

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

Homebound and Assisted Care

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| Martha Allen | June Burton | Carolyn Escue |
| Ray Escue | Mava Dell Fry | Earl Galloway |
| Helen Griffin | Doris Hight | Marie Hughes |
| Margaret Kenley | Ted Lewis | Betty Ray |
| Bernice Shelby | Emmett Smith | Betty Smithmier |
| Martha Wallace | | |

Rehab Center, Mt.

Home, AR

Terry Williamson

At Home

Marcelle Farrow
Wayne Lawrence
Warren Petty

Special Prayers for

..disaster victims

OUR PRESENCE - January 15

Sunday School	52
Worship	79
Visitors	6

OUR GIFTS - January 15

Offering	\$ 2,662
Month to Date	\$ 6,598

OUR SERVICE - January 22, 2017

Greeters..... Audrey Weaver
Margaret Ann Ligon

Liturgist..... Bruce Hughes

Scripture..... Audrey Weaver

Children Time... Rev. De la Cruz

Lock-up..... Henry Blanks



OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers

29 Jane Hight

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



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

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

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To Know and Not Know

– John 1:29-42

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Apparently there will be both a lot of knowing and *not* knowing on the journey with Jesus. In some ways we will come to know more than we ever dreamed possible, and in some ways we never will know him, what and who he really is, nor will we fully comprehend ourselves in our fullest depths. Even John, who has just baptized Jesus and grew up knowing him as the son of his mother's cousin, says, "I myself did not know him." Twice he says it, in case we don't believe him the first time. Rather than trying to gain credibility by pretending to know everything for sure, John is on a journey of discovery. He announces what he knows so far, that the sign of God rests upon Jesus, but he does not presume to know all there is to know.

It can be difficult to claim with confidence what we know so far but do not yet know totally. Who are we to say out loud what we do not yet know as deeply and thoroughly as we might someday? Jesus has barely begun his public ministry, and people begin already to make conjectures as to who he is, what his motivation is, whether or not he will live up to the rumors they have heard that he is the longed for Messiah. Their own hopes and longings get tangled in their desire for him to be *for them* what they long for him to be. Will they leave space for him just to be who he is?

Maybe this is why he says to the curious, "Come and see." Don't try first to learn all about me as though that were possible. Just be with me. Watch me. Come hang out in the places I hang out. Let yourself weep and laugh over the same things that move me to tears and laughter. Let me be myself as I become who I am becoming, and you just be yourself, too. We'll let go of our preconceived ideas of who we "should" be and discover our true identities, our real names. We'll begin again, and begin again, and forever again, knowing, yet never fully knowing, discovering who we are in God's family.

Blessings,
Virginia

Scriptures Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-4

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

Matthew 4:12-23

REMINDER

Trustees Meet on January 22, 12:30p.
Worship Committee on Jan. 24, 6:00p.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 1/22 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Trustees Meeting

Mon. 1/23 12:00p News Deadline

Tue. 1/24 6:00p Worship Committee

Wed. 1/25 10:00a **Asbury** Bible Study
6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 1/26 9:00a **Asbury** Food Pantry
10:00a Bible Study
5:00p Girl Scouts

Fri. 1/27 Offices Closed
10:00a **Asbury** Young at Heart

Sat. 1/28 No Activities

Sun. 1/29 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship

COMING SOON

Sunglasses Sunday will be February 5. Please bring new or gently used eye glasses and sunglasses to be given to **Project 20/20** for distribution around the world to those who would not have eye care without your help.

“PRAYING LIKE JESUS” CONFERENCE

...to be held at Christ UMC, 4488 Poplar Ave., January 26-28. Join us to become part of a spiritual challenge that can change your life! Register at cumcmemphis.org/prayerconference

METRO DISTRICT TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS...

...is coming up on February 12. Those who are new to their jobs at Aldersgate will find this event very helpful and informative. Those who have already been doing their jobs will learn new things. Plan to attend this Training Event on Sunday, February 12, from 2p—4p, at Germantown UMC, 2331 South Germantown Rd., 901-754-7216. Training will be provided by Discipleship Ministries. For complete info, please call Rosie Holland, 901-590-4820, or email her at rholland@metrodistrict.org.

