

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Methodist G'town**

Bernard Rainey 310 West  
(Lorelle Woodard's brother)

**Special Prayers** for

...kidnapped girls  
from Nigeria  
...earthquake victims in  
Nepal  
...flood victims in Texas

**St. Joseph - Paterson, NJ**

Irvin Scheirer

**At Home**

Keith Coffman  
Winston Grisham

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to

...Rebeca & Rick Ernst & family in the loss of her step-  
mother, Donna Grinstead  
...Family & friends of Renae High  
...Revs. Jerome Scales Sr. & Jr. & fam. in the loss of  
their mother and grandmother, Maria Hunt Norwood

**Homebound and Assisted Care**

Martha Allen June Burton Jack Eaton  
Mava Dell Fry Earl Galloway Helen Griffin  
Marie Hughes Margaret Kenley Doris Palazzini  
Mary Grace Petty Jane Pifer Betty Ray  
Bernice Shelby Chris Simmons Emmett Smith  
Harold Smith Betty Smithmier Martha Wallace  
Bill Whitaker

**OUR PRESENCE - September 13**

Sunday School 37  
Worship 63  
Visitors 4

**OUR GIFTS - September 13**

Offering \$ 1,153  
Month to Date \$ 7,829  
Apportionments To Date \$ 6,776

**OUR SERVICE - September 20**

**Greeter** Frances Molnar  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Jane Hight  
**Children's Time** Brother Goyo  
**Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

**OUR WITNESS**

**September Scripture Readers**  
27 Warren Petty



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**Pastor's Ponderings**

**Knowing Who We Are – Mark 8:27-38**

Knowing who we are is the key to everything. Only as we begin to know ourselves can we begin to know one another. The true nature of those with whom we journey becomes clearer to us as we become clearer to ourselves.

*"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his disciples. It is a pivotal question, one that turns them from the shallows and into the depths. It leads this band of brothers toward becoming a true community. Peter's answer pleases Jesus, "You are the Messiah," showing he is grasping the bigger picture, his mission and purpose.*  
~ Kayla McClurg

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks. That's a most important question, and one that we answer many times over each day. By all of our thoughts, words, and actions, we answer the question regarding who Jesus is to us. And not only do our thoughts, words, and actions indicate who Jesus is to us – but also who we ourselves are.

*For fear of what the response will be, we seldom dare to ask one another, "Who do you say that I am?" What if we hear more than we are ready to know? What if the way forward from the turning point of that question is too difficult to walk? To dare to ask another for unfiltered honesty, to offer our response with no pretense or ulterior motive, is to make an immense offering. And to receive whatever is given, without needing each other to be any more or less than we are, is to step more fully into the larger purposes of our lives. It is to become more fully yourselves.*  
~ Kayla McClurg

And to become more fully ourselves, to become who God created us to be, is God's great desire and intent for us. For then we can take our place in community and in creation. And interestingly, as we come to know our more authentic selves, the more clearly we see the true nature of those with whom we journey.

Jesus invites us to come out of the shallows and into a deeper relationship with him – and into community with each other. Only then do we begin to see beyond ourselves to the bigger picture – his mission and purpose to which we are called to serve. How we live into that call truly answers the question Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

Blessings always,

*Virginia*

**This Week's Scriptures:** Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Sun. 9/20 **LOOKING AHEAD**  
 UM Women/UM Men Sunday  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
 12:30p Lunch-Be Our Guests  
 3:00p District Laity Celebration  
 @ St. Paul UMC

Mon. 9/21 **NO** Parish Charge Conference  
 (Postponed to a later date)  
 Noon Newsletter Deadline  
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 9/22 No Activities

Wed. 9/23 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**  
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 9/24 9-Noon Food Pantry @ **Asbury**  
 10:00a Bible Study  
 5:00p Girl Scouts

Fri. 9/25 Offices Closed

Sat. 9/26 9:00a AFLS  
 9:30a UMW Annual Conference  
 Day—First UMC,  
 Jackson, TN  
 1:00p Non-member Reception  
**NO** Spanish Service or Children/  
 Youth Fellowship. Join  
 services at El Redentor

Sun. 9/27 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
 12:30p Anniversary Committee



