

## OUR PRAYERS

### Poplar Point Rehab

Tom Boillot 116A

### At Home

Warren Petty

### Dyersburg Rehab

Jack Baker

### Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls  
from Nigeria

...earthquake victims  
in Nepal

...flood victims in  
Texas

### Applingwood Rehab

Mary Grace Petty

### Homebound and Assisted Care

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

## OUR PRESENCE

### June 21

Welcome services for Dr. Finzel were held at Asbury UMC on the 21st.

## OUR GIFTS

### June 21

Offering	\$	606
Month to Date	\$	7,447

## OUR SERVICE

### June 28, 2015

<b>Greeters</b>	Ginny Lawrence Wayne Lawrence
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Faith Gbeneneh
<b>Children's Time</b>	
<b>Lock-up</b>	Barry Mathis

## OUR WITNESS

### July Scripture Readers

5 Jane Hight  
12 Barry Mathis  
19 Warren Petty  
26 Judy Stanley



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## Pastor's Ponderings

For the past few weeks, I've had a phrase (actually just a word) from the refrain of an old David Bowie song stuck in my head. Have you ever had that happen? Ever had a song get 'stuck' and play over and over in your mind? Several times a day I'm reminded of 'Ch-ch-ch-changes'. We're all going through some major changes right now. I'm moving from three churches I knew and loved, to three others I will come to know and love. You're saying good-bye to one pastor you knew and loved, and saying hello to another who is a stranger. Changes – the constant in life we can count on – God notwithstanding.

The thing is, I couldn't get past that one word in the song – couldn't think of the next line, so I googled the lyrics to see what followed that opening word of the refrain. This is it: 'Turn to face the strain'. Hmm...how to interpret that? We acknowledge that change is not easy. It's a strain. It taxes us. Even so, we dive in head first, and attend to the work at hand. There is much to be done! In the coming days, weeks, and months we'll all experience a learning curve as we get to know each other, as we adapt to the changes we're currently experiencing. Let us be patient with each other, loving and grace-filled, as we experience this learning curve together. Despite all the 'Ch-ch-ch-changes', as I 'turn to face the strain', I do so with excitement and hope for the future. I look forward to serving Christ and the Church with you.

Blessings always,  
*Virginia*

Scriptures for the week: II Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5: 21-43

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun. 6/28 10:15a Sunday School  
11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
11:30a Worship-Patriotic Service  
Wear Red, White or Blue

Mon. 6/29 Noon Newsletter Deadline  
6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury  
6:30p Trustees Meeting

Tue. 6/30 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury

Wed. 7/1 NO Bible Study  
NO Youth  
NO Fellowship & Study  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 7/2 9-Noon Food Pantry @ Asbury

Fri. 7/3 Offices Closed

Sat. 7/4 6:00p Spanish Worship Service

Sun. 7/5 10:15a Sunday School  
11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
11:30a Worship

**MEETING NOTICE**

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome, however, if you are a member of this group, please plan to attend.



**SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS NEEDED**

We continue to have vacancies in July, September, October and November which need to be filled. Please sign up on the office window.



**JUNE IS GOLDEN CROSS MONTH**

We have just one more week in our emphasis on Golden Cross. Your generosity will help our older folks in Wesley Housing facilities feel the warmth of Christian love. Lists of needed items are on the tables outside the Sanctuary, on the office window and on the back of the June monthly calendar in the May 27th edition of *The Flame*. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND HOORAY**



...to Brother Goyo on gaining his United States citizenship!!! He was presented his certificate on June 12. We're so proud of you, Goyo!

**THANK YOU NOTES**

To the people of Aldersgate, Asbury and El Redentor United Methodist Churches:

Jay and I are so grateful for the warm welcome we've received from all of you. The Parish-wide breakfast and worship service were wonderful. Thank you for all the hard work and effort that went into making our first Sunday with you so special. We look forward to our time together.

