

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Peggy Baker
Greg Walters

Special Prayers for

...Mardoqueo Morales
...kidnapped girls
from Nigeria
...earthquake victims in
Nepal
...flood victims in Texas

St. Joseph Reg. Med. Cntr

Paterson, NJ
Irvin Scheirer ICU

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	Bernard Rainey
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

OUR PRESENCE - August 23

Sunday School	46
Worship	84
Visitors	5
Saturday Service	10

OUR GIFTS - August 23

Offering	\$	1,232
Month to Date	\$	8,321
Apportionments To Date	\$	6,776

OUR SERVICE - August 30

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

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

6 Faith Gbeneneh
13 Warren Petty
20 Jane Hight
27 Dean Tutor



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Pastor's Ponderings

You've probably heard the saying "can't see the forest for the trees". It refers to someone who has typically become so focused on details that he or she loses sight of the larger issue and begins to ignore the overall situation. It occurs to me that this has happened in our parish – perhaps in more ways than one – but particularly with our Children's Ministry. Much concern has been expressed to me that we don't have youth in the churches. And yet as I look around week after week, I realize that the parish has an estimated 50-70 children passing through our doors every week. In fact, we have so many children, we're struggling to provide ministry and services to them. In our efforts to create and develop a youth program, and lamenting the fact that we don't have one, it may be that we aren't seeing the forest for the trees. We aren't seeing what we *have*, only what we do *not* have. God forgive us! God help us!

We have children – and plenty of them! Childless churches everywhere would be delighted to have the number of children we have the privilege and opportunity to serve and be in ministry with each week! Let us not become so focused on the details of our work as church leaders (especially around the matters of maintenance and money) that we lose sight of the gift of precious children God has bestowed upon us. Now, the reality is that the gift comes with great responsibility on our part.

Some of us are feeling a bit overwhelmed by the needs of our parish children. We're working hard to adequately serve them, but we are few in number. We need more help. We are in need of help on Sunday mornings at both Asbury and Aldersgate, on Wednesday evenings at Aldersgate, and Saturday evenings at Asbury. Won't you prayerfully consider how you might support our Parish Children's Ministry?

Blessings always,

Virginia

PS – The matters of maintenance and money are important – **very important**. However, dealing with those matters also tends to steal our joy. They make us dread meetings and withdraw from serving on committees. On the other hand, children make our hearts glad and give us joy! They make dealing with the matters of maintenance and money bearable.

This Week's Scriptures:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

- Sun. 8/30
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p 60th Anniv. Meeting
- Mon.8/31
 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Church Council Mtg.
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**
- Tue. 9/1
 Gift Wrap at Asbury open any day by appointment, 901-363-1135
- Wed. 9/2
 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
 5:30p Youth
 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 9/3
 9-Noon Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
 10:00a Bible Study
 5:00p Girl Scouts
 6:00p Parish Council @ Aldersgate
- Fri. 9/4
 Offices Closed
- Sat. 9/5
 6:00p Spanish Service
- Sun. 9/6
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
- Mon. 9/7
 Labor Day
 Offices Closed

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!
 60th Anniversary Celebration
 October 25, 2015
 Stay tuned!!!

THE UPPER ROOM

...for September/October is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up now and don't miss a day of these great devotionals.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.
Larry H. Miller



PLEASE NOTE

There will be a meeting regarding the 60th Anniversary Celebration immediately after church this Sunday, August 30. All are invited to attend with your ideas and suggestions.



BIBLE STUDY, BOX LUNCH AND BINGO

...are being served up on Sept. 17....No charge for Bible Study at 10a, \$5 for lunch at 11:30a, and only fun allowed at BINGO following lunch! Please sign up on the office window or call the office, 683-8861, for a reservation for a Box Lunch from Chick-fil-a. Bingo prizes will 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!



FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST

Hot or Cold Cereal Jams or Jellies

FESTIVAL OF CULTURES COMING UP

The second annual Festival of Cultures is planned for October 4, World Communion Sunday. This year it will take place at Asbury UMC. The Festival celebrates the diverse nationalities and cultures in our parish churches. If you would like a booth at this event to highlight the culture, music, food, history and heritage of your family, please contact Debbie Williams, 901-355-5397 or call the Asbury office, 363-1135. Each booth (free of charge) will be to display your country or culture's native dress, flag, special treats, maps, music and anything else you consider of interest from your heritage. A meeting of the planning committee is set for Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m.

UMW/UMM NEWS
UMWomen/UMMen Sunday

...is Sept. 20th. As a United Methodist Woman and a denominational leader, our very own Dr. Virginia Finzel will be our speaker. Candle Burning honorees will be remembered and our UM Men will serve lunch after our service. Mark this special service on your calendar and plan to join us on September 20.

UMW Annual Day
"All Things Jackson"

Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m., come celebrate our accomplishments for the year at UMW Annual Day, as well as some southern icons Tennessee is famous for—Blue Suede Shoes, Miss Tennessee Pageant, Casey Jones, Rockabilly music, and the ultimate shopping experience at the Old Depot Boutique. Lunch will be at our very own Hub City Café with family style servings of old favorites that will make any southerner proud. Each Unit is asked to bring lots of home-made bread, cookies, jams, jellies, canned veggies, juices, home décor, jewelry, wreaths, gift baskets, etc., to raise funds for our Pledge to Mission.



Don a crown and sash and have your photo taken as 'Ms. Tennessee UMW' for \$3 and help support missions, as well. Forms are available in the office. The fee is \$15. There's still room for more! Deadline—Sept. 18.



