

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist DeSoto		At Home
April Lawrence	510	Peggy Brightwell
Corinth MS		Doris Bellott
Virginia Kemp Jones		Dorothy Goolsby
Mexico		Terry Williamson
Misael Hildago		Marcelle Farrow
		Wayne Lawrence

Special Prayers for
 ... kidnapped girls/Nigeria
 ... disaster victims

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Ed Caine
Carolyn Escue	Ray Escue	Mava Dell Fry
Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin	Antinette Guy-Scott
Doris Hight	Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley
Ted Lewis	Doris Palazzini	Betty Ray
Elmer Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace		

OUR PRESENCE - July 24

Sunday School	69
Worship	45
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS - July 24

Offering	\$ 1,447
Month to Date	\$ 13,117
Conference to Date	\$ 3,233

OUR SERVICE - July 31

Greeters	Lorelle Woodard Peggy Brightwell
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Lana Solomon
Children's Time	Bruce Hughes
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

7	Jay Finzel
14	Dean Tutor
21	Nubari Deekae
28	Peggy Brightwell



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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

A follow-up to Sunday's text and sermon

How Shall We Pray?

Luke 11:1-13

By: [Kayla McClurg](#)

In these soul-wrenching days, does God hear our cries? With what words shall the "created" attempt to speak to the Creator? Can we risk saying aloud our longing, our loneliness, our indifference, our pain?

Jesus' friends have been listening, watching, noticing how he goes again and again to quiet places alone to pray. They have seen, too, the results of this practice, the unusual potency of his life, his deepening wisdom and love. What is his secret? Does he say beautiful words, uttered in holy rhythms? What is the inner posture of his heart? It is no surprise that they want to learn to pray as he prays, to have the peace and power that come from a more potent connection to the Creator.

Jesus does not brush them aside, does not tell them such a connection is for only a special few. He delights in their sincere hunger and happily shares the secret formula. Here it is: Just talk to God, he says. No need to dress up your language or your life; speak simply and personally as to a beloved parent. God is the hallowed one, not you. God knows you are made of dust. Let God be the giver, and you be the asker. God delights in hearing what you need—bread for the body as well as the soul—food and forgiveness enough for today. God's kingdom is emerging on earth *and* in heaven, whether it is visible or not. Praying for God's will, doing God's will, helps each realm to grow. Whatever you give out, you will get back. What you persist in, you will receive.

So tell the One who loves you what you need and want. Whether you are happy or hurting, pray. When you are frightened or disgusted or have lost your way, pray. When friends desert you, when you are jolted awake at midnight by Big Need knocking at your door, remember how capable God is. Keep asking, keep searching, keep persisting. More than your righteousness or capacity to succeed, God will be persuaded by your insistent hungry heart, your admission of need. Go ahead. Say it out loud. Lean in toward God's love. You will find that Love has been there all along, leaning in toward you.

Amen and Blessings,

Virginia

Scriptures for the Week:

Hosea 11:1-11

Colossians 3:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

Luke 12:13-21

- LOOKING AHEAD**
- Sun. 7/31 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Potluck Lunch—Farewell to the Gordillo family
Deadline for Scholarship Applicatons
- Mon. 8/1 7:30a Willow Oaks Teacher's Breakfast
Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 8/2 No Activities
- Wed. 8/3 5:00p Children's Choir Rehearsal (Last One)
6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 8/4 9:00a Food Pantry-**Asbury**
- Fri. 8/5 Offices Closed
- Sat. 8/6 6:00p Spanish Service @ El Redentor
- Sun. 8/7 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship



HOUSE FOR SALE

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IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

"How admirably pardon and holiness are comprised in that one word, grace!"

~ John Wesley~



**JOIN US FOR
A FAREWELL POTLUCK LUNCH**

Gaby Gordillo and her family will be moving soon. They are headed for Louisville, KY. We invite you to say your goodbyes and let them know they will be missed at a potluck lunch this Sunday, July 31, right after worship.



Below are suggestions for Willow Oaks Elementary supplies. Thank you in advance for your gifts!

Undies for Girls	Undies for Boys
.74 oz. Glue Sticks	Belts for Boys
8 ct. Crayola Crayons	24 ct. Crayola Crayons
Back Packs	Ticonderoga #2 pencils

Hand Sanitizer with pump
Large Boxes Facial Tissue
Poly Brad and Pocket Folders (any color)
Notebook Filler Paper-Wide Ruled-200 count
D'Nealian Tablets—Wide Ruled, Blue Baseline
Standard 1 Subj. Wide Ruled, 70 Count Ntbks.
Cash is also welcome.

Something new is being offered this year—Pre-Packs. If you would prefer to purchase a 'pre-pack' for grades K-5, these are the prices: K-\$55; 1st-\$52; 2nd-\$50; 3rd-\$57; 4th-\$48 and 5th-\$54. Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note Willow Oaks in the memo line.

FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST

**Soup & Crackers
Jiffy Corn Bread Mix**

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Thank you!



MISSION STUDY AT ALDERSGATE

Our annual UMW Mission Study will be held Tuesday, August 16th. Registration opens at 8:30a and the program will be from 9 to 1, with a 30 minute lunch break.

Climate Justice is the topic this year and the study is open to everyone, so invite your friends and neighbors, men and women, and members from other churches.

Our leader is Lana Solomon, trained in St. Louis at the national Mission u training event.

Breakfast munchies and a sandwich lunch will be served. Start thinking about what to bring. Lana will be calling our ladies soon for goodies.



