

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Christian Care Center**

Betty Smithmier 230

**Special Prayers** for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria  
...disaster victims

**At Home**

Marcelle Farrow  
Jeanne Gillis  
Wayne Lawrence  
Frances Molnar  
Warren Petty  
Charlene Watkins  
Audrey Weaver  
Terry Williamson

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...Keith & Lynn Coffman in the loss of their nephew & cousin, Ray Coffman  
...Robin Bellott & Family in the loss of her mother, Jerry Arnold

**Homebound and Assisted Care**

Martha Allen June Burton Carolyn Escue  
Ray Escue Mava Dell Fry Earl Galloway  
Helen Griffin Doris Hight Marie Hughes  
Virginia Jones Margaret Kenley Ted Lewis  
Doris Palazzini Betty Ray Elmer Ray  
Bernice Shelby Chris Simmons Emmett Smith  
Martha Wallace

**OUR PRESENCE - October 2**

Worship 190  
Visitors 95

**OUR GIFTS - October 2**

Month to Date \$ 2,955  
Apportionments to Date \$ 3,233

**OUR SERVICE - October 9**

**Greeters** **Volunteers Needed**  
**Liturgist** Rebeca Ernst  
**Scripture** Judy Stanley  
**Children's Time** Ed Stanley  
**Lock-up** Tom Lockhart

**OUR WITNESS**

**October Scripture Readers**

16 Renee Little  
23 Warren Petty  
30 Andrew Baker



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**OUR PRAYERS (con't)**

Kristen Boggs Tom Boillot Palma Borgognoni  
Birdie Boyd Jim Brazile Brenda Brazile  
Phil Cannon Melissa Cole Jaunay Davis  
Doug Dennis Corella Edwards John Elkins  
Gordillo Family Andrew Hamilton Diane Harrison  
John Hight Mildred Hight Jeff Irwin  
Mark Jones Freda Lipford Ursula Lewis  
Martin Family Bill McClain Jesse McClerkin  
Glenn Moore Lou Ella Morris Joe Moseley  
Moira Pomije Claire Rainey Wade Reeves  
Stephanie Roberts Marie Souder  
Cindy Stanfil David Weaver Shannon Weaver  
John Williams Margie Williamson

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**The Parable of the PC**

by Al Boyce

In those days there were three computers, endowed equally by their makers with processing power, memory and addressable storage.

But Satan corrupted each operating system with the sly installation of spyware, browser hijackers and security holes until there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The Maker, in His mercy, sent down His Holy Spirit to the despairing computers. The Holy Spirit appeared to each in the form of System Update to close the security holes and shore up the despairing software. It asked the question of each PC: Do you want to run System Update? and offering a check-box saying "Always trust" the Maker.

The first PC, fearing yet another infection, quickly closed the update window. Within hours, the spyware already on it called out to legions of viruses and malware until the system shut down completely.

The second PC accepted the update, but was too frightened to check the "always trust" box. It sighed with relief as the Holy Spirit cleaned its systems and saved it from the worst of the demons. And it walked away with a false sense of security that it would be protected from future onslaughts. Within the month, spyware and malware crept back into the second PC and, before it could cry out to the Maker, it, too, crashed.

The third PC gratefully accepted the update and, in a leap of faith, checked the "always trust" box. Like the second PC, it received the merciful update from its Maker and began to feel much better. And then, as days and weeks went by, the Maker sent the Holy Spirit unbidden to shore up the PC's systems -- even when the PC was unaware it was being attacked.

Before long, the third PC was becoming famous among all its brethren for having the fewest problems, for working the fastest and for never seeming to worry when others crashed around it.

To those who asked, the third PC had only this advice: "Always trust the Maker."

**Scriptures for the Week:**

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

II Timothy 2:8-15

Psalms 66

Luke 17:11-19

<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	
Sun. 10/9	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 10/10	Noon Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Church Council
Tue. 10/11	10:00a Koinonia Group 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 10/12	10:00a Bible Study - <b>Asbury</b> 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary 6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 10/13	9:00a Food Pantry- <b>Asbury</b> 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts
Fri. 10/14	Offices Closed 10:30a Senior Games Day- <b>Asbury</b> 5:45p Girl Scouts
Sat. 10/15	No Activities
Sun 10/16	Children's Sabbath 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Homebound Ministry Team

### BOOK SALE

Quality Hard-backs  
Many in Mint Condition

Friday & Saturday  
October 21 & 22  
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Wesleyan Hills UMC  
390 S. Yates Rd.