TRAVEL TIME

Wondering what to do 3 weeks before Christmas? Sign up for our Christmas Tour to Branson, MO, December 1-4. Enjoy a tribute to Fred Astaire, some great music and singing, and the Andy Williams Christmas Show with the Osmonds and the Lennon Sisters. Brochures are available on the bulletin board or call Carolyn for more information, 861-0841.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

- Gifts have been given for
Scholarship Fund
In honor of Rev. Jim KcKinney by Mary Robbins
In memory of Rev. Bill McClarin by Mary Robbins & Family Carolyn McDougal
- Memorial Fund**
In memory of Rev. Bill McClarin by Terry & Margie Williamson
In memory of Becky Roberts by Terry & Margie Williamson

TURNED IN YOUR WEDDING PHOTOS YET?



We encourage you to share pictures of your wedding at Aldersgate, preferably inside the church or outside with the church in the background, and to ask your friends and family to do the same. There will be a special exhibit at our 60th Anniversary celebration! If mailing, send your wedding photos to the church, 4459 Willow Rd., Memphis 38117. If emailing, send to Perri Mathis at bamathis@att.net. Be sure to include your names and wedding date with the photos. Thank you for being part of our celebration!



Charge Conference

SET FOR SEPTEMBER 21
 Monday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate


PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

To be ready for our Charge Conference, there are several meetings that must take place. Being a Parish means we have two churches that must be prepared. Below are upcoming meetings:
 Aldersgate Church Council Mon., Aug. 31, 6 p.m.
 Parish Council Thurs., Sept. 3, 6 p.m.
 Both meetings are at Aldersgate.

Aldersgate UMC



September 2015

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER The need continues to grow! Please help with our most needed items... Canned Meats and Fish Chili Stews Ravioli Peanut Butter			1 Gift Wrap open @ Asbury any day by appointment	2 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	3 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 5:00p Girl Scouts 6:00p Parish Council @ Aldersgate	4 Offices Closed	5 6:00p Spanish Service
6 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service	7 Labor Day  Offices Closed	8 10:00a Koinonia Noon News Deadline 7:00p Love/Hope	9 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:30a Methodist Hospital Auxiliary 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Deadline	10 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 5:00p Girl Scouts 7:00p Festival of Cultures Mtg.	11 Patriot Day Offices Closed 10:30a Senior Adult Game Day @ Asbury	12 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 6:00p Spanish Service	
13 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service	14 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Pres. Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	15	16 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:00a UMNC Key Women 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	17 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 11:30a Box Lunch & Bingo 5:00p Girl Scouts 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	18 Offices Closed	19 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 1:00p One Harvest Distribution 6:00p Spanish Service	
20 UMW/UMM Sunday 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p Lunch by UM Men 3:00p District Laity Day Celebration @ St. Paul	21 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Parish Charge Conf. @ Aldersgate	22	23 First Day of Autumn 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	24 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate 5:00p Girl Scouts	25 Offices Closed 11:30a Young at Heart @ Asbury  Mid-South Fair Opens at the Landers Center	26 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 11:00a UMW Conference Annual Day @ 1st UMC Jackson, TN 6:00p Spanish Service	
27 10:15a Church School 11:15a Coffee 11:30a Worship Service	28 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury	29	30 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth Fellowship 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	Pastor: Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel Outreach Min: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz Choir Dir: Lisa Hughes Organist: Lana Solomon Pianist: Lynn Coffman Website: www.agumc.org		4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 Phone: 901-683-8861 Fax: 901-683-1374 Email: office@agumc.org	



Happy Birthday

- Sep 1 Lana Solomon
- 2 Cathy Boice
Jason King
- 4 Margie Williamson
- 6 Julie Gilbert Eaves
Laura Schneider
- 7 Will Gabriel
Robert G. Graham
Millie Washington
- 9 Carolyn Escue
Dorothy Goolsby
Marcia Schmidt
- 10 Rebeca Ernst
Jimmy Hight
- 12 Diana Bedwell
- 13 Butch Shipley
- 15 Cindy Pilkinton
- 18 Devin Bradsher
- 19 Luz Campos
Harold Smith
- 20 Lisa Hughes
- 23 Pat Carr
- 24 Ginny Lawrence
- 27 Justin Barber
- 28 Rick Ernst
- 29 Nell Clarke
Mireya Ramos



Happy Anniversary

Sep. 16 Glenn & Renee Little

ASSISTING IN SEPTEMBER

Greeter	Frances Molnar
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Faith Gbeneneh Warren Petty Jane Hight/UMW Sunday Dean Tutor
Children's Time	Rev. Goyo De la Cruz
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org.

FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER

The need continues to grow!
Please lend a hand with our most needed items:

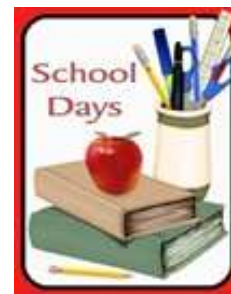
- Canned Meats and Fish
- Chili Stews Ravioli
- Peanut Butter



**159th ANNUAL
MID-SOUTH FAIR**
September 25 - October 4
Landers Center
4560 Venture Drive
Southaven, MS

Rodeo — September 25-26

Partnering up with the Mid-South Fair will be the original rodeo, in the spirit and tradition of the old west. Rodeo of the Mid-South features Lecile Harris and will open on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26 at 7:30pm in the LANDERS Center Arena. Purchase of a ticket for the Rodeo on Sept. 25 or 26, only on these days, will include a one-price ticket to the Rodeo, Fair and free parking. Tickets will be available in advance at ticketmaster.com or at the LANDERS Center Box Office, prior to and during the two day rodeo.



2015 Mid South Fair School Day
September 30
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.