

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Sun. 7/23 10:15a Sunday School  
11:30a Worship  
5:00p The Finchers in Concert  
6:00p Reception in FH
- Mon. 7/24 12:00p Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 7/25 No Activities
- Wed. 7/26 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 7/27 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry
- Fri. 7/28 Offices Closed  
8:00a UMW Mission u  
First UMC, Jackson, TN
- Sat. 7/29 8:00a UMW Mission u,  
Jackson, TN  
8:00a UMM July Roundtable@  
Golden UMC
- Sun. 7/30 9:30a Fellowship Time  
sponsored by Barry  
& Perri Mathis  
10:30a Combined Sunday School  
11:30a Worship



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS**

Our collection of supplies for Willow Oaks Elementary is ongoing. The big, red backpack is in the hall near the office to receive your gifts. Needs are listed below. Cash is welcome to purchase other needed items and pre-packs for grades K-5. Pre-Packs are \$53 each. Please make checks out to Aldersgate for all or any part of the cost and note Willow Oaks in the memo line. Thank you!

- Undies for Girls      Undies for Boys
- .74 oz. Glue Sticks      Belts for Boys
- 8 ct. Crayola Crayons      24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- Back Packs      Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- Hand Sanitizer with pump
- Large Boxes Facial Tissue
- Poly Brad and Pocket Folders (any color)
- Notebook Filler Paper-Wide Ruled-200 count
- D'Nealian Tablets- Wide Ruled, Blue Baseline



**THE FINCHERS ARE COMING!  
Sunday, July 23  
5 p.m.**

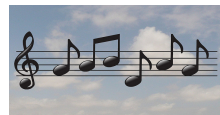
**Reception to follow.**

You may sign-up on the office window to be a greeter or help with the goodies for the reception. Please let Rebeca Ernst know how you are willing to help at 484-7385.



**UM Men July Metro District Roundtable**

...is Saturday, July 29, 8:00a, at Golden UMC, 4028 Neely Road. Contact Steve Ragsdale, 901-647-7546 or [stevier56@yahoo.com](mailto:stevier56@yahoo.com) or Dwight Davis at 901-270-4968, for breakfast reservations.



**MUSIC AT LINDENWOOD  
"Celebration"**

...the first in a season-long musical offering honoring The Fiftieth (Plus 1!) Anniversary of the Golightly Memorial Pipe Organ  
Saturday, July 29, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
with


- The Memphis Repertory Orchestra  
William Langley, Conductor
- Chris Nemeck, Organ Soloist
- Shannon Cochran, Soprano Soloist
- Presenting music by  
William Walton, Joseph Rheinberger, Cole Porter,  
Rodgers and Hammerstein, and more!
- This is a free, non-ticketed event at  
Lindenwood Christian Church  
2400 Union Ave.



**ARE YOU READY FOR OUR MISSION STUDY?**

Tuesday, August 15, starting at 9 a.m., Lana will lead our UMW Geographic Mission Study, "Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the United States". Get an overview of our 3 Missionary Conferences: Alaska Missionary Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and Red Bird Missionary Conference. Learn how they grew and how they are currently involved in mission work. Red Bird Mission and United Methodist Women have served a 9-county Appalachian area for 95 years, adapting their outreach to the changing needs of the community. UM Women in the Alaska Missionary Conference continue their advocacy work in areas of peace with justice, education, racial and economic justice, women's health, and human rights, to name a few. The United Methodist Women in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference are dedicated to the well-being of all people, especially the Native Americans of the area and support many programs affecting change for the better in their local communities. Plan to join us and have your eyes opened to amazing facts about our Missionary Conferences.

**CANDLE BURNING GIFTS TO UMW MISSIONS**

 Please complete this form, enclose payment, and give to Mary Robbins or the church office. (A minimum gift of \$5 per name/event please). Make checks out to Aldersgate UMW.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for

**Memorial Fund**

- In memory of Mildred Hight by  
Betty Smithmier  
Henry & Nancy Blanks
- In memory of Paul DeLong by  
Betty Smithmier  
Keith Coffman  
Henry & Nancy Blanks



**FAVORITE HYMN TIME**

As we have in the past, we will sing some of your favorite hymns during worship services in August. Please choose something from the *Cokesbury*, *The Faith We Sing* or the *UM Hymnal* and tell Lisa or Kathy what you want to hear or drop a note in the offering plate. Thanks!

**FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY**

- Canned Fruit      Fruit Juice      Fruit Cups
- Cash is also welcome.

Thank you.

(Make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'food pantry' in the memo line.)



