

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist North

Tom Boillot 471

Rehab

Kitty Strub

At Home

Jeanette Leslie
Peggy Brightwell
Henry Blanks

Special Prayers for

....kidnapped girls
from Nigeria

Homebound/Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Gerri Colosia
Jack Eaton	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley
James Matlock	Doris Palazzini	Linda Park
Jane Pifer	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker

OUR PRESENCE

February 8

Church School	44
Worship	72
Visitors	5

February 4

Wed. Morn. Bible Study	16
Wed. Eve. Bible Study	7
Wed. Youth	12

OUR GIFTS

February 8

This Week's Offering	\$	1,244
Month to Date	\$	4,671

OUR SERVICE

February 15, 2015

Greeters	Barine Deekae Sobari Deekae
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Jane Hight
Children's Time	Milton Craft
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers

22 Barry Mathis

February Children's Time

22 Milton Craft

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FEBRUARY 18

Service of Ashes
& Communion

12 Noon

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A MESSAGE FROM MILTON

As we begin another great year, we all look back over our accomplishments, achievements, and things that we didn't quite complete. As we look back over everything, we try to figure out the things we did right and the things we did wrong. The one thing that is consistent in doing things right or wrong is the process. "A process is an activity which takes place over time and has a precise aim regarding the result to be achieved." The process determines whether or not the result will be great or it will be minimal. You control the process.

Say that you want to make some cookies. You get your cookie batter mixed. You cut, shape or roll it. You put them on the cookie sheet. Then they are ready. Yeah, we're thinking the same thing. You forgot to bake them. Without baking them, the process of making cookies is incomplete. The result that was achieved came from you leaving out a step in the process.

You can apply this concept to everything you do in life — from cooking, to writing a music score, or just watching TV, there is a process. So, how do you make sure that you complete the process?

First, we must figure out what it is we are trying to achieve. Then determine what you want the outcome to be. Next, lay out the course of action needed in order to complete the project. Remember, things can always be changed to achieve the desired outcome. Finally, execute the actions that were laid out.

It sounds very simple. Nevertheless, you can make it complicated by not giving yourself the correct tools needed to complete the project. Not giving yourself the proper tools allows you to have an incomplete outcome. Not taking that one extra step could make the difference in your project being complete or a failure. That extra step could turn out to be worth a lot.

Looking forward, you have to understand that everything you do is associated with a process. It is up to you to determine the goal you want from that process and to execute it accordingly.

Keep it real,

Milton

Scriptures for the week:

II Kings 2:1-112; Psalm 50:1-6
II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/15 9:00a Worship Team Mtg.
 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p SPRC Meeting

Mon. 2/16 Presidents Day
 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 2/17 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury

Wed. 2/18 Ash Wednesday
 10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate
 12:00p Service of Ashes & Communion @ Aldersgate
 6:00p Service of Ashes & Communion @ Asbury
No Fellowship & Study
No Youth Fellowship
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2/19 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
 UMNC Key Women
 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury

Fri. 2/20 Offices Closed

Sat. 2/21 9:00a AFLS
 10:00a Sewing Guild

Sun. 2/22 10:15a Church School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship

TWO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES OFFERED

12:00 Noon at Aldersgate
 6:00 p.m. at Asbury



DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE?

Let us know! Any one interested in playing one morning a week or monthly, please call the church office, 683-8861, and give us your preferences.

LENTEN WORLD HUNGER CALENDARS

To aid you with your Lenten giving, there are Giving Calendars on the table outside the sanctuary.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to our church family for all the calls, cards, food, prayers and concern for my mother, Mary Stanley, during her illness and death. We appreciate your love and support.

Ed & Judy Stanley

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Thank you to our UM Men and helpers for the delicious meal we enjoyed at our Valentine Banquet. We appreciate your love for your church members and friends.

WORSHIP TEAM TO MEET FEB. 15

Interested in our worship planning or sacred music? Come to the Worship Team meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. and be prepared to get involved.

SPRC TO MEET FEB. 15

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will meet on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 12:30p.



NURTURING KIDS

You may know that our Wednesday night youth group has grown to around 20-25 kids of varied ages, which presents us with a problem. Though a great problem to have—nurturing 20 children, and sometimes more—we need to feed them.

If you could provide a snack supper once a month, twice a month, once a quarter, or whatever is comfortable for you, it would be a wonderful help! If you prefer to provide cash to purchase food items, that will work, too.

Suppers may be pizza, hamburgers, hotdogs, sandwiches, lasagna, spaghetti, or whatever you would like to provide. Throw in some fruit, veggies or chips and its done.

Willing to help? Call Jane Hight, 737-9053, and tell her what you can do. She will be glad to hear from you!

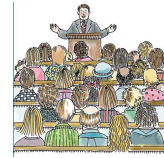
Leaders are also needed for Wednesday nights to help with the elementary age children. Seven year old and seventeen year old activities don't mix very well. If you love kids and want to be involved, email Milton at miltonwcraft@gmail.com or call him at 316-5836, and offer your assistance.

UMW NEWS

New Books for the Reading Program

Our thanks to Lana Solomon for adding several new books to our Reading Program collection: under Nurturing for Community—"Red Sky in the Morning"; under Social Action—"The Enough Moment"; under Education for Mission—"A Girl Called Problem", and under Spiritual Growth—"Esther", "Finding God in a Bag of Groceries", and "You're Already Amazing".

Pick an amazing book and read on one of those stay-at-home days!



LENTEN LUNCH AND PREACHING AT CALVARY

You may sign up on the office window or email office@agumc.org or call the office at 683-8861, to make a reservation. Invite family or friends to join us to enjoy a tasty lunch at the Waffle Shop, then hear internationally known speaker and author, Rev. Tony Campolo, the speaker of the day, on **Thursday, February 26**. We will **leave the church at 10:15**, with transportation being provided. Lunch will be at the 11a.m. seating, preaching at Noon. Your only cost will be your lunch and a gratuity for our driver. Don't miss this great opportunity!

NEW ADDRESS

Joan Oyoo
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'LENTEN SOUP AND DEVOTIONS'

EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT AT ASBURY

...beginning on February 25, and YOU are invited. Their Lenten series features a brief service at Noon, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch for a small donation of \$2. You are cordially invited to join them for these Lenten devotionals.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Norris Gabriel by

Doris Bellott
 Phyllis Wilson & J.W. Gabriel
 John T. Welch
 Don & Tillie Speraw
 The Fidelis Class

In memory of Chuck Jones by

Mary Robbins
 Cathy Boice

Trustees Fund

In memory of Mary Stanley by

Tom & Sharon Lockhart

In memory of Norris Gabriel by

Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Youth Fund

In memory of Mary Stanley by

Mary Robbins
 Cathy Boice



UMNC FUNDRAISER COMING UP

Mark March 1 on your calendar for a fundraiser at Emmanuel UMC from 2:00-4:00, featuring the famous "Singing Preachers"! Donations accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, enabling the continuation of food pantries, day care, pre-k, and support of Friendship Group for the formerly homeless. You will enjoy yourselves and assist a very worthy cause, as well!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The forgiveness He earned for us frees us to live in joy and hope.



FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Canned Tuna Beef Stew Chili
 Cash is always appreciated.

(Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)