Proceeds benefit UMNC's Miriam Center  
and other ministries of  
United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

### GRANT SOUGHT BY WILLOW OAKS

The Kitchen Community is offering grants for spring gardens to local schools and Willow Oaks would love to participate, with the 'required' help of a few friends. A Garden Team must be formed, including volunteers from the community to help with the everyday maintenance. Please contact Sharon Lockhart, [sharonlockhart@icloud.com](mailto:sharonlockhart@icloud.com) or 901-754-3429, for all the details or if you would like to help our adopted school with this undertaking.

### THANK YOU NOTES

Hey, all you generous Aldersgaters  
And humble thanks anticipaters,  
We of old U M N C  
Convey our gratitude to thee  
By way of one fine Sharon saint  
(Even though she'll say she ain't!)  
Rev. Mark Matheny

Thank you, Aldersgate!...for the collection of goods for UMNC's food pantry. They were happy to get it and will be sharing it with clients who patronize that location. Starting in October, we will be collecting for Asbury's food pantry.

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This past Sunday was World Communion Sunday, hosted by Aldersgate and El Redentor. How beautiful it was to see so many of God's creations singing together, worshipping together, and the highlight...sharing the body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Communion—breaking bread and sharing the cup.

The Festival of Cultures was just that...FESTIVE! From Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Sweden, Sudan and the United States of America, we all shared our country's history, national anthems, native dance and a sampling of signature foods. Just a small "peek" at each others cultures.

The "Thank You's" are endless, going from Virginia, Goyo and Luz for leading our service, to the planning committee, to all who attended the event, and everyone who helped in any way setting up tables, chairs, stage, sound system, all who cooked, baked and served, helped with crafts and activities and tore down and cleaned up, words cannot describe our gratitude and thanks.

One of the best parts of the day was ALL the children. How we can learn from their innocence in seeing past race, language and everything in between.

It was said many times throughout the day, "this must be what Heaven will be like, I can't wait to get there!"...and one Nigerian followed up with..."and why can't it be like this now, here on earth, like it is on our little corner of the world. Isn't that the real question for all of us to consider?"

Many blessings and thanks to all!



### "The Underground Girls of Kabul"

By Jenny Nordberg

This story, on the UMW reading list under Education for Mission, tells of the author's trip to Afghanistan to research whether there was an underground resistance. Afghanistan is deemed the worst country in the world to be a woman, because a woman without a son or the ability to produce one for the family is pitied, bullied and persecuted and the men still believe women determine the sex of a child and if she just 'wishes' it she can have a male child.

Jenny found that, for ages, and in other countries, families who have girls will choose one to be a "pascha boch", a boy in name only. She will dress and act like a boy, play with boys, act as protector in public for "his" sisters and mother, work with his father until puberty hits, then "he" becomes a girl again. A fascinating read! Makes you thankful to be born in America.

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### UMW WORK DAY AT REELFOOT - Nov. 5th

Please register by Oct. 14, if you plan to join the UMW Work Day at Reelfoot. Forms are available in the church office. Gather at 6923 Minnick-Elbridge Rd. at 9:30a.m. to return about 3p. Come dressed to work. Wear hard-soled shoes and bring a pair of work gloves and bottled water or other drinks. We will be doing a little painting or raking or minor repairs and general tidying up. RRM will provide sandwich fixings for lunch. Bring NEW TOYS for the Christmas Store or food for the Food Pantry or fruit cups and 'meals in a can'.



### PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!

Chairpersons: Please submit your budget requests for 2017 by October 15, 2016. Budget forms are available from the Church Office. If you need information about current year budget or spending, please contact Warren Petty.



### ... COMING UP OCTOBER 15th

Mark Saturday, Oct. 15th with a big star to remind yourself to gather your rakes, clippers, gloves and outside tools and join us at 9 a.m. to help clean up and fix up around the church. We hope to work outside but if it rains, we'll find plenty to do inside. See you there!

### WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW AND REWARDING?

How about teaching Children's Sunday School? If you would like to give it a try or take it on as your 'ministry' for a while, please contact Rebeca Ernst, by email at [heyuena@yahoo.com](mailto:heyuena@yahoo.com) or by phone at 901-484-7385.

Our thanks and appreciation to Aleita & Judy, who have been teaching the children about Christian values, loving one another and how to make a positive difference in our world.

### READ FOR THE RECORD

At Willow Oaks Elementary



Please help us celebrate childhood literacy by coming to our school and reading "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich" with our students.

Thursday, October 27 is the day. 10:00 a.m. is the time. You may reply to Liz Kerr at [kerra@scsk12.org](mailto:kerra@scsk12.org) or call 901-416-2196.

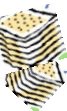
### JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY On Thursdays

Thursday mornings, September through May, all are invited to Bible Study, at 10 a.m.

### FOOD PANTRY FOR OCTOBER

Peanut Butter & Crackers

Cash is also welcome.



Cash is used to purchase goods by the pound, at a great discount.

Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'Food Pantry' in the memo line.

Thank you!