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST GREAT-GRANDPARENTS!!**

Jimmy & Jane Hight have a new great-grandson, Jack Garner Hill, born September 2. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. on arrival. Jack is the son of Nathan & Megan Hill, brother of James & Cooper, and grandson of Jeff & Paula Hill. If Jack had waited another week, he could have shared great-grandpa's 84th birthday on September 10.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**  
 Mrs. Ledys Flores and her daughter, Heydi, joined our church family August 23. Ledys and her husband, Oscar Bonilla, along with their other children, Laura, Kimberly and Oscar, and their grandson, Oliver, reside at 5931 South Littlebrook Circle, Apt. 102, Memphis, 38115. Please give this family a great, Aldersgate wel-

**THANK YOU NOTES**

Just a note of thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards and calls. Its good to be back. Thank you, Virginia, for your visit. God bless all.  
 Lou Pennington

To My Aldersgate Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for your calls, cards, visits, food and prayers during this time. I hope you will continue with your prayers. We need them.  
 With much love,  
 Frances Molnar  
 Stephanie & John

**YOU'RE INVITED**

The Memphis Wind Symphony is excited to present a concert for children and their families. All are sure to enjoy a variety of upbeat popular tunes, classic marches, wind band pieces, and light-hearted solos. This fast-paced concert will be both educational and enjoyable for the young and the young at heart. The concert is free, although donations will be accepted. Join us at First Baptist Church, 200 E. Parkway N., on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 3 p.m. If you would like to car-pool, contact Lisa Hughes, [cdseight@yahoo.com](mailto:cdseight@yahoo.com).

**!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!**  
**60th Anniversary Celebration**  
 October 25, 2015  
 Memories and Merry Making

A catered lunch will follow our 11:30a service. Please make your reservations by October 12. There is no charge. You may call the office, 683-8861 or sign up on the office window.

**UMW/UMM NEWS**  
**UM Women/UM Men Sunday**  
 Join us on September 20, at 11:30, for a special service and celebration of our United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men, then join us for lunch. The men are providing the meat and ask the women to provide potato or other vegetable dishes and desserts. Dr. Finzel will share information with us about her work at Grace Place after lunch. See you there!

**UMW Conference Annual Meeting**  
 ...is Saturday, Sept. 26, First UMC in Jackson, TN. Registration forms are available in the office. Registration deadline: September 18th.

**LAST CALL FOR LUNCH & BINGO**

Call the church office, 683-8861, to reserve your box lunch from Chick-fil-A for our Bingo game on Thursday, 9/17, starting at 11:30, (\$5 at the door).



Seniors, 55 and over, are invited to **free** admission, **free** parking and **free** tram rides on Wednesday, October 7, from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Memphis Zoo. See the two Chilean flamingo chicks hatched in August, choose a name for the sweet, baby boy Red Panda born June 3, and visit Jerry, Thimble and Libby, the Spot-nosed Guenons (GWEN-ons (monkeys) and several new tortoises. Exciting things are happening at the zoo. Join us for the Senior Safari!

**FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER**  
**Please help with our most needed items:**

- Canned Meats and Fish
- Chili Stews Ravioli
- Peanut Butter

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**  
 Gifts have been given for  
**Scholarship Fund**  
In memory of lone Turner by  
 Neil & Jean DeLong  
 Joyce Kernodle



Like to sing but just can't manage rehearsals and performances all year long? Then...join the Choir, beginning now through December 20, to sing in the Christmas Cantata. Everyone may join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 7:15. Rehearsal for Sunday mornings will begin at 7:15 for all who wish to stay. This is a great opportunity for all who love to sing to raise their voices in praise of our Lord and Savior!



**2nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CULTURES**  
**OCTOBER 4**

...will open with one service for all three churches of our parish, at 10 a.m., at Asbury UMC, and will highlight the diverse cultures of all members of our parish. There will be food, music, entertainment and fun for everyone! If you are interested in having a booth at this event to celebrate the culture, music, food and history of your family heritage, please contact Debbie Williams, 901-355-5397 or call the Asbury office, 363-1135.

- Other ways to be of help are:
- **Donate**—bottled water (small or large bottles), canned sodas, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips, small prizes for the children's games or cash.
  - **Volunteer**—for set-up, clean-up, or a 30 minute shift at the kids' games, or, perhaps, you have your own way of helping. Just call the numbers above for Debbie or the Church office for all the information.