

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 7/30 9:30a Fellowship Time sponsored by Barry & Perri Mathis
 10:30a Combined Sunday School
 11:30a Worship

Mon. 7/31 Breakfast for Willow Oaks Teachers
 12:00p Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 8/1 7:00p Church Council Meeting

Wed. 8/2 Lunch for Willow Oaks Teachers
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/3 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry

Fri. 8/4 Offices Closed

Sat. 8/5 No Activities

Sun. 8/6 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship/Communion



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 or Dwight Davis at 901-270-4968, for breakfast reservations.



SHOULD YOU APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Aldersgate has college scholarship money available to high school graduates who have been active members of Aldersgate for at least one year. Guidelines and application requirements are available in the church office. You may call 683-8861 for more information.



We would like to thank your congregation for the warmth shown us when we visited July 2. Special thanks for honoring mother, Janie Heflin, by recognizing her on her 90th birthday. Again, thank you for receiving us so well.

Darlene & Ernest Poindexter

The family of Marcelle Farrow wishes to thank you for your kindness and support during her illness and death. Your prayers, visits, cards, food and memorials are deeply appreciated. A special thanks to Rev. Virginia for her visits and taking part in the beautiful memorial service. Marcelle loved her church very much. Your love and concern are a great source of comfort to us.

Gratefully,
 Mark & John Farrow, Diane Bell, Garlene Stevens

The Finchers were as great as ever! What a blessing to hear the God-given talents of these gifted vocalists. Many thanks to Rebeca and her worker bees who made the reception just as great! Thanks to all who set-up, served, decorated, made refreshments, ushered, greeted and cleaned up. Thanks for being so gracious to our guests!!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m.



DON'T FORGET!!!

Sign up sheets are on the office window for lunch reservations for our Scholarship Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch and for volunteers to decorate a table and/or bring a cake (dessert for lunch), for the Church-wide Birthday Party on August 13. Lunch is 'free' for your donation to the Scholarship Fund. You may also email office@agumc.org or call, 683-8861 to be put on either or both lists.



Coming In August

- Executive Mtg. - Sunday, August 13 - 9:30a
- Mission Study - Tuesday, August 15 - 9:00a
- Social Action Day - Saturday, Aug. 26 - 9:00a in Jackson, TN

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 _____



THE ART OF DINNER

There is something beautiful about the balance of healthy and delicious food. To celebrate that Church Health, UT Health Science Center and LeBonheur are partnering to present an interactive cooking class on Friday, August 4, at 6:00p.m. Top Memphis culinary talent will guide you through new, delicious dishes in the Teaching Kitchen at Church Health, 1350 Concourse Ave. Come with an appetite and your favorite wine or beer. Tickets are \$50, with proceeds benefiting community nutrition programming at the Church Health Nutrition Hub. More information and tickets are available at churchhealth.org/events or 901-701-2127.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Marcelle Farrow by
 The Fidelis Class
 Don & Tillie Speraw
 Dean & Aleita Tutor
 Warren Petty
 Joy Mitchell & Johnny Mitchell
 Tom & Sharon Lockhart
 Bruce & Lisa Hughes
 Jeanette Leslie
 Keith Coffman
 Neil & Jean DeLong
 Mary Robbins
 Cathy Boice
 Joe & Betty Barnett

In memory of Mildred Hight by
 The Fidelis Class
 Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Paul DeLong by
 The Fidelis Class
 Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Margaret Kenley by
 Arlene Brown & Family



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.)



HAVE YOU GIVEN US YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS?

AUGUST is the month we will sing some of our most beloved hymns during our worship services, so let us know which ones are your favorites. You may call: 683-8861, or email: office@agumc.org or make a list and drop it in the offering plate or tell Lisa or Kathy your choices. Let us "make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

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

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	Martha Wallace	

At Home

Betty Smithmier
 Teresa McMullin
 Vic Petty (Las Vegas)

Special Prayers for

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

Hospice Care

Boyd Pilkinton

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
 ...Family and friends of Glenn Moore

OUR PRESENCE - July 23

Sunday School	47
Worship	58

OUR GIFTS - July 23

Offering	\$ 877
Month to Date	\$ 3,170
YTD	\$ 75,054

OUR SERVICE - July 30

Greeters.....Gerry Gaines
 Mireya Ramos

Liturgist.....Andrew Baker

Scripture.....Lana Solomon

Children's Time.....Barry Mathis

Lock-up.....Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

6 Nubari Deekae
 13 Judy Stanley
 20 Rose Oyoo
 27 Andrew Baker

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
 4459 Willow Road
 Memphis, TN 38117-6917



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile
Peggy Brightwell	Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis
Miriam Davis	Corella Edwards	Marcelle Farrow
Gordillo Family	Shanon Groves	John Hight
Kay Hudak	Patty Hudak	Jeff Irwin
Clover Lauth	Dennis LeClear	Ursula Lewis
Mary Lockhart	John Mason	Bill McClain
Jesse McClerkin	Lou Ella Morris	Richard Morris
Joe Moseley	Karen Mosley	Becky Pennington
Ruth Pilkinton	Moira Pomije	Wade Reeves
Stephanie Roberts	Billy Smith	Brad Weaver
David Weaver	Shannon Weaver	Charlie Whitaker
Margie Williamson	Kristine Young	

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CUTTINGS

by [Patty Wysong](#)

I love my house plants. What can I say? I water them, talk to them and play Mozart for them and they love me for it--sure, they like the nice sunny house my husband built, but it's the Mozart they thrive on--much to my kids' dismay.

When my parents visited this spring, my bamboo got a hair cut and I salvaged the cuttings by sticking them in a pretty little vase, figuring I had nothing to lose. Every so often I'd peer in, checking for signs of growth and finally I saw root nubbins. I was elated. I eyed the narrow neck of my vase and knew their life in there was limited...then life got busy. Guess who forgot about finding a new home for my bamboo cuttings?

Last week I peered into my pretty little vase again. My elation was mixed with dread because there was a mass of roots--roots that wouldn't easily slip through that narrow neck. Rather than take care of it right away, like I should have, I put it off. Again. Today I noticed a start of a big main root and knew I'd waited too long.

I tried to be gentle. Truly I did. But I could hear the roots groaning as I wiggled the shoots, jockeying them into position to slide them out one at a time. The roots flexed and as I eased one shoot out, the second one fell into place and slid right out, almost painlessly. I heaved a sigh of relief as I set them in a water glass and checked out my vase. Only a few root hairs were in there, so maybe, just maybe, I didn't tear out too many roots and set the bamboo back too much.

There have been times God's given me a hair cut and gotten rid of things that were out of balance for where I was at that time in my life. Just like that bamboo was top heavy and needed trimming. When God trims me, us, back, He sometimes picks out choice cuttings to put in a vase so they can develop roots of their own in order to eventually be transplanted into their own pots where they grow and flourish.

Nurture those cuttings as God sets them in vases--don't just cry over the trimming He gave you. Rejoice in it because those trim jobs allow you to become fuller and more beautiful--well rooted and not top heavy. He's the Master Gardner and He knows what's best. Allow Him full access and He'll grow you and shape you into a plant that flourishes for His glory. And that's the key: for His glory! Happy growing!

Blessings,
Virginia

Scriptures Readings: Genesis 29:15-28

Romans 8:26-39

Psalm 105:1-11,45b

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

