

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 8/18	9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Church Council Meeting
Mon. 8/19	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 8/20	10:00a UMW Mission Study on the Roma of Europe
Wed. 8/21	6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 8/22	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 8/23	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/24	9:00a Art For Life's Sake
Sun. 8/25	9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship

## A BIG WELCOME

...to our newest member, Andrew Baker. Having been active with us for some time and singing in the choir, he and wife Beth are already listed in our directory. Aldersgate, be sure to let him know how pleased we are that he has now "officially" joined our church family.

## SINGLES RETREAT AT LAKESHORE September 13-15

The Memphis Conference Single Adult Ministry (MCSAM) invites singles (young adults to seniors of any denomination) to Lakeshore to explore Adam Hamilton's book, "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus", facilitated by Rev. Joey Reed, pastor of Grace UMC in Jackson, TN. All chapters of the book will be covered. You are encouraged to read the book prior to the retreat if possible.

We will retrace the life and ministry of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry. Through video clips and discussion you will feel as if you are "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus".

Register with Wendy Hopper, 731-685-8330 or Martha Manuel, 731-664-8480. Fee for the weekend-\$90; Saturday only-\$40, if registered before August 31.

## THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank my church family for the love of offering given to me to help with school tuition at the University of Tennessee. I will be starting the M.S. degree in Social Work in a couple of weeks and am looking forward to retiring from FedEx to pursue a new career in Social Work

Thanks again,  
Lynn Coffman

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## Willow Oaks Day a Great Success

Thank You!!! to all who provided school supplies and food for the big day. Because of your generosity, we provided lots of tangible & tummy treats for Willow Oaks. To those who helped set-up and clean up, a double thank you for your "thankless" job. Special thanks to Rebeca, Barbara, Mary & Kathy for all their help!

The Outreach Committee

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Have you noticed a new, "shinier" look around the church lately? Many thanks to our own Lisa Hughes for taking over that responsibility. Give her a pat on the back and let her know what a great job she's doing!

## FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST



Pasta Crackers  
Canned Meats & Fish



## ADDICTION PREVENTION SEMINAR FOR LAITY & CLERGY

Want to better understand the challenges of drug or alcohol addiction and how to help? The Church Health Center Wellness is offering a **free** conference on Thursday, September 19, to help us do just that, understand better the recovery process and the needs of the addict and their loved ones.

If you have an interest in this outreach program, please contact Linda Seely, 636 Wallace Rd., Jackson, TN 38305, call her at 731-217-8013 or email her at [lwseely@hotmail.com](mailto:lwseely@hotmail.com). She has all the details and can take your reservations.

## UMW NEWS

Are you ready? Invited your neighbors? Asked your friends and family? Our Mission Study on the Roma of Europe begins next Tuesday, Aug. 20th, at 10a.m.

Could you support your family by collecting recyclables? How would you manage living in a shipping crate? What would your children & grandchildren's futures look like if they were not allowed to go to school?

Join us on the 20th and 27th to see how these situations challenge us all and how we can help provide answers.

## PREPARING FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

In an effort to complete information for Charge Conference, we need your help. We are unable to contact the following members of Aldersgate. If you have a phone number or an address for any of them or their families, please call the office, 683-8861 or email your info to:

[office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org). Thank you for your help.

Betty Blythe	Leslie Blythe	Doug Bradsher
Joey Burton	Terri Cramer	Becky Elkins
Kyle Kramer	Jimmy Lee	Philip Mabry
Nadine Smith	Dan Starling	Lynn Starling
Kathy Surbaugh	John Wilburn	

## TEA & TOUR FOR SENIORS AT THE BROOKS

"Crossroads of Memory:

Carroll Cloar and the American South"

The paintings of Carroll Cloar rank among the most haunting ever made of the American South. The Brooks Museum of Art will have a tour and treats for seniors on Sept. 12 from 2-4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for non-members, free for members.

On Sept. 14 from 10:30-Noon, Dr. Stanton Thomas, curator of the Cloar collection, will give a lecture about the artist's life and development.

Sept. 15 from 2-3 p.m. immerse yourself in Cloar's memories, through his art, of life in the Delta, on this final day of the exhibit.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Jack Harding by

Betty Smithmier

Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Dustin Kruthaupt by

Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Shannon Christi by

Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Robert Barnett by

Martha Wallace

Keith Coffman

## DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

### Basic Christian Affirmations

**We understand ourselves to be part of Christ's universal church when by adoration, proclamation and service we become conformed to Christ.** We are initiated and incorporated into this community of faith by Baptism, receiving the promise of the Spirit that re-creates and transforms us. Through the regular celebration of Holy Communion, we participate in the risen presence of Jesus Christ and are thereby nourished for faithful discipleship.

We pray and work for the coming of God's realm and reign to the world and rejoice in the promise of everlasting life that overcomes death and the forces of evil.

**With other Christians we recognize that the reign of God is both a present and future reality.** The church is called to be that place where the first signs of the reign of God are identified and acknowledged in the world. Wherever persons are being made new creatures in Christ, wherever insights and resources of the gospel are brought to bear on the life of the world, God's reign is already effective in its healing and renewing power.

We also look to the end time in which God's work will be fulfilled. This prospect gives us hope in our present actions ad individuals and as the Church. This expectation saves us from resignation and motivates our continuing witness and service.

## OUR PRAYERS

### Methodist Univ.

Norris Gabriel 807 Th

### Baptist Women's

Catherine McCollum

### At Home

Brother Paul

Bill McMullin

Jackson Little

Avery & Embry

Adams

Mark Lewis

### Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

### Dove H & R

Donnie Jones

### Our Sympathy

love and prayers go out to

...the Coffman family and friends of Elizabeth

Cochran

## OUR PRESENCE

### Aug. 11

Church School 40

Worship 69

Visitors 16

## OUR GIFTS

### Aug. 11

This Week's Offering \$ 2,639

MTD \$ 7,928

Apportionments TD \$ 3,809

## OUR SERVICE

### Aug. 18

#### Greeters

Ginny Lawrence

Wayne Lawrence

#### Liturgist

Bruce Hughes

#### Scripture

Happy Gbeneneh

#### Children's Time

Barbara Scheirer

#### Lock-up

Jimmie Bedwell

## OUR WITNESS

### August Scripture Readers

25 Lisa Hughes

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Duct Tape! Given it much thought lately? You can get it in a myriad of solid colors and also in zebra print, polka dots, stripes, and almost any design that can be thought of, but all with the same purpose. It is, after all, tape.

A community of faith is very much like that. Different colors, different designs, but all with the same purpose—making disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the gift of faith, our source of courage and strength, we, as a community, can reach the world! Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Go out and make a friend for Jesus today!

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

### Scripture for August 18:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Hebrews 11:28-12:2

### Sermon:

"Gouty Christians"