THANK YOU

Dear Aldersgate Family,
Jay and I are so very grateful for the love, support, care, concern and sympathy you've extended to us in recent days. It's helped us bear a painful loss. Please continue to hold us in your prayers.

With love and gratitude,
Virginia

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Dear Friends,
Thank you for your thoughtful donation to the Golden Cross Senior Residents Fund. By partnering with Golden Cross you are answering the call to “Love our neighbors as ourselves”. Thank you again for your generosity. You are truly a blessing to the residents of Wesley Living Communities.

Kristi Owen
Executive Director
Golden Cross Fund

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 19

...with Adam Hamilton's “Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say”. Join us each Thursday at 10 a.m. as we search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture.

WHITE BEANS AND BINGO COMING UP ON FEBRUARY 2nd

Make plans to join us!

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of fuzzy, black men's gloves have been found in the kitchen. Please call the office, 683-8861, to claim them.

UM MEN, REMEMBER...

The Metro District Roundtable is Feb. 4th at Ellendale UMC, 7205 Centralia Rd., 38135, 901-386-0205.

Mark Griffy will give the devotional and our provisional Metro District Superintendent, Dr. Harry Durbin, will be our speaker. Ellendale United Methodist Men will serve breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The Roundtable will begin at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome and bring a friend.



A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL 2017

This annual observance is meant to help us recognize the global concern about women's and children's health needs. United Methodist Women continues to support the health and family needs of women and children around the globe. Despite our efforts, maternal and child mortality remains a significant global challenge. In 2017, some of the programs this offering will support include: Prenatal and Post-partum Care, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Healthy Childbirth, Access to Healthcare, Child Protection, Crisis Ministries for Female Victims of Violence, Advocacy for Equity in Law, Workshops on Healthy Living for At-Risk Teens, Trauma and Mental Health Counseling, Advocacy and Education Around the Impact of the Environment on Maternal and Child Health.



MAKING PLANS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?

Why not try “If Music Be the Food of Love” on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8:00p.m. The concert will be held at Clayborn Temple, 294 Hernando St. The men and women of Memphis ChoralArts will perform music themed around love and poetry. Included will be texts from Dickinson, Shakespeare, Keats and others. This donation based event suggests admittance gifts of: \$20 adults, \$30 couples, \$10 students. Dessert and wine (for 21 yrs. and over) will be complimentary during the concert. Do something different — try out the choral version of love this year! Contact thememphischoralarts@gmail.com for complete information.

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Put 12:30p on **Sunday, Feb. 12th on your calendar for Aldersgate's Valentine Lunch.** Our United Methodist Men will be cooking a great lunch you won't want to miss. Treat yourself or bring your valentine to enjoy the food and fellowship.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Virginia K. Jones by

Dean & Aleita Tutor
Tom & Sharon Lockhart
The Fidelis Class

In memory of Chris Simmons by

Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Jack Pollard by

Dean & Aleita Tutor

HAVE YOU HEARD OF 2SLAC?

It stands for '2nd Saturday Legal Aid Clinic'. Clients will fill out an application and then speak to an attorney about their legal matter. They meet once a month, on second Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Benjamin L. Hooks Library, 3030 Poplar Ave. This event is free of charge. The next clinic will be held on February 11th. For the remainder of 2017, 2nd Saturday dates are: March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9.

CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. OFFERING MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of their mission to “Protect the Greater Good”, Church Mutual believes helping our young, vibrant religious leaders today will ensure strong, faith-based communities of tomorrow. In 2017, CM will offer \$250,000 in scholarships to eligible religious scholars across the country. Students from all denominations are encouraged to apply. For complete eligibility details and information about how to apply, visit churchmutual.com/cmcares-scholars. Applications will be accepted through April 15, 2017, and awarded in May 2017. Please help us spread the word. This opportunity could make a big difference in the life of a religious scholar.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CALENDAR?

Our 2017 Church Photo Calendars (\$15 each) will soon be here. Order forms are available outside the Sanctuary, in your Sunday School room and in the church office. If you prefer, you may call the church office, 683-8861, to place an order.