

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis Lou Pennington 579	Special Prayers for ...kidnapped girls from Nigeria
Jewish Home Bernard Rainey	...earthquake victims in Nepal
At Home Betty Smithmier	...flood victims in Texas

Homebound and Assisted Care

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

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Family and friends of Margie Ferguson

OUR PRESENCE - August 9

Sunday School	55
Worship	83
Visitors	6
Saturday Service	12

OUR GIFTS - August 9

Offering	\$ 1,110
Month to Date	\$ 4,497
Apportionments To Date	\$ 6,776

OUR SERVICE - August 16

Greeter	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Nubari Deekae
Children's Time	Dr. Finzel
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers
23 Peggy Brightwell
30 Tom Lockhart



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Pastor's Ponderings

School days, school days
 Dear old [Golden Rule](#) days
['Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic](#)
 Taught to the tune of the [hick'ry stick](#)

Who remembers this song? What I mainly remember is this part of the chorus of the song. Each year as the new school year began for me – which was always after Labor Day and not as early as school begins now – it was sung with gleeful smiles on their faces by the adults in my life. “School Days” was written in 1907 by Will Cobb and Gus Edwards. Its subject is of a mature couple looking back sentimentally on their childhood together in primary school.

The children in our lives are beginning a new school year. How are we preparing them for their new adventure? It's an exciting time for some. It's a scary time for others. Learning comes easily for some, while others struggle. In years to come, some will look back on their school days in winsome ways like the lyrics of this song, while others will look back on the whole experience as a long nightmare.

As the church, what can we do to make it a good experience for them? How can we help them so that one day they'll look back on their school days and have good, positive memories? These years are formative for them, and will impact their lives even as adults. It's a different world now. Our children are confronted with things we could not have imagined when we were growing up. And the same is true for their teachers, as well as others who work in the school system. As this new school year begins, let us hold them all close to our hearts and always in our prayers while we look for ways to be actively involved in the educational process of the children in our community.

“As Jesus grew older, he grew wiser too, and became more and more the person God and his parents wanted him to be (Luke 2:52). “ This is what we want for every child – to become more and more the person God wants them to be. Let's help make it happen!

Blessings always,

Virginia

This Week's Scriptures: I Kings 2:10-12, 31-33; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Sun. 8/16	LOOKING AHEAD 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship 12:30p Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck Lunch
Mon. 8/17	Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Church Council 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury
Tue. 8/18	9:00a UMW Mission Study "Latin America: People and Faith"
Wed. 8/19	10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 8/20	9-Noon Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury
Fri. 8/21	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/22	9:00a UMW Social Action Day @ Medina First UMC
Sun. 8/23	10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship 12:30p Special Event



CALLING ALL ALDERSGATE BRIDES AND GROOMS

Photos Wanted for 60th Anniversary

Were you married at Aldersgate? Were some of your friends or family married at Aldersgate? We encourage you to send in pictures of your wedding and to ask your friends and family to do the same. We want to show you off at our 60th Anniversary celebration! Please mail your wedding photos to the church, 4459 Willow Rd., Memphis 38117, or email them to Perri Mathis at bamathis@att.net. Be sure to include your names and wedding date with the photo.

We would like the photos to be inside the church or outside with the church in the background. Photos may be any variation—bride only, bride and groom, the wedding party or the traditional family wedding photo. Thank you for being part of our celebration!



Many thanks to everyone who helped provide not only a wonderful breakfast and lunch for the faculty and staff of Willow Oaks Elementary last week during their In-Service Days, but also for helping us extend and share our Christian faith and the many blessings we have!

PACK THE BACKPACK

"Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts."

Time is nearly up to 'Pack the Backpack' for Willow Oaks Elementary. And who better to show your 'warm hearts' to than the children of our adopted school. Thank you for your generosity!

Lunch

Our annual Appreciation Pot Luck Lunch for Willow Oaks teachers and staff is this Sunday, August 16, 12:30 p.m. So...get out your aprons and please double your recipes so we will have plenty for our special guests.



BOX LUNCH AND BINGO COMING SEPTEMBER 17

The children and grandchildren are back in school, so, now that you're free, we're going to have Game Day! Yes, its Bingo Time. We are ordering box lunches from Chick-fil-a, at your request, so be sure to sign up on the office window or call the office, 683-8861, for a reservation. The cost of \$5 covers a sandwich, chips and a cookie. Beverages will be provided. Lunch will be served at 11:30, with bingo to follow. Prizes will also be provided, BUT, if you have a "white elephant" surprise or two you'd like to bring, that would be great. The more prizes we have, the longer we get to play!

UMW NEWS

**Aldersgate Mission Study
Latin America: People and Faith**

Get those invitations out to your friends and neighbors, men and women, to join us for our annual Mission Study, *Latin America: People and Faith*, on August 18th. This **one day** event will open with registration at 9 a.m. Sessions will be from 9:30 to 2. Lunch will be a Latin Fiesta and there is no charge.

Latin American has a rich history of religion and faith, art and culture and struggled long for independence. Learn how we are interconnected from the pre-Columbian times of the Mayan, Aztecs and Incas to today's popular culture. Many challenges are still being overcome by the dedication of women of faith. The book (\$10) is available online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org then click on 'mission studies'.

Memphis Conference UMW Social Action Day

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Registration 9:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

500 W. Church Ave., Medina, TN 38355

731-783-3230

The registration deadline is August 17th. Forms are available in the church office. The fee of \$10 includes a box lunch. Please make checks payable to Memphis Conference UMW.

Workshops are from 10 to 3 and cover 'Domestic Violence', led by Cynthia Davis; 'Going Green, How It Effects Our Environment', led by Lisa Archer; and 'End of Life/Long Term Care Issues', led by Judy Eads. You will learn things you have never thought of before. All sessions are of great current interest.



FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST

Hot or Cold Cereal

Jams or Jellies

**!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!
60th Anniversary Celebration
October 25, 2015**

More details to follow.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Becky Roberts by

Joy Mitchell

Johnny Mitchell

Tom & Sharon Lockhart

In memory of Jack Baker by

Dean & Aleita Tutor



APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE PLANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

College students may now apply to the Plant Scholarship Fund for assistance with their educational expenses for the coming school year. Applications are available in the church office or from Renee Little, 737-9899 or rwlittlepd@yahoo.com.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Go out into the world and do good until there is too much good in the world.

— Mahatma Gandhi



TRAVEL TIME

- > The Autumn in Arkansas Fall Foliage Tour, October 12-15, is still open for sign-up.
- > Its time to think about our wonderful Christmas Tour to Branson, MO, December 1-4. Great shows are lined up with a tribute to Fred Astaire, "Puttin' On the Ritz", with music by Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. Along with the famous Lettermen, we will enjoy the Andy Williams Christmas Shoe with the Osmonds and the Lennon Sisters.

A deposit of \$100 is due by Sept. 4. Brochures are available on the bulletin board or call Carolyn for more information, 861-0841.