ITS NOT TOO LATE!

...to give us your favorite hymns. AUGUST is the month we will sing some of our most beloved hymns during our worship services, so let us know which ones are your favorites. You may call the office, 683-8861, you may make a list and drop it in the offering plate or you may tell Lisa your choices.



UMCOR SEEKING ASSISTANCE

In the wake of the tornado in Mayfield, KY, and the flooding in West Virginia, UMCOR is accepting donations toward helping in these disasters. If you wish to help, please make checks out to Aldersgate and note Tornado and/or Floods in the memo line.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Michael LeClear by Betty Smithmier



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile	Phil Cannon
Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis	Sonny Davis
Goyo De la Cruz	Doug Dennis	Corella Edwards
John Elkins	Andrew Hamilton	Diane Harrison
John Hight	Mildred Hight	Jeff Irwin
Mark Jones	Freda Lipford	Ursula Lewis
The Martin Family	Bill McClain	Jesse McClerkin
Bill McMullin	Eloise Miller	Lorraine Mitchell
Glenn Moore	Lou Ella Morris	Joe Moseley
Jack Pollard	Maira Pomije	Claire Rainey
Wade Reeves	Stephanie Roberts	Lana Solomon
Marie Souder	Cindy Stanfil	Brad Weaver
David Weaver	Shannon Weaver	John Williams
Margie Williamson		

Will you know the answers when you get to the pearly gates?



"What's your mother's maiden name?"

ALDERSGATE

United Methodist Church

August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:30a Willow Oaks Teacher's Breakfast 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline	2	3 5:00p Children's Choir (Final One) 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	4 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury	5 Offices Closed	6 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc. @ El Redentor
7 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship Service	8 Noon News Deadline	9 10a Koinonia NO Love/Hope	10 10:30a Meth. Hospital Auxiliary 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadline	11 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury	12 Offices Closed 10:30a Sr. Adult Game Day @ Asbury	13 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc. @ El Redentor
14 9:00a Scholarship Committee 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Fundraiser Lunch for Scholarship Fund	15 Noon News Deadline	16 8:30a Registration 9:00a UMW Mission Study "Climate Justice"	17 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	18 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	19 Offices Closed	20 9:00a UMW Social Action Day Aldersgate-Jackson, TN 10:00a Sewing Guild 12:00p Girl Scouts - FH 1:00p One Harvest Distribution @ Asbury 6:00p Spanish Worship Svc. @ El Redentor
21 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship	22 Noon News Deadline	23	24 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	25 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury	26 Offices Closed 11:30a Young at Heart @ Asbury	27 5:30p Howell/Welch Wedding 7:00p Spanish Prayer Vigil @ El Redentor
28 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship	29 Noon News Deadline	30	<p>Aldersgate United Methodist Church</p> <p>Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel Outreach Ministries: The Rev. Goyo De la Cruz</p> <p>Choir Director: Lisa Hughes Organist: Lana Solomon Pianist: Lynn Coffman</p> <p>4459 Willow Road Phone: (901) 683-8861</p> <p>Memphis, TN 38117 Fax: (901) 683-1374</p> <p>Website: www.agumc.org Email: office@agumc.org</p>			



Happy Birthday

- Aug. 4 Andy Washington
- 6 Jackson Little
- Lili Turner
- 7 Rick Bellott
- Betty Smithmier
- 8 Joy Deekae
- 9 Sandra Taylor
- 10 Shirley Hancock
- 11 Joy Swain
- 13 Charles Swain
- 15 Nicholas Lung
- Shelby Ray
- 18 Jeff Brightwell
- 21 Jesus Hidalgo
- 22 Gaby Gordillo
- Sofia Hernandez
- 24 Ray Gabriel
- 25 Jimmie Bedwell
- 26 Jean DeLong
- 28 Shannon Weaver
- 29 Daniel Boice
- Laura Dalton
- 30 Milton W. Craft



Happy Anniversary

- Aug. 1 Terry & Margie Williamson
- 4 Goyo De la Cruz & Luz Campos
- 27 Tilford & Lorelle Woodard
- 29 Wade & Pam Young

ASSISTING IN AUGUST

- Greeters** Joyce Kernodle
Frances Molnar
- Liturgist** Barry Mathis
- Scripture** 7 Jay Finzel
14 Dean Tutor
21 Nubari Deekae
28 Peggy Brightwell
- Children's Time**..... 7 Dr. Finzel
14 Andrew Baker
21 Dr. Finzel
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UMW MISSION STUDY "Climate Justice" August 16, 2016

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9.
Breakfast munchies and a sandwich lunch will be served.

Come to better understand the concerns of environmentally degraded communities and their struggles to organize and contend with environmental injustices.
Gain knowledge about local conditions that aggravate climate change.
Move toward more informed advocacy in solidarity with local communities.
Learn what's being done to address particular climate issues.
See how situations in the Industrial Zone, the Indigenous Zone and the Mountaintop Removal Zone effect communities.

Several movies and videos are available on this subject. Here are a few suggestions:

- *Years of Living Dangerously: Premiere Episode* 50 min.  [Watch on YouTube](#)
- *The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism and Community* 56 min. Rent the DVD on olddog-documentaries.org
- *Moyers & Company: Climate Change – Faith and Fact* Interview with Katherine Hayhoe, refers to *Years of Living Dangerously* 25 min.  [Watch on YouTube](#)

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