

## OUR PRAYERS

### At Home

Mark Lewis  
Bill McMullin  
Cathy McCollum  
James Baker  
Lillian McDonald

### Hospice Care

Earline Gabriel  
Mary Stanley  
Aubrey Hines

Please also remember our homebound and those in assisted care.

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to ...Tracy & Rod Bryant in the loss of their son, John Michael

...Family & friends of Aubrey Hines

## OUR PRESENCE

### Aug. 25

Church School	38
Worship	69
Visitors	7

## OUR GIFTS

### Aug. 25

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,987
MTD	\$ 12,453
Apportionments TD	\$ 3,809

## OUR SERVICE

Sept. 1

<b>Greeters</b>	Barine Deekae Fortune Gbeneneh
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Children's Time</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Lock-up</b>	Tom Lockhart

## OUR WITNESS

### September Scripture Readers

8 Tom Lockhart  
15 UMW/UMM Sunday  
22 Barry Mathis  
29 Brother Paul



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

In Henri Nouwen's book *With Open Hands*, he shares the following about prayer:

"Praying is no easy matter. It demands a relationship in which you allow someone other than yourself to enter into the very center of your person, to see there what you would rather leave in darkness, and to touch there what you would rather leave untouched."

If we're honest about how prayer can change and mold us in the image of God these words are beyond prophetic.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

### Scripture Readings for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Jeremiah 2:4-13

### Sermon Title

"The Source of True Abundance"

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 9/1	9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Staff/Parish Relations
Mon. 9/2	Labor Day Offices Closed
Tue. 9/3	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 9/4	6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/5	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 9/6	Offices Closed
Sat. 9/7	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 9/8	9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship

## JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME

...on Sunday, September 8, at 9:15, hosted by the Fellowship Class.

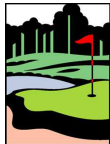


## DO YOU KNOW

...that there is a McKendree District E-News newsletter? To sign up, go to [memphis-umc.net/districts](http://memphis-umc.net/districts), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Sign up for E-news".

## THE UPPER ROOM

...for Sept/Oct is now available. Don't miss a day of these great daily devotionals.



## TAAUMCUMMGT IS COMING

Polish up those golf clubs and get ready for our Thirty-fourth Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament. Details to be announced soon!

## THANK YOU NOTES

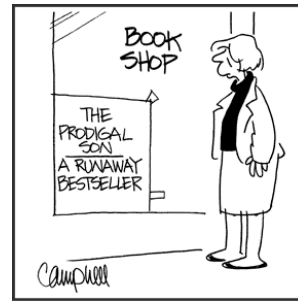
To Our Dear Church Family,  
The right words have not been invented to say how much we appreciate you. Your calls, cards, visits, memorials and especially your love have strengthened and upheld us during this most difficult time. Your caring and tenderness have been the glue that has held us together and touched our hearts. Thank you.

With love,  
Ginny & Wayne Lawrence  
and Pat Barnett

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Dear Aldersgate Friends,  
We've had great news — Cindy's cancer is in remission. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Doris Garner



## 'THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT' WANT TO KNOW MORE?

### What it means for you, your church and your community

Some provisions of the ACA are already in effect but many more are coming. This conference will explain the main features of the ACA with experts on the issues of your health care coverage, the effects on your congregation and on the Mid-South community. Plan now to attend "Faith & Health--Making the Connection", on Thursday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church Health Center Wellness, 1115 Union Avenue. Open to clergy and congregational leaders.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reflect on how you will serve God this week.

## UMW NEWS

The gathering time has **changed** for Conference Annual Meeting on Sept. 21st from 8:30a to 11a, making it much easier for those who must travel to Paducah. Lone Oak UMC, the site of Annual Meeting, is located at 3835 Old US Highway 45 South. Child care will be available. The registration deadline is September 13th. Forms are available in the church office or on line at [umwclarion.com](http://umwclarion.com). The fee is \$15. Make checks payable to Memphis Conference UMW.

