

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 7/14 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p Adult/Family Ministries

Mon. 7/15 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 7/16 No Activities

Wed. 7/17 6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 7/18 10:00a Bible Study  
11:30a Hot Dogs & Bingo

Fri. 7/19 Offices Closed

Sat. 7/20 No Activities

Sun. 7/21 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship



### GET A PLANT FOR YOUR DESK

Do you know that indoor plants act as filters that suck up all the pollutants created by your computer equipment while also **cooling the air**? Plants cool air through a process called transpiration that transfers water from plants into the atmosphere. This allows them to act as natural air conditioners, keeping rooms a little cooler during the warm summer days.



### LET'S PACK THE BACK PACK

Next month we will have our special recognition of the staff at Willow Oaks Elementary. Let's overflow the big, red backpack with supplies they will need for this school year, to be presented at the pot luck lunch on August 11. A list of items is available on the table outside the sanctuary and on the office window. Cash is also welcome. Make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'school supplies' in the memo line.

## THANK YOU

Dear Members of Aldersgate,  
Your thoughts and prayers during this time of grieving are very appreciated. My son, Douglas Mathews, died tragically in a motorcycle accident June 16. I am grateful that Sharon Lockhart requested your prayers for my family as we are suffering from Doug's loss in our lives. I know he is safe and at peace with God the Father.

Thank you,  
Vicki Mathews

### BINGO

15	28	37	61	72
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	68
7	22	34	48	72



### JOIN US

Bring only yourselves for Hotdogs & Bingo  
on July 18 - 11:30a.m.!  
Bible Study at 10.



### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

Want to tour places like Thessalonica, Philippi, Athens, Ephesus, Corinth & Crete? See the Roman aqueducts, Byzantine monasteries, the Basilica of St. John, the Acropolis and the Parthenon? This is your opportunity to travel with a tour group hosted by Cathi Johnson, VP of Advancement at MTS, for a land tour and 3 day cruise combination. This 10 day trip is being planned for a May 19, 2014 departure, with a minimum of 15 guests. An all inclusive package guarantees first class hotels and ship-board cabins. **Registration deadline is August 1.** Full itinerary, fees and general information are available from Cathi Johnson at [chjohnson@memphisseminary.edu](mailto:chjohnson@memphisseminary.edu). You may also contact her by phone at work: 901-334-5811 or cell: 901-481-9840.

## UMW NEWS

Have you noticed the clipping on the office window about our upcoming Mission Study? We were listed in the July/August issue of the Circuit Writer under Coming Events.

Our study on the Roma of Europe will be quite an eye-opener. The Roma are Europe's poorest citizens and largest minority, living in abject poverty and appalling prejudice.

United Methodist Women are supporting initiatives to meet challenges and create solutions for the 12 million Roma living across Europe today. Pray that we pass the test of a democratic society—to treat all citizens equally.



### IT'S A FIRST!

Let's celebrate! During Paul's 15 years in ministry, this is the first time any children from his congregation have gone to Lakeshore Camp. We have two girls, Rose Oyoo and Barine Deekae, going to Elementary Camp July 15th-20th. Under the watchful eyes of loving, trained counselors, Rose and Barine will have great fun, make new friends and strengthen their faith in an adventure they will likely never forget. Please be in prayer for the girls while they are away and be prepared to hear great stories when they return.



### THE FINCHERS @ 5—FOOD @ 6

...a great combination! Join the fun on Sunday, July 28, starting at 5 p.m., to hear the Finchers Gospel Quartet then please your palate at our picnic. Sandwiches, chips, fruit and veggies will be provided by our Sunday School Classes—cookies, brownies or desserts by those not in a SS Class. It promises to be a great evening!

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Dustin Kruthaupt by  
Jimmy & Jane Hight

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Are you allowing your path  
to be divinely directed?

## FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY

Canned Fruit Fruit Cups Juice Packs



## DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

### Our Common Heritage as Christians

United Methodists share a common heritage with Christians of every age and nation. This heritage is grounded in the apostolic witness to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, which is the source and measure of all valid Christian teaching.

Faced with diverse interpretations of the apostolic message, leaders of the early church sought to specify the core of Christian belief in order to ensure the soundness of Christian teaching.

The determination of the canon of Christian Scripture and the adoption of ecumenical creeds such as the formulations of Nicaea and Chalcedon were of central importance to this consensual process. Such creeds helped preserve the integrity of the church's witness, set boundaries for acceptable Christian doctrine, and proclaimed the basic elements of the enduring Christian message. These statements of faith, along with the Apostles' Creed, contain the most prominent features of our ecumenical heritage.

The Protestant reformers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries devised new confessional statements that reiterated classical Christian teaching in an attempt to recover the authentic biblical witness. These documents affirmed the primacy of Scripture and provided formal doctrinal standards through their statements of essential beliefs on matters such as the way of salvation, the Christian life, and the nature of the church.

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**Quince H & R**      **Dove H & R**  
 John Keenan      Donnie Jones

**At Home**  
 Earline Gabriel    Lorelle Woodard    Mark Lewis

**Hospice Care**  
 Mary Stanley

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to the crew, passengers and families of the 2 girls who died in the Asiana Airlines plane crash.

**Homebound & Assisted Care**  
 Martah Allen    Doris Babb    Joan Clark  
 Gerri Colosia    Mava Dell Fry    Helen Griffin  
 Marie Hughes    James Matlock    Martha Meyer  
 Lorene Nance    Bernice Shelby    Emmett Smith  
 Harold Smith    Betty Smithmier

**OUR PRESENCE**  
**July 7**  
 Church School      37  
 Worship              56  
 Visitors              2

**OUR GIFTS**  
**July 7**  
 This Week's Offering      \$ 5,422  
 MTD                            \$ 5,422  
 Apportionments TD      \$ 3,809

**OUR SERVICE**  
**July 14**  
**Greeters**              Lou Pennington  
                                   Martha Wallace  
**Liturgist**              Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture**              Warren Petty  
**Children's Time**      Barbara Scheirer  
**Lock-up**                Emmett Parrish

**OUR WITNESS**  
**July Scripture Readers**  
 21 Judy Stanley  
 28 Dean Tutor



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

One of Barbara's favorite authors is Stephen R. Covey. In his book, *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternative: Solving Life's Most Difficult Problems*, he writes: "We hear a lot about identity theft when someone takes your wallet and pretends to be you and uses your credit cards. But the more serious identity theft is to get swallowed up in other people's definition of you." Something for all of us to think about—what does our identity say to others as to who we are?

Peace and Grace,  
 Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for July 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Psalm 82  
 Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon Title  
 "All You Need is Love"