

LOOKING AHEAD	
Sun. 9/10	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 9/11	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian 12:00p Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee
Tue. 9/12	10:00a Koinonia UMW Group 7:00p Love/Hope UMW Group
Wed. 9/13	10:00a Asbury Bible Study 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/14	9:00a Asbury Food Pantry 10:00a Bible Study - 'Moses' 11:15a BBQ & Bingo 5:45p Girl Scouts
Fri. 9/15	Offices Closed 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 9/16	No Activities
Sun. 9/17	UM Women/UM Men Sunday 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Pot Luck Lunch

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Open your heart to God's Word of Grace and you will be filled with joy!

MISSION VOLUNTEER TRAINING TO BE IN FAYETVILLE, ARKANSAS

The final volunteer training event of 2017 will be November 8-11 at Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Global Ministries Mission Volunteers program helps prepare you for service and matches your gifts and talents with needs around the globe and in your own backyard. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate. The application deadline is September 25. More information and answers can be found at www.missionvolunteers.org



PLEASE NOTE

The Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee will meet on Monday, September 11, at 7 p.m. We are making preparations for our Cluster Charge Conference.



RESPONDING TO THE TEXAS DISASTER

Please **continue to pray** for all who have suffered loss and/or damage.

Help fill a truck with cleaning kits (previously called flood buckets and cleaning buckets). Deliver to **Asbury UMC** by Friday, Sept. 8.

Kit requirement lists are available on the table outside the office. Be sure to follow instructions exactly.

Make an online donation for Advance # 901670, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) U.S. Disaster Response at memphis-umc.org then click on UMCOR. 100% of these donations will help continue recovery efforts long after the waters have subsided. If you prefer, you may make checks out to Aldersgate and note UMCOR in the memo line.

Do not self-deploy! Affected areas are not ready to receive volunteers.

More Information:

Dr. Joe Geary, Memphis Conference Director of Connectional Ministries: jgeary@memphis-umc.org | 731-664-8480

Rev. Robert Craig, Memphis Conference Coordinator of Disaster Response Ministries: robert.reelfoot@gmail.com | 731-538-9970



Mark Your Calendars for September 30 Conference Annual Day "The Winner's Circle"

...at First UMC, 503 Maple St., Murray, KY, 270-489-2910, beginning at 10 a.m. The fee is \$16. **Registration deadline is September 25.** Forms are available on the table outside the church office. 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! Meredith Bingham is the contact for this event. Reach her at mbingha@bellsouth.net or 747-4432. **...and November 4 MOR**

This year's Mission Outreach Retreat (MOR) will be the 2nd Annual Memphis Conference UMW Work Day at Reelfoot Rural Ministries, 6923 Minnick-Elbridge Road, Obion, TN, on Saturday, November 4. It will open with a gathering at 9:30 a.m. **Registration deadline is October 13.** Forms are available on the table outside the office. You may wish to go on Friday and spend the night (no charge) in the RRM dorm. There will be a \$10 fee for meals on Saturday unless you bring your own food. Gratefully accepted donations could include NEW toys for the Toy Store, food for the Food Pantry, especially peanut butter, canned spaghetti sauce, noodles, tuna, and even toilet paper or food for the Backpack Buddies Program (fruit cups and 'meals in a can'). A Love Offering may also be made. Phyllis Gay will have all the details. Contact her at phyllispgay@yahoo.com



FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER

Canned Fruit Canned Vegetables
Cash is also welcome.
Thank you.

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

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Marcelle Farrow by
Doris Bellott
Frances Molnar

In memory of Boyd Pilkinton by
Jimmy & Jane Hight

Maintenance Fund

In memory of Boyd Pilkinton by
Mary Robbins
Cathy Boice

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Boyd Pilkinton by
Carolyn McDougal
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold



BINGO AND BBQ

Still need to sign up for Bingo & BBQ on September 14th. Call the office, 683-8861. Lunch is by donation. You are asked to bring a gift or two, beautifully wrapped, as bingo prizes. The more prizes we have, the longer we get to play.



17th Annual GOLDEN CROSS GOLF CLASSIC

Sept. 14, 2017 - Windyke Country Club

You may register individuals for \$150 per person, which includes lunch, mulligans, cart, green fees, range balls and a Golf Classic gift. Online registration available at www.goldencross.org, or call 213-1930, or pick up a form in the church office.

Not a golfer? No Problem! You may want to place a bid or two at the silent auction, "Awesome Adventures Auction", benefitting Golden Cross. It begins Sept.4th and runs until Sept. 17th. Log on to www.goldencross.org and navigate to the auction page. Bids will be taken by email and updated on the website. You'll find vacation packages, golf outings, autographed sports items, and so much more! Bids will be updated online approximately every 2 hours.

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
927 Tower

Special Prayers for
...Clover Lauth & family
...George & Laura Cornwall
flooded out in texas

Ephraim McDowell Hosp.
Dorothy Pruitt

...immigrants & families
...disaster victims

Hospice Care
Betty Smithmier

...the remaining kidnapped
Nigerian girls

At Home
Tom Nix

At Home
Henry & Jesslyn Sammons

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 - September 3

Sunday School 34
Worship 58

OUR GIFTS - September 3

Offering \$ 3,994
Month to Date \$ 3,994
YTD \$ 87,748


OUR SERVICE - September 10

- Greeters**.....Barine Deekae
Faith Gbeneneh
- Liturgist**.....Bruce Hughes
- Scripture**.....Dean Tutor
- Children's Time**.....Andrew Baker
- Lock-up**.....Bruce Hughes

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

- 17 Happy Gbeneneh
24 Jane Hight

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 |
| John Hight | Kay 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 |
| Ruth Pilkinton | Maira 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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Workers Needed...Please Reply *by Darlene Casino*

It has been said that 90% of the work in the Church is done by 10% of the people. I've kept that fact in mind as a lay-leader in Women's Ministry. There are many ways to reach out to people in need within the local church and without. A basic need is childcare workers for almost every activity or service. And even the smallest church needs Sunday School Teachers and helpers. To provide a potluck supper or a formal dinner, many hands are needed. Choirs need voices. Others are needed to do visitations of all kinds or provide transportation or stock a food pantry. Depending on the size and vision of the church, opportunities to serve are endless. Most are filled with volunteers. Often, a need is mentioned in worship or the Sunday bulletin with a hope and a prayer that some soul will come forward. Occasionally, creative ways of recruiting are necessary. Sometimes a military approach is used; it feels a little like this: "Take two steps forward. Congratulations. You have just volunteered to....." . My friend is great at getting a position filled or a job done. She approaches the unsuspecting person with a warm smile and a happy greeting. Next comes some sweet conversation. By this time she has put her candidate at ease. Then comes the MESSAGE: "I have been praying and the Lord laid you on my heart". Lastly, this comes to my mind: Those who know they are gifted, called and chosen for a special work, who own a vision, are usually the most satisfied and will serve in a given ministry the longest. Their enablement will come from within themselves. Does this mean only a teacher can teach, or a cook make a meal or nursery worker be a mom? I don't think so... for we are all admonished to serve and help. Yet, most likely we will find ways to incorporate our gifts and strengths into whatever work we do. Does it mean that other means of recruitment are not of God? Again, I don't think so. Many who are reluctantly pressed into service find great joy and personal growth as they see God use them. Who knows? Maybe they even will discover a spiritual gift that has lain dormant. A proper response to any recruitment is always, "Yes, I'll be happy to try" or "I will pray about it". Amen?

Blessings,
Virginia

Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

