

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 8/20 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship

Mon. 8/21 Solar Eclipse Day
12:00p Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 8/22 No Activities

Wed. 8/23 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/24 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry
5:45p Girl Scouts

Fri. 8/25 Offices Closed
11:30a **Asbury** Young @ Heart
5:45p Girl Scouts

Sat. 8/26 9:00a UMW Social Action Day at
Aldersgate-Jackson, 1050
N. Parkway, Jackson, TN.
9:00a Girl Scout Recruitment Day

Sun. 8/27 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship



BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME

Thursday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m., we will begin the fall term with “Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet”, by Adam Hamilton. Re-trace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of the Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt. Join us each Thursday, 9/7 through 10/12 for this six week session. Study books are available in the church office for \$12.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is a promise in Genesis 8:22 to keep us focused on the real reason for living—God is growing us for his harvest. Oh, there will be difficulties, sadness and worries, but as long as the earth remains, God is with us. And in the end—the very end—God will gather up his harvest of believers.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Aldersgate Family,
Thank you once again for honoring me with the Margaret Craft Plant Scholarship. I am proud to be a recipient.

Tyler Pilkinton

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WOW! Have you noticed the lines for the parking spaces? Many, many thanks to Rebeca Ernst, Tommy Lockhart, Henry Blanks, Dean Tutor and Barry Pilkinton for all their hard work. Keep an eye on this crew as they move to the back parking lot.

The Trustees

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Thank you to all who attended the Church-wide Birthday Party and Spaghetti Lunch Sunday! Thank you especially to those who donated to the Margaret Craft Plant Scholarship Fund. We raised \$954, which will almost cover a full year for one student. Thank you for always supporting our kids when they go off to college.

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Happy Birthday to everyone and thanks to all who attended our Birthday Party celebration! Special thanks to our decorators, bakers, cooks, set-up and clean-up crews. You each did outstanding and creative work, making the luncheon so wonderful. Thank you all for the help and support, another great event for The Gate!

RUMMAGE SALE

To Benefit Colonial Park Youth
Saturday, August 19 - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tons of brand name clothes, electronics, computers, jewelry, toys, furniture, artwork, collectibles, CD's movies, books and lots of other great items.

** Specials begin at 12:30 **

Colonial Park UMC
5330 Park Ave

**Answers to last week's puzzle
CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE WORDS**

re pay	sa lad
pr ior	qu eue
la rva	to day
ha voc	ab yss
be gun	empty
un til	de cay
fl uke	ga uze
	ca noe



**Conference Social Action Day
Saturday, August 26**

...at Aldersgate-Jackson, 1050 N. Parkway, Jackson, TN. Registration/refreshments at 9 a.m., workshops begin at 10. 3 workshops are on tap: *Human Trafficking*, led by Marissa Castellanos; *Maternal & Child Health*, led by Dr. Debra Selby; *Bullying/Teen Suicide*, lead by Kimberly Yeiter. The fee of \$10 includes a box lunch and the deadline to register is Tuesday, Aug. 22. Forms are available on line or on the table outside the church office.

Last Chance for Candle Burning Gifts

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Our report must be turned in soon. This is your last week to honor loved ones or a special event with a gift to missions through Candle Burning. Please give your gifts and list to Mary Robbins for inclusion in our UMW Sunday recognition.

**Mark Your Calendars for September 30
Annual Conference Day**

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...at First UMC, 503 Maple St., Murray, KY, 270-489-2910. Don't forget your donations of lots and lots of 'stuff' for the gift shop to make Christmas shopping a joy and to make lots and lots of money for missions!



**CHURCH HEALTH PRESENTS THE
DOCUMENTARY FILM "FORKS OVER KNIVES"**

Bring your lunch and join us for a screening of "Forks Over Knives." The film examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods. The screening will be in Church Health's community room, located between the Central and West Atria of Crosstown Concourse, 1350 Concourse Ave. Free and open to the public.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Memorial Fund
In memory of Marcelle Farrow by
Mike & Cathy Fay

Scholarship Fund
In memory of Terry Williamson by
Lana Solomon

**AUGUST 21
SKIES SHOULD BE CLEAR FOR
SOLAR ECLIPSE**

The earliest recorded eclipse, described on an ancient clay tablet in Ugarit, Syria, to one that was linked to an uprising in an ancient Assyrian city, to [a total solar eclipse that will surely go down in history](#) when it dazzles the world Aug. 21, 2017, are some of the most famous. Don't miss the maximum eclipse to be seen in Memphis at 1:22 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST

Hot or Cold Cereal
Cash is also welcome.
Thank you.

