

**OUR PRAYERS**

<b>St. Francis</b> Sadie Tutor      528	<b>Special Prayers</b> for ...Mardoqueo Morales
<b>St. Joseph Reg. Med. Cntr</b> <b>Paterson, NJ</b> Irvin Scheirer	...kidnapped girls from Nigeria
	...earthquake victims in Nepal
	...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	Bernard Rainey
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

**OUR PRESENCE - August 30**

Sunday School	48
Worship	62
Visitors	6
Saturday Service	14

**OUR GIFTS - August 30**

Offering	\$	1,596
Month to Date	\$	9,917
Apportionments To Date	\$	6,776

**OUR SERVICE - September 6**

<b>Greeter</b>	Frances Molnar
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Faith Gbeneneh
<b>Children's Time</b>	Brother Goyo
<b>Lock-up</b>	Emmett Parrish

**OUR WITNESS**

**September Scripture Readers**

13	Dean Tutor
20	Jane Hight
27	Warren Petty



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### Pastor's Ponderings

Jesus is making some new traditions. For him, to pray is to act; to listen to God is to respond to our neighbor. He did not come among us to shore up ancient traditions but to lift up the God of right now, a God of relationship and encounter. We will be guided not by the outer forms of tradition but by the inner currents of communion. We do not "observe" our way into the new community. Only from within, Jesus says, do we honor or defile the things of God. We will be revealed not so much by what goes into us as what comes out of us. Who are we at our core? We will know by what spills out of us. This is the new tradition Jesus is preparing us to live.

~ [Kayla McClurg](#)

What does it mean to be a person of faith? How do we live up to and into the vision Jesus has for persons who choose to follow him? To what degree do we separate ourselves from the world, and how do we engage with the world as Christians? In last Sunday's passage from Mark, the Pharisees confronted Jesus because he and his followers ate without properly washing their hands. Clean hands are important, but Jesus seems to be saying they're much less important than clean hearts. In our human condition, we so often focus on the exterior rather than the interior, but Jesus reminds us that it's what is on the inside that truly matters. Even in the church, we're inclined to follow cultural norms. Perhaps we need to pause, look more closely inside ourselves, and examine ourselves asking, 'Who are we really?' We know the answer to that question by what spills out of us – for it's what comes out of us that reveals what's truly in our hearts and tells who we really are. Let us be careful not to get caught up in the rhetoric of the world that presents a false sense of what it means to follow Jesus. Let us be doers of God's Word, and not hearers only. And remember, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Blessings always,  
Virginia

**This Week's Scriptures:** Proverbs 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	
Sun. 9/6	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Spaghetti Lunch for all No charge-No reservations
Mon. 9/7	Labor Day Offices Closed
Tue. 9/8	10:00a Koinonia Group Noon Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 9/9	10:00a Bible Study @ <b>Asbury</b> 10:30a Hospital Auxiliary 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/10	9-Noon Food Pantry @ <b>Asbury</b> 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts 7:00p Festival of Cultures Mtg.
Fri. 9/11	Offices Closed 10:30a Senior Game Day @ <b>Asbury</b>
Sat. 9/12	9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Worship Service 6:00p Children/Youth Fellowship
Sun. 9/13	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**

It has been decided that, from now on, the Children/Youth Fellowship Time, (on Wednesday nights in the past), will now meet on Saturday nights at 6 p.m.



**LUNCH FOR EVERYONE  
No Charge—No Reservations**

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 12:30, for a special lunch honoring some special people. The menu is spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Just come to the Fellowship Hall after worship to eat and mingle with friends.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

To all of you, Lorelle's friends, who made a gift to your church in memory of my husband, Jack Baker, I say thank you. It was most kind. And to those of you who came to Halls for his service, my grateful thanks, God bless.

Claudette Rainey-Baker  
(Lorelle's sister)

The Children & Youth Fellowship extends many thanks to Lisa Hughes, Judy Stanley and Anna Deekae for the food and serving during August. If you are interested in giving, serving or supporting this ministry with a meal on Saturday nights at 6 p.m., please call Jimmy or Jane Hight, 737-9053.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER  
Please help with our most needed items:**

Canned Meats and Fish  
Chili Stews Ravioli  
Peanut Butter



**FESTIVAL OF CULTURES COMING UP**

...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 highlighting the culture, music, food, and heritage of your family, please contact Debbie Williams, 901-355-5397 or call the Asbury office, 363-1135. A meeting of the planning committee is set for Thurs., September 10, at 7 p.m. If you are not on the Committee, there are other ways to help. You may donate: bottled water (small or large bottles), canned sodas, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips, small prizes for the children's games or cash. You could volunteer for set-up, clean-up, or a 30 minute shift at the kids' games. Just call the numbers above for Debbie or the Church office for all the information.

**UMW/UMM NEWS**

**Calling all Men of Aldersgate**

Make plans to join us this Sunday evening, September 6, at 6 p.m. for a "special time" to pay tribute to Terry Williamson for all his devoted years of service to Aldersgate and UM Men. Please let Bruce, Ed or Barry know by Friday, Sept. 4, if you would like steak or chicken. Call me if you have questions, 299-2746. See ya there!



Barry Mathis

**UM Women/UM Men 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 Conference Annual Meeting**

...is Saturday, Sept. 26, First UMC in Jackson, TN. Registration forms are available in the office.



**TRAVEL TIME**

Your are invited to a Collette slide presentation of 2016 tours on Tuesday, Sept.15, at 10:30 at the Club House at the Village of Bailey Station, 1725 Village Ridge Rd., in Collierville. The District Sales Manager will be on hand to give highlights and answer questions.

Deposits are now due for our Christmas Tour to Branson, MO, December 1-4. We have great shows, beautiful scenery and wonderful restaurants, along with shopping for the ladies. Brochures are on the bulletin board.

Four spaces still available for the Autumn in Arkansas tour, Oct. 12-15. Get your reservation in NOW, if interested. You may call Carolyn for more information on any of these events, 861-0841.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for  
**Honorarium Fund**  
In honor of Lana Solomon by  
Terry & Margie Williamson

**Roof Replacement**  
In honor of Terry & Margie Williamson by  
Jimmy & Jane Hight

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.



**GOLDEN CROSS GOLF CLASSIC  
September 17th**

Join the fun at Wyndyke Country Club on September 17, for the 15th Annual Golden Cross Golf Classic and help raise funds for Wesley Senior Ministries. You can have a great day and assist some great people in the Wesley Living Communities. The fee is \$125 per person and includes lunch and mulligans. You may register online at [www.goldencrossfund.org](http://www.goldencrossfund.org).

**PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING**

Parish Council Thurs., Sept. 3, 6 p.m.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Monday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate



**BIBLE STUDY, BOX LUNCH AND BINGO**

...are being served up on Sept. 17.... Bible Study at 10, lunch at 11:30, then bingo. Box lunches from Chick-fil-A are \$5. Please sign up on the office window. If you sign up and do not come, you will still have to pay the \$5. Prizes will be furnished, but if you have a "priceless treasure" you would be willing to part with, bring it and make someone happy with your WONDERFUL PRIZE!