**17th Annual  
GOLDEN CROSS GOLF CLASSIC  
Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017  
Windyke Country Club**

You still have time to sign up for this Golf Tournament! Register individuals for \$150 per person, including lunch, mulligans, cart, green fees, range balls and a Golf Classic gift. A foursome is \$600. Online registration prior to Sept. 1 for golfers and sponsors available at [www.goldencross.org](http://www.goldencross.org), or call 213-1930, or pick up a form in the church office. Remember to bring extra cash for the 'Winner Take All' raffle.

**OUR PRAYERS**

- Our Ministers             Our Church
- Our Leaders             Our Ministry Teams
- Our Children & Youth    Our Homebound
- Our College Students    Our Missionaries
- Our Police Dept.         Our Fire Dept.
- Our City                 Our Military

**Homebound and Assisted Care**

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|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Martha Allen | June Burton     | Carolyn Escue  |
| Ray Escue    | Mava Dell Fry   | Earl Galloway  |
| Doris Hight  | Marie Hughes    | Wayne Lawrence |
| Ted Lewis    | Betty Ray       | Bernice Shelby |
| Emmett Smith | Betty Smithmier | Martha Wallace |

**Desert Springs Hosp. Las Vegas, NV**

Victor Petty

**Special Prayers** for

- ...disaster victims
- ...immigrants
- ...the remaining kidnapped Nigerian girls

**At Home**

Peggy Brightwell  
Clover Lauth

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to

...John & Mark Farrow, family and friends in the loss of their mother, Marcelle Farrow

**OUR PRESENCE - July 16**

Sunday School	50
Worship	71

**OUR GIFTS - July 16**


Offering	\$ 2,293
Month to Date	\$ 7,517
YTD	\$ 74,177

**OUR SERVICE - July 23**

- Greeters**.....Gerry Gaines  
  Mireya Ramos
- Liturgist**.....Andrew Baker
- Scripture**.....Rebeca Ernst
- Children's Time**.....Andrew Baker
- Lock-up**.....Tom Lockhart

**OUR WITNESS**

**July Scripture Readers**  
30 Lana Solomon

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**OUR PRAYERS (con't)**

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| Kristen Boggs     | Jim Brazile       | Brenda Brazile   |
| Melissa Cole      | Jaunay Davis      | Miriam Davis     |
| Corella Edwards   | Gordillo Family   | Shanon Groves    |
| John Hight        | Kay Hudak         | Patty Hudak      |
| Jeff Irwin        | Dennis LeClear    | Ursula Lewis     |
| Mary Lockhart     | Bill McClain      | Jesse McClerkin  |
| Lou Ella Morris   | Richard Morris    | Joe Moseley      |
| Karen Mosley      | Becky Pennington  | Boyd Pilkinton   |
| Ruth Pilkinton    | Maira Pomije      | Jamie H. Proctor |
| Wade Reeves       | Stephanie Roberts | Brad Weaver      |
| David Weaver      | Shannon Weaver    | Charlie Whitaker |
| Margie Williamson |                   |                  |



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**GOD IS SPEAKING! ARE YOU LISTENING?**

By Greg Mancini

God speaks, but are you listening? Like a gentle summer breeze comes His still, small voice in your heart. Jeremy Camp said it well in a song, "How majestic is your whisper." God's voice is symbolized in the bible as being like many rushing waters. God speaking is powerful as well as gentle.

God started the whole creation process with speech. "Let there be light and there was light." His Word is so powerful and alive that when He speaks, reality is revealed instantly. Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Imagine Jesus swooshing a sword every time He utters a word, that driving Word, directly into your heart, being able to judge your every thought, spiritual from physical. The intentions of your heart cannot be hidden from His powerfully spoken Word.

His Word that created the stars, galaxies and neighboring planets of earth, is the very same Word that creates within the human heart a new spirit and a new creation. God's Word transforms a listening ear from glory to glory and makes a man of wisdom and learning all the wiser. Heed the Word of God and you will be changed into a new creation, from being born again to evolving into a powerful tool in the hands of the living God.

Paul, the greatest of the apostles, the shining example in the New Testament, was knocked off his horse and surrounded by the glorious word of Jesus Christ in the form of blinding light. Jesus, the Son of God, spoke these life changing words to him, "Arise, go into the city and you will be told what to do." This word encounter changed Paul's life direction and transformed him into the legendary apostle who changed the world for Jesus Christ through his powerful writing and preaching!

Many years ago, God spoke to my heart as a young teenager lost in the world of drugs and liquor saying, "Where would you go if you died tonight? You are presently separated from My presence. Come to Me and I will turn your life around and deliver you from the snare of death, drugs and permanent separation from Me."

I heard God's voice and He did change my life forever and saved my soul from hell and death by his powerful word found in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

So you see, God is speaking and if you are listening, His Word will change you forever!

Blessings,

*Virginia*

Scriptures Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Romans 8:12-25

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43