

LOOKING AHEAD	
Sun. 9/17	UM Women/UM Men Sunday 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Pot Luck Lunch
Mon. 9/18	12:00p Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 9/19	6:00p SPRC Meeting 7:00p Finance Committee
Wed. 9/20	10:00a Asbury Bible Study 10:00a UMNC Key Women 11:00a Young @ Heart leave Asbury for the Spaghetti Warehouse 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/21	9:00a Asbury Food Pantry 10:00a Bible Study - 'Moses' 5:45p Girl Scouts
Fri. 9/22	Offices Closed 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 9/23	No Activities
Sun. 9/24	9:30a Fellowship Time sponsored by the Gbeneneh & Deekae Families 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 2:00p UMW District Annual Day @ Millington First UMC

CHAIRPERSONS—TAKE NOTE!!!

Please submit your budget requests for 2018 by October 15, 2017. Budget forms and 2017 info are available from the Church Office.



FREE 2018 CALENDARS

Want to keep up with things in the coming year? Buying beautiful calendars can be a little pricey. Why not pick one up at church? Some of us get many more than we need in the mail and would love to share them. Look in the hall outside the Sanctuary and take your pick!

UMW/UMM SUNDAY IS SEPT. 17th
Sunday is a big day for our UM Women and UM Men at Aldersgate. Our men and women will be participating in the worship service. The honorees from our UMW's Candle Burning for Missions will be lifted in prayer and the candle will be our light to the world, reminding us that our gifts will bring hope and help to many. The men will be cooking the entrée for lunch and you are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share for the Potluck Lunch. You are planning to join us, yes?



FESTIVAL OF CULTURES COMING UP

...on October 1, World Communion Sunday. Come celebrate the diverse nationalities and cultures in our parish churches. Kids activities, music, food, and more. Something for the whole family!



DID YOU KNOW

...that the Metro District Office has moved from Summer Avenue to 1615 Appling Road, Cordova, TN 38016-4907. Their new phone number is 901-213-1939 and the fax number is 901-380-4905. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Deborah Smith and her assistant, Rosie Holland, can be reached there or by email at metrodistrictumc.org. Their new location, in a shared space with Wesley Senior Ministries, puts them in a more central location to Fayette, Tipton and Shelby counties. It is hoped that normal operations will resume by Sept. 12.



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.)



DISTRICT Annual Day

September 24 Millington 1st UMC

...8029 Wilkinsville Road, Millington, TN. Be there at 2 p.m. when the festivities begin! Questions? Call them at 872-4414.

CONFERENCE Annual Day

"The Winner's Circle" September 30

Made your reservations yet? The registration deadline is September 25. The fee is \$16. Forms are on the table outside the church office.

Be at First UMC, 503 Maple St., Murray, KY, 270-489-2910, at 10 a.m. Don't forget your donations of 'stuff' for the gift shop. Meredith Bingham is the contact for this event. Reach her at mbingha@bellsouth.net or 747-4432.

MOR November 4

2017 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. Registration deadline is October 13. Forms are on the table outside the office. The opening gathering will be at 9:30 a.m.

If you wish to go on Friday and spend the night, there is no charge to stay in the RRM dorm. Bring what you need for overnight—sheets, towels, etc. There will be a \$10 fee for meals on Saturday unless you bring your own food. And don't forget your gifts for the Toy Store, Food Pantry, Back Pack Buddies and Love Offering. Phyllis Gay will have all the details. Contact her at phyllispgay@yahoo.com

GLOBAL MINISTRIES MISSION VOLUNTEERS TRAINING PROGRAM TO BE IN FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

...November 8-11 at Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The application deadline is September 25. This program helps prepare volunteers for service and matches gifts and talents with needs around the globe. You must be at least 18 to participate. More information and answers can be found at www.missionvolunteers.org

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Scholarship Fund

In memory of John Hight by
Joyce Kernodle

Memorial Fund

In memory of John Hight by
Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Boyd Pilkinton by
Dean and Aleita Tutor

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Pursue wisdom, set your priorities right, act wisely and pray often.



