospice**
Isabelle Raynoso
- Regional/Jackson TN**
Mildred Hight
- Memphis Jewish Home**
Doris Bellott
- Mexico**
Misael Hildago
- Corinth MS**
Virginia Kemp Jones
- At Home**
Dorothy Goolsby
Terry Williamson
- 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 |
| Earl Galloway | Helen Griffin | Antinette Guy-Scott |
| 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 - July 3

- | | |
|---------------|----|
| Sunday School | 45 |
| Worship | 56 |
| Visitors | 3 |

OUR GIFTS - July 3

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|--------------------|----|-------|
| Offering | \$ | 3,707 |
| Month to Date | \$ | 3,707 |
| Conference to Date | \$ | 3,233 |

OUR SERVICE - July 10

- Greeters** Lorelle Woodard
Peggy Brightwell
- Liturgist** Bruce Hughes
- Scripture** Andrew Baker
- Children's Time** Andrew Baker
- Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

July Scripture Readers

- 17 Rebeca Ernst
- 24 Happy Gbeneneh
- 31 Lana Solomon



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Excerpts from: **Keith's Turn...** A Blog by Rev. Keith Tonkel, Pastor Monday, July 4, 2016

Homework is required. Even on the Fourth of July.

God bless America. That's what we want, that's what we hope for, and that's what we need—God's blessing. But homework means education. That is looking into, and finding out. The word 'patriot' is not enough. Patriots for what is right and good and for all is one kind. Patriots who 'go along' and 'put up with' when clear wrong is going on are not the kind we need.

And just because someone has a different political view from yours doesn't mean that such persons are anti-American or evil. It means that they hold to a series of ideas that they believe to be best. Heaven help us if we fall into the trap of thinking that those who disagree with us are anti-American. We've had periods in our history when that was pretty much the case. Let's stay away from that kind of thing again.

It would be fun if the Fourth were firecrackers and BBQ and no more. But it's more. It's a call for us to see just why we believe in the "Home of the brave and the land of the free." It means that we will give allegiance and support to ideas, causes and persons who care about what's right and good for all, and not for those who seek power, place, or prestige.

Once, when John Kennedy was the keynote speaker for a Fourth of July celebration in Boston, he began his speech not talking about taxes, or politics, or the British, or even about our system of government.

He said, "The informing spirit of the American character has always been a deep religious sense. Throughout the years, down to the present, a devotion to fundamental religious principles has characterized American thought and action."

This is not about one of the Kennedys or one approach to politics and government. It's about the foundation upon which the experiment of the United States of America was built.

"One nation under God," doesn't mean that we are all on the same religious page. It does mean that our country was wise enough in its beginning to see that politics depending upon human beings left to themselves is not enough.

Talk about all being created equal, about certain rights for all, about life, liberty, and the pursuit of human happiness, and we move toward the place where nothing less than the power of God is needed to make it happen.

What about expecting that from our politicians? Can they, will they make those 'abstract' principles come to life in the life of our nation?

Dear God, you have blessed America. Day by day, guide us to move in directions more pleasing to you and more helpful to all of your children. God, bless America. Again and again!

Always love, always,
Keith

Scriptures for the Week: Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82
 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

Sun. 7/10 9:30a Trustees Meeting
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship

Mon. 7/11 Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 7/12 10:00a Koinonia UMW Group

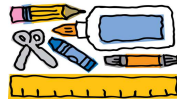
Wed. 7/13 **NO Choir Rehearsals Today**
 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadline

Thu. 7/14 9:00a Food Pantry-**Asbury**
 5:00p Girl Scouts

Fri. 7/15 Offices Closed

Sat. 7/16 10:00a Sewing Group
 6:00p Spanish Service-El Redentor

Sun. 7/17 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship



ARE YOU THINKING 'BACK TO SCHOOL'?

See the shopping list on the back of the July Church Calendar for items needed by our adopted school, Willow Oaks Elementary, or check the list on the office window. The big, red backpack in the hall by the office is ready for your donations. With your help, there will be smiles on many faces at Willow Oaks when school starts in August. Thank you for your generosity.

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

"All worldly joys are less than that one joy of doing kindnesses."
 - John Wesley from *God's Love to Fallen Man*



**FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY
 Canned Meats & Fish**

(Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, Ham, Beef, Spam, Meat Stews, Vienna Sausage, Sardines, etc.)
 Cash is also welcome.

Cash is used to purchase goods by the pound, at a great discount. Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'Food Pantry' in the memo line.
 Thank you!



"Got first place in Bible trivia by being a Noah't all!"



Mission u Deadline

...to register is July 11. Forms are available in the church office.
 Plan to attend any one of the studies available:
 Spiritual Growth: The Bible & Human Sexuality
 Issue Study: Climate Justice
 Geographic: Latin America: People & Faith
 Studies are also available for children & youth on Climate Justice.
 Mission u is for the entire family—mom, dad, sis and brother. Grandma & grandpa, aunts, uncles and cousins are most welcome. Clergy and laity, young and not so young, male and female are encouraged to attend.
 Study books may be purchased on line at:
umwmissionresources.org/



Candle Burning

Candle Burning is one of the avenues of Mission Giving that fund UMW Mission projects around the world with a central focus on Women, Youth & Children, and offers a unique way to remember a loved one or special occasion with a contribution. Your gifts to the Candle Burning Program help United Methodist Women support mission projects in so many ways and places. Among them are Camp Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR, serving those with physical handicaps, and the Bethlehem Centers around the country that offer essential services to the poorest of the poor in their areas. You may use the forms on the tables outside the Sanctuary.

The Reading Program

...,totals will be due at the end of July. Be sure the books you've read are listed. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Lockhart, 754-3129.



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile	Phil Cannon
Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis	Sonny Davis
Goyo De la Cruz	Doug Dennis	Corella Edwards
John Elkins	Marcelle Farrow	Andrew Hamilton
Diane Harrison	John Hight	Jeff Irwin
Stacy Jackson	Mark Jones	Freda Lipford
The Martin Family	Bill McClain	Jesse McClerkin
Bill McMullin	Eloise Miller	Lorraine Mitchell
Glenn Moore	Lou Ella Morris	Joe Moseley
Moira Pomije	Claire Rainey	Elmer Ray
Wade Reeves	Stephanie Roberts	Lana Solomon
Marie Souder	Cindy Stanfil	Brad Weaver
David Weaver	Shannon Weaver	John Williams
Margie Williamson		

THE FINCHERS CONCERT

...is coming up on July 24th. Invite your friends and family, neighbors and co-workers to hear their gospel music that will bring a tap to your toe and a tear to your eye. Join us in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m. for the concert followed by light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS

During the month of AUGUST, we will sing some of our all time favorites during our worship services. You have the month of July to let us know what you want to hear and sing. You may call the office, 683-8861, you may make a list and drop it in the offering plate or you may tell Lisa your choices.

GET YOUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IN SOON



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 rvlittledpd@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. Get your copy today.

JOB OPENING

Asbury UMC is in the process of looking for a new church secretary. The job will be part-time, Mon-Thur., with hours similar to ours—probably 9 to 3:30. For all the details, please contact Cookie Greer, home: 682-3747, or at the church, 363-1135.