

**OUR PRAYERS**

**St. Francis-Memphis**

Bill Whitaker 581  
Chris Simmons 907

**The Village Rehab**

Margaret Miller

**Jackson/Madison Cnty**

Jerry Morris

**Hospice Care**

Mary Stanley

**At Home**

David Weaver Margaret Burrows  
Earl Galloway Michael Solomon  
Julie Hendren Lynda Park

**Our Homebound**

Martha Allen June Burton Joan Clark  
Gerri Colosia Mava Dell Fry Earl Galloway  
Helen Griffin Marie Hughes James Matlock  
Martha Meyer Lorene Nance Doris Palazzini  
Jane Pifer Betty Ray Emmett Smith  
Harold Smith Betty Smithmier Martha Wallace

**OUR PRESENCE**

**June 29**

Church School 42  
Worship 65  
Visitors 6

**OUR GIFTS**

**June 29**

This Week's Offering \$ 1,332  
MTD \$ 14,094

**OUR SERVICE**

**July 6**

**Greeters** Carolyn McDougal  
Mary Robbins  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Warren Petty  
**Children's Time** Renee Little  
**Lock-up** Barry Mathis

**OUR WITNESS**

**July Scripture Readers**

13 Judy Stanley  
20 Dean Tutor  
27 Peggy Brightwell



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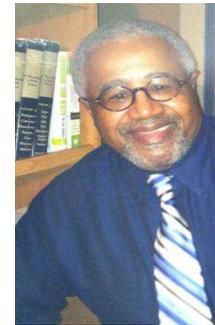
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**THE WRITE REVEREND**



I served a church once where I am convinced there was no way those folks could have consciously known what they were doing. They were killing their church! Unintentionally perhaps, but they were poisoning it little by little. All some of them wanted was for the church to hang on long enough for them to be buried. Others were afraid of the future and all they did was look back at what they once were. For some, every problem was a death nail. Unknowingly, every time they said the church was dying, they were slowly but surely killing it.

But thanks be to God, they did not have the last word! Some folks decided to trust God and step out in faith; to stop gossip before it started! They refused to allow negative thinking to take hold. They participated only in the positive. They let their criticism be constructive! They saw problems as possibilities! They learned that the other side of trouble is not always tragedy, but triumph. Every crisis is in reality an opportunity! They learned to adapt and overcome. Like the Apostle Paul wrote in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans, they were able to say: <sup>31-39</sup> With God on our side like this, how can we lose. . . . And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger . . . There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing. . . . I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us. (Eugene Peterson's The Message)

Herbert

Scriptures for July 6: Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**LÖÖKING AHEAD**

Sun. Sun. 7/6 9:45a Sunday School  
 11:00a Worship  
 12:15p Trustees Meeting

Mon. 7/7 10:00a Church Women United  
 @ Buntyn Presbyterian  
 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 7/8 10:00a Koinonia Group

Wed. 7/9 10:30a Meth. Hospital Auxiliary  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 7/10 10:00a Bible Study

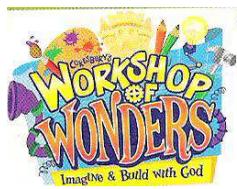
Fri. 7/11 Offices Closed

Sat. 7/12 No Activities

Sun. 7/13 9:45a Sunday School  
 11:00a Worship  
 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting  
 Open to all—Emphasis  
 Golden Cross  
 (Pot Luck)

**ANOTHER JULY BIRTHDAY**

Say Happy Birthday to Andrew Baker on July 16. He was accidentally left off the July calendar birthday list.



**REMEMBER! ASBURY VBS JULY 14-18**

The Workshop of Wonders will meet from 9 a.m. to noon, beginning July 14. Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Adults are invited to volunteer. You may contact Lori Wakefield or the church office, 363-1135, to sign up.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Our freedom was purchased at a very high price. Lord bless those who have and are serving and watch over their families.