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



SHARE THE PENNIES

Small Change, Big Difference

Beginning January 1, 2018, MLGW will automatically enroll all residential customers in the Share the Pennies Program, rounding up utility bills to the next dollar. These funds will provide grants for low-income home owners to make basic, energy-efficient improvements. Bill assistance is NOT included in the program. You may opt out at any time before or after Jan. 1. If after Jan. 1, up to six months of 'pennies' will be refunded. To opt out, you may call the Customer Care Center at 544-6549 or visit mlgw.com/share and submit the form or visit an MLGW community office.

OUR PRAYERS

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

Methodist University
(Kenneth) Neal Carter

- Special Prayers** for
- ...Clover Lauth & family
 - ...immigrants & families
 - ...disaster victims
 - ...the remaining kidnapped Nigerian girls

Hospice Care
Betty Smithmier
Boyd Pilkinton

Homebound and Assisted Care

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

OUR PRESENCE - August 13

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| Sunday School | 35 |
| Worship | 74 |

OUR GIFTS - August 13


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| Offering | \$ | 694 |
| Month to Date | \$ | 5,573 |
| YTD | \$ | 81,059 |

OUR SERVICE - August 20

- Greeters**.....Dorothy Christiansen
Audrey Weaver
- Liturgist**.....Jay Finzel
- Scripture**.....Byron Gudiel
- Children's Time**.....Bruce Hughes
- Lock-up**.....Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers
27 Andrew Baker

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


OUR PRAYERS (con't)

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| Kristen Boggs | Jim Brazile | Brenda Brazile |
| Peggy Brightwell | 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 | John Mason |
| Bill McClain | Jesse McClerkin | Teresa McMullin |
| Lou Ella Morris | Richard Morris | Joe Moseley |
| Karen Mosley | Becky Pennington | Vic Petty |
| Ruth Pilkinton | Moira Pomije | Jamie Proctor |
| Wade Reeves | Stephanie Roberts | Billy Smith |
| Brad Weaver | David Weaver | Shannon Weaver |
| Charlie Whitaker | Margie Williamson | Kristine Young |

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The Pianist in Nature

by [Carolyn Kenney](#)

The mountains roll one after the other in a harmonic line across the horizon. Trees permeate this expanse of majesty as they regally reach to the spacious sky. Upon closer look, one can see flowers slowly emerging from the depths of earth. Small yet sturdy towers of delicate blossoms are gradually formed creating a blanket of inviting colors. As birds sail above, they flow in graceful harmony with nature, which encircles them on all sides. They breathe in the cool, silent air of the forest and sing in sweet melodic voices. In union with one another, all the elements of nature breathe in and breathe out. A hushed harmony takes place within the woodlands, which reach for miles before breaking upon humanity.

In spring, buds pulsate from within trees and flowers as new life, long dormant in the prior months, shining forth from the confines of the earth. The subdued rustle of branches play in agreement like strings on a violin.

In gradual grandeur summer days start to sparkle in the forest. Golden rays from the sun cast a vibrant scene of light as they twinkle merrily upon stately trees and tantalizing flowers. A glow is emitted causing an array of splendid admiration everywhere.

Autumn slowly descends upon the splendid scene. Leaves of myriad colors fall in silent synchronization like a rainbow arching across the sky. The calm, clear water of a nearby river flows freely over rugged rocks before cascading softly into a pool of green and blue water.

In winter, the scene transforms into one of white wonder. In a symphony of quiet simplicity, snowflakes delicately descend from the gray-white sky in a sea of soft enrichment to the cool earth beneath.

The Pianist in nature speaks in all seasons of the year. His voice is heard no matter the hour of the day. In light and love He speaks to us, but do we hear?

Blessings,
Virginia

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:1-15

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Psalm 133 (UMH 850)

Matthew 15:21-28

