

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

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		

Baxter Regional Med. Cntr.

At Home

Terry Williamson is in isolation	Alan Hernandez
	Marcelle Farrow
	Wayne Lawrence

Special Prayers for ..disaster victims

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to ...Diana & Jimmie Bedwell in the loss of Diana's father, Charles Kicklighter, on Feb. 2 and Jimmie's brother, Kenny Bedwell, on Feb. 5.

OUR PRESENCE - February 5

Sunday School	49
Worship	78
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS - February 5

Offering	\$ 3,241
Month to Date	\$ 3,241
YTD	\$ 14,097

OUR SERVICE - February 12

Greeters..... Happy Gbeneneh
Fortune Gbeneneh

Liturgist..... Jay Finzel

Scripture..... Lana Solomon

Children Time... Perri Mathis

Lock-up..... Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers

19 Warren Petty
26 Barry Mathis

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



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

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

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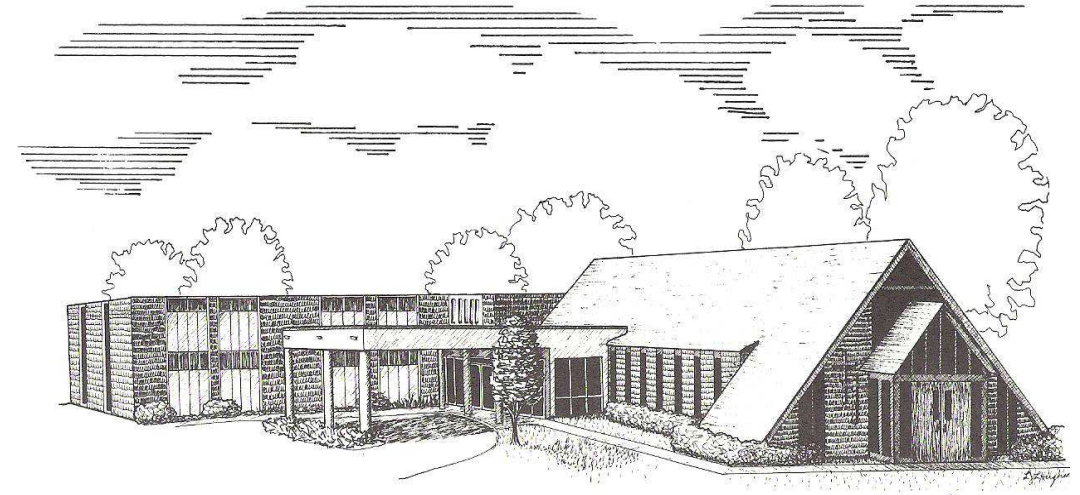
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Scriptures Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

I Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/12 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
12:30p Valentine Luncheon
2:00p Metro District Officers Training @ Germantown UMC

Mon. 2/13 12:00p News Deadline

Tue. 2/14  Valentine's Day
 10:00a Koinonia Group
 7:00p Love/Hope Group

Wed. 2/15 10:00a **Asbury Bible Study**
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2/16 9:00a **Asbury Food Pantry**
 10:00a Bible Study
 5:00p Girl Scouts
 6:00p **Asbury UM Men**

Fri. 2/17 Offices Closed
 5:45p Girl Scouts

Sat. 2/18 No Activities

Sun. 2/19 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship



VALENTINE LUNCH OPEN TO ALL

Grab your sweetheart, a friend or come solo to our Valentine Lunch on Sunday, Feb. 12th right after church, to enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Adults \$6, 12 & under \$3. Please sign up on the office window or you may call the office, 683-8861, by Feb. 9th for reservations. The Children's Advocacy Center's "BEARING IT TOGETHER" program will benefit from this event. Between now and then our UM Men will be collecting Teddy Bears and Target or Walmart Gift Cards for the Center. Bears should be 14 inches high or more and must be new. Your gifts will help kids know that they deserve to be cared for and protected. Every gift helps a hurt child find safety and healing. Please place your gifts on the sofa outside the Sanctuary or bring them to the lunch. Thank you!



POSTPONED!!

The Work Day scheduled for Saturday, February 11, has been postponed. New date will be announced soon.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CHARLES KICKLIGHTER

Diana Bedwell's father, Charles Kicklighter's service is Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30am, at Scenic Hills UMC, 2847 Pembroke Rd., 38128. Visitation is prior to the service, beginning at 9 a.m.

LENT BEGINS

ASH WEDNESDAY — MARCH 1
 12 Noon Service of Ashes at Asbury
 6 p.m. Service of Ashes at Aldersgate

Lenten Hunger Offering

The Memphis Conference has again prepared a Giving Calendar for Lent 2017, which begins Ash Wednesday, March 1 and goes through Easter, April 16. Its theme - Your Spare Change Can Save Lives - encourages you to pray and to give according to the suggestions offered each day during Lent. Copies are available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please use your own little box, jar, bowl or bag to collect your donations. Bring your Hunger Offering to church any time between Palm Sunday, April 9, and the Sunday after Easter, April 23. You will feel blessed while blessing others.

CALVARY LENTEN LUNCH TRIP BEING PLANNED

A trip to Calvary Episcopal Church's Lenten Lunch Preaching Series is in the works. Put the date March 21, 10 a.m., on your calendar now. Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel, will be the speaker. There will be bus transportation. A sign-up sheet will soon be on the office window. Don't miss out! A love offering will be taken for the bus driver and lunch is on your own.



Sub-group Meetings on February 14th
 Koinonia will meet at the church at 10 a.m.
 Love/Hope will meet at the church at 7 p.m.

DISTRICT OFFERS TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS FEBRUARY 12

...from 2p—4p, at Germantown UMC, 2331 South Germantown Rd., 901-754-7216. Those who are new (and not so new) to their jobs at Aldersgate will find this event very helpful and informative. For complete info, you may call Rosie Holland, at 901-590-4820, or visit rholland@metrodistrict.org.

MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

You are asked to help spread the word about this \$250,000 scholarship program to students in pursuit of a career in ministry. 50 scholarships of \$5,000 each are available to full-time students across the country who are enrolled in an advance degree religious studies program at an accredited theological seminary, college or university during the 2017-18 academic year. Students serving in their final year of internship are also eligible to apply. Those who are interested should visit www.churchmutual.com/cmcares-scholars. Applications will be accepted through April 15, 2017. The 50 recipients will be announced in May 2017. "Our vision is to offer religious scholars of all denominations a helping hand in realizing their goals to become the leaders of tomorrow," said Rich Poirier, president and CEO of Church Mutual. "It takes great effort and commitment to become a leader of faith", Poirier said. "With this scholarship, it's our hope we can alleviate some of the financial worry that comes with higher education and help ensure houses of worship continue to have access to quality leadership for generations to come."

TREAT YOURSELF AND BRING A FRIEND

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JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY
 ...each Thursday at 10 a.m.

'PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD' - PHASE II A PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE NASHVILLE EPISCOPAL AREA

(The Memphis & Tennessee Conferences)
 To sign up for our Prayer Vigil (Feb. 12-18), go to <https://Memphis-reg.brtaapp.com/PrayerVigil-Sunday> An article on the 'Praying Our Way Forward' initiative may be found on the website: UMCPrays.com Clergy and laity are encouraged to sign up for a 30 minute time slot during the week of Feb. 12—18, to have intentional prayer for the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and for the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. The Commission was established with a mix of bishops, clergy and laity of diverse views on human sexuality, to help us find a way forward and through the human sexuality issues.