**THANK YOU**

Barbara and I would like to thank the faith family of Aldersgate for the great send off. The meal, table decorations, gifts and remembrances of our time together at “the church of the warm heart” will be cherished for the rest of our lives. We wish you all the best, and you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Peace and Grace,  
 Bro. Paul & Barbara



**“WHAT’S NEXT?”**

Have you marked your calendar for ‘What’s Next’, a special program for adults? This very informative session will deal with situations we face as we become older. Our very own Lynn Coffman is one of the leaders. Plan to join us on Thursday, July 24, at 11:00 a.m. Lunch (pay by donation) of barbeque with the all the trimmings will follow. **Reservations are required** so we know how many to prepare for. Mark your calendar **now** for this special event. Your family, friends and neighbors are invited to attend. You may sign up on the office window or call 683-8861 for reservations.



**FOLKMOT @ LAKE JUNALUSKA**

Experience the beauty of Lake Junaluska while celebrating Folkmoot USA, July 26-28, North Carolina’s official international festival of folk music and dance. Two night packages start at \$135 per person, double occupancy. All the details are available at 800-222-4930 or [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com).

**UMW NEWS**

“Mission u” is coming up July 18-19 at Milan First UMC. The registration deadline is **July 7th**. Contact Penny Story for complete details and to register. Phone: 270-395-5324 or 270-703-6645 or email: [pennystory@scarletthreadwomen.com](mailto:pennystory@scarletthreadwomen.com). This study is open to men and women, clergy and laity.

**Learn With Us About Golden Cross**

All are invited to join the Aldersgate UMW after church on July 13th to hear about Golden Cross Ministries. Your UMW supports this important organization with time, donations and prayer. Join us for a potluck lunch and stay to hear about this valuable senior ministry! We will be collecting goods for the Golden Cross Ministry at this meeting. Many seniors living in Wesley Housing have little or no money and no family to assist them. If you would like to help, all donations will be greatly appreciated. Lists of needed items are available outside the Sanctuary. You may place your gifts in the mesh basket near the Sunday School Office. If donating money, please make checks out to Aldersgate with ‘Golden Cross’ in the memo line and drop in the offering plate or leave in the church office. Thank you for your help.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY**

Please help by donating these items:  
 Jam or Jelly Peanut butter  
 1 qt. Packages of Powdered Milk

**ASBURY FOOD PANTRY**

...open on Thursday, July 3, from 9 a.m. to Noon.

**CAKE STANDS NEEDED**

Asbury UMC needs 10 to 15 cake stands for their anniversary luncheon. If you have one or more to loan, (heirlooms best left at home), please let them know—363-1135.

**THE DENTAL VAN IS COMING!**

Our church will host a dental van for 2 days in the first week of December. Details about making appointments and qualifying for this free dental service will be available soon. Keep and eye out—volunteers will be needed!

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**BOOK REVIEW**

Have you thought about why our denomination, as well as other large denominations, seem to be losing members? Check out Adam Hamilton’s book, *When Christians Get It Wrong*. Its on the UMW Reading Program. Hamilton gives his thoughts as he discusses with a young person, his complaints against the organized church.

**GUESS WHO’S COMING TO DINNER JULY 27**

5:00p.m. The Finchers 6:00p.m. Church Family Picnic



**HOUSE & GROUNDS SEEKS YOUR HELP**

Our facilities need the attention of some willing workers, on a weekly and monthly basis, to keep us ‘lookin’ good’. A few of the things to be addressed are:

- Trim shrubs and weed beds
- Pick up curb and lawn trash
- Repair/replace water faucet outside
- Repair two emergency lights
- Replace light fixture in Room 109
- .....and many more.....

There’s a complete list on the sign-up sheet. We have many talented and experienced people. The Trustees ask for your help with these and other projects. Please contact Mary Robbins, 683-0281, or Tom Lockhart, 754-3429, or sign up on the office window, to volunteer in your special area of expertise.