## Take Note, Ladies

This is your advance notice for our Mission Outreach Retreat, to be held at Lakeshore November 9-10. This year's theme "Sowing Seeds of Faith, Hope and Love", will be supported in part by a scavenger hunt for supplies that go in UMCOR Kits. Each District is asked to bring certain items. McKendree District's items are enough supplies for 20 sewing kits. This gives you plenty of time to gather these supplies. Items needed for 1 complete kit are:

- 3 continuous yards of fabric—cotton or cotton blend only with NO patriotic, religious, holiday, camouflage or military patterns
- 1 pair fabric scissors
- 1 spool thread—medium to large spool. NO travel kit thread
- 5-8 buttons—in original package or fastened together. NO loose buttons
- 1 gallon size, sealable, plastic bag
- An envelope containing at least \$1 for each prepared kit, to help with shipping costs

All items must be new. DO NOT wash fabric. DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional items.

Kits are carefully planned to make them useable in the greatest number of situations and must contain only the requested items—nothing more! Approximate value for a complete kit is \$18. Cash will gladly be accepted.



## FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER

Sugar Cake Mixes Flour



## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for:

### Honorarium Fund

In honor of Norris & Earline Gabriel by  
Patricia Banks

## GREETERS STILL NEEDED

...for December. Don't miss your chance to sign up.

## DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

### Our Distinctive Heritage as United Methodists

The underlying energy of the Wesleyan theological heritage stems from an emphasis upon practical divinity, the implementation of genuine Christianity in the lives of believers.

Methodism did not arise in response to a specific doctrinal dispute, though there was no lack of theological controversy. Early Methodists claimed to preach the scriptural doctrines of the Church of England as contained in the Articles of Religion, the Homilies and the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Their task was not to reformulate doctrine. Their tasks were to summon people to experience the justifying and sanctifying grace of God and encourage the personal and corporate disciplines of the Christian life.






The thrust of the Wesleyan movement and of the United Brethren and Evangelical Association was "to reform the nation, particularly the Church, and to spread scriptural holiness over the land."

Wesley's orientation toward the practical is evident in his focus upon the "scripture of salvation". He considered doctrinal matters primarily in terms of their significance for Christian discipleship.

The Wesleyan emphasis upon the Christian life—faith and love put into practice—has been the hallmark of those traditions now incorporated into the United Methodist Church. The distinctive shape of the Wesleyan theological heritage can be seen in a constellation of doctrinal emphases that display the creating, redeeming, and sanctifying activity of God.

# Aldersgate UMC

# September 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Staff/Parish Relations Committee	<b>2</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>Offices Closed</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00a News Deadline  6:00p Cub Scouts	<b>4</b>  6:30p Choir Rehearsal 	<b>5</b> 10:00a Bible Study  6:30p Nominations/Leadership Committee	<b>6</b> Offices Closed  Sugar Arts Show & Competition Agricenter—7777 Walnut Grove Rd	<b>7</b> 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake  Germantown Festival
<b>8</b> 9:15a Fellowship Time Hosted by the Fellowship Class 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 2:00p UMW District Annual Day and Celebration @ Crossroads UMC	<b>9</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>10</b> 10:00a Koinonia Group  6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group	<b>11</b> 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary Mtg @ Methodist University Hosp.  6:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 10:00a Bible Study  	<b>13</b>  Offices Closed	<b>14</b> 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake  Cooper-Young Festival
<b>15</b> <b>UMW/UMM Sunday</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service w/ Rev. DeAndre Brown  12:15p All-Church Reception followed by UMW Unit Meeting	<b>16</b> Noon News Deadline 	<b>17</b> 10:30 Collett Travel Show-FH  6:00p Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 10:00a Key Women's Mtg. @ UMNC  6:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> <b>NO</b> Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>No School Today</b> <b>Mid South Fair</b> opens at the Landers Center( formerly the DeSoto Civic Center) in Southaven, MS. It runs through Sunday, Sept. 29.  Offices Closed	<b>21</b> 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake <b>11:00a UMW Conference Annual Meeting in Paducah, KY</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service w/ Dr. Steve Parrish	<b>23</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>24</b>  6:00p Cub Scouts	<b>25</b>  6:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> <b>NO</b> Bible Study	<b>27</b>  Offices Closed	<b>28</b> 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake
<b>29</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Birthday Bash w/Arts for Life's Sake entertaining  	<b>30</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>Aldersgate United Methodist Church</b> 4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117  Dr. Paul I. Scheirer, Pastor Jo Ann Shelton, Choir Director Lana Solomon, Organist				
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## Happy Birth-

