

## OUR PRAYERS

### At Home

Earline Gabriel  
Daniel Boice

### Dove H & R

Donnie Jones

### St. Francis

Lee Mark Lewis ICU

### Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

### Homebound & Assisted Care

Martha Allen Doris Babb Joan Clark  
Gerri Colosia Mava Dell Fry Helen Griffin  
Marie Hughes James Matlock Martha Meyer  
Lorene Nance Doris Palazzini Bernice Shelby  
Emmett Smith Harold Smith  
Betty Smithmier

## OUR PRESENCE

### July 21

Church School	39
Worship	64
Visitors	1

## OUR GIFTS

### July 21

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,569
MTD	\$ 9,365
Apportionments TD	\$ 3,809

## OUR SERVICE

### July 28

<b>Greeters</b>	Lou Pennington Martha Wallace
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Judy Stanley
<b>Children's Time</b>	Barbara Scheirer
<b>Lock-up</b>	Emmett Parrish

## OUR WITNESS

### August Scripture Readers

4 Brother Paul  
11 Happy Gbeneneh  
18 Jane Hight  
25 Lisa Hughes



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Scripture for July 28: Psalm 40; Luke 8:40-56

Sermon: "Being a Voice for the Voiceless"

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This is thought to be part of an 8 verse hymn written by Charles Wesley, perhaps the one intended in this comment: "Towards ten, my brother was brought in triumph by a troop of our friends, and declared, 'I believe'. We sang the hymn with great joy and parted with prayer."

"Where Shall My Wondering Soul Begin"

Where shall my wondering soul begin?  
How shall I all to heaven aspire?  
A slave redeemed from death and sin,  
A brand plucked from eternal fire,  
How shall I equal triumphs raise,  
And sing my great deliverer's praise?

O how shall I the goodness tell,  
Father, which thou to me hast showed?  
That I, a child of wrath and hell,  
I should be called a child of God!  
Should know, should feel my sins forgiven,  
Blest with this antepast of heaven!

For you the purple current flowed  
In pardon from his wounded side,  
Languished for you the eternal God,  
For you the Prince of Glory died.  
Believe, and all your guilt's forgiven,  
Only believe—and yours is heaven.

Excerpt from UM Hymnal

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 7/28	9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 5:00p The Finchers in Concert 6:00p Church Family Picnic
Mon. 7/29	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 7/30	No Activities
Wed. 7/31	6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 8/1	10:00a Bible Study 11:30a Hot Dogs & Bingo
Fri. 8/2	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/3	No Activities
Sun. 8/4	9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship

## UMCOR RELIEF KITS AND DROP-OFF SITES NEEDED

It seems a day cannot go by without hearing of a wild fire, a flood, an earthquake or some other devastating disaster. According to Bill Carr, Memphis Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator, UMCOR is in immediate need of relief supply kits to help care for the most vulnerable people during these times of crisis. The five most needed kits are Health Kits and Layette Kits, Sewing Kits, Birthing Kits and School Kits.

Carr is also looking for sites in the Memphis Conference to be drop-off points for assembled kits through August 28. He hopes to haul the supplies to UMCOR's Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, LA, soon after Labor Day. So far, Grace UMC in Jackson, TN, Benton UMC in Benton, KY, and Grace UMC in LaCenter, KY have volunteered.

For information and details, you may contact Carr at [bill\\_carr@bellsouth.net](mailto:bill_carr@bellsouth.net) or by phone at 270-556-5221.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY**  
Canned Fruit Fruit Cups  
Juice Packs



## THANK YOU NOTES

A very special thank you to each of you who helped so generously to serve a meal to the family of Jack Harding following his funeral service. Again, Aldersgate showed itself to be the church of the warm heart.

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Dear Friends,  
I am so pleased to tell you that Uncle John is now at home. Its been a long road getting him there but home is where he belongs. Thank you so much for all your concern. Your prayers have done it again! My family is truly in your debt.

Love,  
Kathy  
(Tom, Ed & John, too)



## JULY 28 - BIG DAY AT ALDERSGATE

The Finchers Gospel Quartet and the Church Family Picnic are July 28th starting at 5 p.m. If you are not in a Sunday School Class you may bring cookies or brownies (no cakes or pies, please)—other picnic provisions will be provided by our Sunday School Classes. Fun and fellowship will be provided by and for all! Come join us!

## ABOUT THE TRIP TO GREECE

An informative meeting about the May 2014 tour of Athens, Corinth, Ephesus and other locations where the apostle Paul traveled will be held Saturday, August 17, at 10 a.m. at Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby Rd. A representative of the travel company will join us to answer any and all questions about the trip. Your attendance is **not** a commitment! For details and other info, please contact the Tour host, Cathi Johnson, at 901-481-9840 or [chjohnson@memphisseminary.edu](mailto:chjohnson@memphisseminary.edu).

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Courage is contagious. When a brave person takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened."  
Billy Graham

## UMW NEWS

The UMW Prayer Calendar includes testimonies of people who are in mission *with* people. Affirming this, Missionary Jerri Savuto, nurse at Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya says:

"I met a 9 year old boy that weighed 20 pounds, was unconscious and near death. When I touched his shoulder his eyes opened, he smiled and I saw Jesus. I knew he hadn't been alone in this suffering but with Jesus. Mission is mutual. You can't give without receiving, but usually what we give is tangible and what we receive is not. I went into mission to help heal, teach, understand and love and I came home healed, taught, understood and loved."

Take a moment and reflect—in what ways have you been touched when you have touched others with God's love? What is God prompting you to do today?

Excerpt from UMW Prayer Calendar



## MEASURING UP

Ever try to do your homework without a pencil or paper? Try to measure something or draw a straight line without a ruler? School can be very difficult for children without the proper materials. Your gifts of school supplies are very much appreciated by our adopted school. Please drop your gifts in the big, red backpack (or the big barrel) or leave them in the office by August 11.

## Teachers' Lunch

The Back to School Lunch honoring our Willow Oaks teachers is Aug. 11, right after worship. Our gifts of supplies will presented at that time.



## WE'VE RESCHEDULED! JOIN US

Bring only yourselves for Hotdogs & Bingo on August 1 - 11:30a.m!  
Bible Study at 10.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Shannon Christi by  
Jimmy & Jane Hight  
Lou Pennington  
Peggy Brightwell

In memory of Dustin Kruthaupt by  
Peggy Brightwell

In memory of Jack Harding by  
Donna Sturdivant

### Scholarship Fund

In memory of Shannon Christi by  
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

## YOU MAY STILL SIGN UP FOR THE WESLEY FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNY

To reserve your spot or a spot for your team for the tournament on Thursday, Sept. 19, at Windyke, you have until September 1st. You may choose morning (7:30a) or afternoon (1:00p) rounds. Individual fee is \$125 or \$500 for a team. More info and answers are available at [david.kabakoff@wesleyhousing.com](mailto:david.kabakoff@wesleyhousing.com) or 901-213-1930 or [kristi.owens@wesleyhousing.com](mailto:kristi.owens@wesleyhousing.com). Its going to be a great day for golf!

## DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES Basic Christian Affirmations

With Christians of other communions we confess belief in the triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This confession embraces the biblical witness to God's activity in creation, encompasses God's gracious self-involvement in the dramas of history, and anticipates the consummation of God's reign.

The created order is designed for the well-being of all creatures and as the place of human dwelling in covenant with God. As sinful creatures, however, we have broken that covenant, become estranged from God, wounded ourselves and one another, and wreaked havoc throughout the natural order. We stand in need of redemption.

Book of Discipline 2012