RESPONDING TO THE NEED

UMCOR is there! Doing whatever is possible to make life easier for those caught in the disasters called Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

YOU can also make a difference.

You could 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.

If you prefer, you may make checks out to Aldersgate and note UMCOR in the memo line. The approximate cost of a Cleaning Kit is \$65. All or any part of the cost is appreciated.

100% of these donations will help continue recovery efforts long after the waters have subsided.

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

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

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

Methodist University

(Kenneth) Neal Carter
817 Tower
Vauneida Henton ICU

Special Prayers for

...Clover Lauth & family
...George & Laura Cornwall
flooded out in texas
...disaster victims
...immigrants & families
...the remaining kidnapped
Nigerian girls

Hospice Care

Betty Smithmier
Melissa Cole

Our Sympathy. love and prayers go out to
...Jimmy & Jane Hight and Betty Jones and families in
the loss of their brother, John Hight.

Homebound and Assisted Care

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 10

Sunday School	50
Worship	73

OUR GIFTS - September 10

Offering	\$ 1,281
Month to Date	\$ 5,275
YTD	\$ 89,029

OUR SERVICE - September 17

Greeters.....Barine Deekae
Faith Gbeneneh

Liturgist.....Rebeca Ernst

Scripture.....Happy Gbeneneh

Children's Time.....Barry Mathis

Lock-up.....Bruce Hughes

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers
24 Jane Hight

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



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile
Peggy Brightwell	Jaunay Davis	Miriam Davis
Corella Edwards	Gordillo Family	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
Tom Nix	Becky Pennington	Ruth Pilkinton
Moira Pomije	Jamie Proctor	Dorothy Pruitt
Wade Reeves	Stephanie Roberts	Henry Sammons
Jesslyn Sammons	Billy Smith	Brad Weaver
David Weaver	Shannon Weaver	Charlie Whitaker
Margie Williamson	Kristine Young	

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Dog Kisses from Heaven by Jennifer Reinert

I went to the lake today because it was a beautiful day. I did not know that God was going to bless me in the most surreal way. I grabbed my sunglasses, towel, suntan lotion, book and headed to my not so secret place at Lake Wazeecha.

On Easter Day my sister and I said good bye to our best friend named Panama; our dog of 12 years. We took turns filling our hands with her ashes as the wind blew her into the lake, and (she) settled on the bottom making the lake glow with life and radiance. I went to that spot today and started reflecting on my memories of the beautiful brown eyed beauty with curly ears. It was as if her presence was there and haunting me with eloquent beauty. I remembered all the times we would swim together. How she laid her wet body on the sand and rolled back and forth. I remembered how her ears floated on the surface of the water.

As I lay on my towel reading my book, I started to feel heavy with sadness. My eyes filled with tears and I buried my head in my towel and poured out my tears. I listened to God's orchestra of music as the wind blew through the trees and the leaves rustled. The wind was so treacherous that the waves were rushing onto the shore. I could feel the water splashing onto my legs as it bounced off a log. There was a mist of freedom circulating around my body.

The bottom of my legs were covered with splashes of the cold lake. With my head buried and my tears flowing, I felt something else on the bottom of my legs. It was a tongue coupled with a wet nose. I lifted my head and looked. To my amazement a dog appeared and was kissing my legs. Two women shortly appeared and questioned me if I was alright. I thought to myself, that is a weird question. I couldn't hold my tears in. Much to my amazement the women's dog was a therapy/counseling dog with a sixth sense for sensing hurting people. She told me the dog did not obey her and ran ahead of her and found me. The dog came to make sure I was okay.

I started laughing like a child. I was simply amazed that right at the moment I was hurting for my dog, a dog appeared and gave me kisses. Today I was blessed with dog kisses from heaven and my heart will never be the same. God bless.

Blessings,
Virginia

We never know what form God's love will take.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-112

Canticle of Moses and Miriam UMH #135

Matthew 18:21-35