Blessings always,  
Virginia

Many thanks to all of you who have honored the special men in your lives for Father's Day. An insert will appear in Sunday's bulletin, with all names listed, to be remembered in prayer.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Reflect on how you will mirror God's glory.

**PLANNING AHEAD**



**FYI For Golfers**

Mark your calendars now for September 17 and the 15th Annual Golf Classic for the Golden Cross Senior Residents Fund at Wyndyke Country Club. Registration and Sponsor forms are available at [goldencrossfund.org](http://goldencrossfund.org).

**All Creatures Great and Small**

An event for Older Adults

Epworth by the Sea - September 21-24

St. Simons Island, Georgia

Get up close and personal with something wild - 'gators and cranes, cypress and sundews, warblers and dolphins, as well as National Historic sites. Register on line at [epworthbythesea.org](http://epworthbythesea.org) or by phone at 912-638-8688.

**UMW NEWS**



In the Candle Burning Program, for \$5 per name, you may honor or memorialize someone special. The deadline for giving is Sunday, July 26. Please give your gifts and names of those honored to Margaret Ann Ligon. Forms are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary for your convenience.

**Mission u**

Mission u has scholarships available based on: First-time Attendee, Need, Member of Small Unit, or Ethnic Minority. Please contact District President, Deborah Poole, 901-834-3253, for scholarship applications.

Mission u registration forms are available in the church office or on-line at [memphis-umc.org](http://memphis-umc.org), then click on the July calendar.

**Books in Spanish Now Available For UMW Reading Program**

For our Spanish speaking ladies, we now have "Un Col hon De Plumas Para Agata", "Las Hijas de Juarez", "En Pusca De Paz", "14 Vacas Para USA". We hope our Hispanic congregants and others who read Spanish will take advantage of the opportunity to read these.

**The Reading Program Deadline**

...is July 29, so read, read, read — and please be sure your name is in the notebooks for every book you've read since last August.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS**

Beginning on Thursday, July 16, our Thursday Morning Bible Study will again meet at Aldersgate. Our study for the summer will be "Learning to Walk in the Dark". Study books will be available soon.

**!! REMINDER !!**

As we do not use our dishwasher every day, if you **load** the dishwasher, even with a few things, please remember to **turn it on** before you leave the church. Dirty dishes and utensils sitting there until someone happens to check it, can cause bugs. We're "buggy" enough without adding the critter variety to our congregation :)

**THE TIME IS NOW!!!**

...to share a memory, share a smile for our **60th Anniversary Booklet**.

We want your thoughts, your pictures, your memories about the last 60 years at Aldersgate! The last 50 or 30, 5 years and last year, must also be remembered in our 60th Anniversary Booklet. If you have a thought or memory about a person or group, an occasion or event you would like to share, please submit your writing to Sharon Lockhart or Margaret Ann Ligon.

**THE TIME IS NOW!!!**

... to submit recipes for our **60th Anniversary Cookbook!**

Don't get left out! Please turn recipes in at the office or to Aleita Tutor, either by hand or by email.

Office email: [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org)

Aleita email: [rdeantutor@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdeantutor@bellsouth.net)



**SONRISA (Smile)**

**APRETON DE MANOS (Shake hands)**

You **do not** need to speak Spanish to work with our Hispanic ministry, but all of us can learn to say 'hola' (hello) or 'bienvenida' (welcome). Our Hispanic Ministry is looking for greeters, care givers and helpers in the bilingual programs on Saturday evenings, and event coordinators and Sunday School helpers. Please contact Brother Goyo for all the information. He can be reached by email at [goyodelacruz@gmail.com](mailto:goyodelacruz@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 601-496-1297.

**TRAVEL TIME**

**August 13 Day Trip to the Bass Pro Shop** at the Pyramid. Tour is \$29.50.



Lunch, shopping and elevator rides are on your own.

**October 12-15 Autumn in Arkansas** \$100 deposit is due now. Brochures, with registration forms, are on the bulletin board.

Call Carolyn for details, 861-0841, on both tours.

**THE UPPER ROOM**

...for July/August is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up your copy today!

The Finches are coming!