Sep	1	Lana Solomon
	2	Cathy Boice Jason King
	4	Margie Williamson
	6	Julie Gilbert Laura Schneider
	7	Will Gabriel Robert G. Graham Millie Washington
	9	Carolyn Escue Marcia Schmidt
	10	Rebeca Ernst Jimmy Hight
	12	Diana Bedwell
	13	Butch Shipley
	15	Cindy Pilkinton
	18	Devin Bradsher
	19	Harold Smith
	20	Lisa Hughes
	23	Pat Carr
	24	Ginny Lawrence
	27	Justin Barber
	28	Rick Ernst
	29	Nell Clarke



## Happy Anniversary

Sep.	4	Paul & Barbara Scheirer	31st
	16	Glenn & Renee Little	24th

ASSISTING IN SEPTEMBER	
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Barine Deekae Fortune Gbeneneh
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<b>Scripture</b> .....	Brother Paul Tom Lockhart UMW/UMM Sunday Barry Mathis Brother Paul
<b>Children's Time</b> .....	Brother Paul Diana Bedwell Ed Stanley Dean Tutor Judy Stanley
<b>Lock-up</b> .....	Tom Lockhart

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861 or email [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org). Thank you.

Birthstone:  
Sapphire  
Represents the values of truth,  
sincerity, commitment and loyalty.



Birth Flower:  
Aster  
Symbolizes love, faith,  
wisdom and valor.

Square Dancing Month

Courtesy Month

Baby Safety Month

Blueberry Popsicle Month

Better Breakfast Month

8-14 Housekeepers Week

15-21 Flower Week

22-28 Roller Skating Week

- 1 Mary Had a Little Lamb published in 1830  
Johann Pachelbel's Birthday (1653)  
Rocky Marciano's Birthday (1923)
- 3 Sky Scraper Day
- 6 Read a Book Day  
Joseph P. Kennedy's Birthday (1888)
- 8 King Richard the Lion Hearted's Birthday (1157)
- 9 National Grandparents Day  
Cardinal Richelieu's Birthday (1585)
- 11 9/11 Remembrance Day
- 12 Maurice Chevalier's Birthday (1888)  
Jesse Owen's Birthday (1913)
- 13 Uncle Sam's Birthday (1813)  
Scooby Doo's Birthday
- 14 The Corn Maze at the Agricenter opens
- 16 Collect Rocks Day
- 17 Warren Burger's Birthday (1907)
- 18 First edition of the New York Times (1851)
- 19 Twigg's Birthday (1946)
- 20 Mid-South Fair Opens
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 22 The bandaid was invented in 1920
- 23 Walter Pidgeon's Birthday (1897)
- 25 Mary Poppins debuted in 1964
- 26 George Gershwin's Birthday (1898)
- 28 "Michelangelo" Merisi de Caravaggio's Birthday (1573)
- 29 Scotland Yard was formed in London in 1829
- 30 Johnny Mathis' Birthday (1935)

Can you complete these eight letter words with only the last three letters showing? (Answers next week)

- \_\_\_\_\_yee
- \_\_\_\_\_egy
- \_\_\_\_\_igm
- \_\_\_\_\_lse
- \_\_\_\_\_com
- \_\_\_\_\_bet
- \_\_\_\_\_lel
- \_\_\_\_\_dee

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### A Transparent Compliment

The pastor of St. Paul's Church was ill one Sunday morning, so a preacher was called as pulpit supply. In his opening remarks the preacher said, "You know, a substitute preacher is like a piece of cardboard in a broken window. He fills the space, but after all, he's not the real glass."

After the service, a lady approached the preacher trying to pay him a compliment. "You weren't a replacement after all. You were a real pane."

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