

## OUR PRAYERS

### Allenbrooke NH/Rehab

Bill Whitaker 206

### At Home

Aleita Tutor  
Earl Galloway  
Lynda Park

### Forest Cove NH

Chris Simmons 129

### Special Prayers for

....kidnapped girls from  
Nigeria

### Hospice Care

Mary Stanley  
Carolyn Copeland

## OUR PRESENCE

### October 5

Church School	None
Worship	350
Visitors	287

## OUR GIFTS

### October 5

This Week's Offering	\$ 3,790
MTD	\$ 3,790
Apportionments TD	\$ 7,090

## OUR SERVICE

### October 12, 2014

<b>Greeters</b>	Barine Deekae Rose Oyoo
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Jane Hight
<b>Children's Time</b>	Peggy Brightwell
<b>Lock-up</b>	Emmett Parrish

## OUR WITNESS

### October Scripture Readers

19 Lisa Hughes  
26 Tom Lockhart

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## THE WRITE REVEREND



It was the great Victor Hugo who said: "More powerful than . . . mighty armies is an idea whose time has come." I believe that he was right. I also believe that our celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 5 proves his point beyond even the shadow of a doubt. Our combined celebration of World Communion Sunday and our Cultural Festival was indeed an idea whose time had come. On Sunday we celebrated, through Holy Communion with fellow Christians all over the world, our faith in Jesus and the way of life he taught and personified. At the same time, we lifted up the tremendous ethnic and racial diversity we have within the body of Christ and especially within our three churches: Aldersgate, Asbury and El Redentor. Wow! Did we have a great day or not? We had representation from Costa

Rico, Mexico, Peru, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Nigeria, Sweden, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Even the forces of nature worked with us to make it a picture-perfect occasion: the weather was wonderful! With that, we offered worship that was worthy of our God. The music was majestic; the crowd was cheerful and diverse; the food was excellent and plentiful. What more could we want? We anticipated perhaps 150 people; we had more than 350 people!

In the midst of all this, we may have also gained a new member at one of our churches. To top off the day's activities, a brother new to the neighborhood felt compelled to come to church on Sunday and was simply blown away by the welcome he experienced and wants to become part of us. Wow! Did we have a great day or not?

Pastor Luz Campos from El Rendor, who chaired our event, is in the process now of collecting evaluations of the day's activities so that we can learn from our experience and use our critique to make future events even better. This was the first such undertaking for our Parish Ministry together and I believe it holds the seeds to a blessed and bright future in ministry for us. Wow! Did we have a great day or not? What do you think? Let me know: [herb.lester3@gmail.com](mailto:herb.lester3@gmail.com)

*Herbert*

Scriptures for the week: *Exodus 32:1-4; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH);  
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14*

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## LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 10/12 **Children's Sabbath**  
 9:45a Sunday School  
 11:00a Worship  
 12:15p Church Council
- Mon. 10/13 Columbus Day  
 Noon News Deadline 
- Tue. 10/14 10:00a Koinonia Group  
 6:00p Cub Scouts  
 7:00p Love/Hope Group
- Wed. 10/15 10:00a Bible Study at Aldersgate  
 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 10/16 9a-12p Food Pantry Open  
 at Asbury
- Fri. 10/17 Offices Closed  
 5:30p Asbury's Fall Carnival
- Sat. 10/18  9:00a AFLS  
 12:00p Golf Tournament
- Sun. 10/19 9:45a Sunday School  
 11:00a Worship  
 12:15p UMW Executive Meeting  
 and Potluck



*A kiss of butterfly wings,*

*a drop of morning dew-*

*A little faerie magic*

*And life begins anew-*

Please join us for lunch to welcome

*Mary Wilson Bierbrodt*

Sunday, October 26, 2014

12:30 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
 4459 Willow Road

Courtney is registered at Target, Babies "R" US,  
 Cotton Tails and RSVP Baby

## THANK YOU NOTES

Have you heard the carillon chiming? We give grateful thanks to Barry Pilkinton for restoring that beautiful sound. What a treat for us and our community to hear it again. Many thanks, Barry!

Thank you so much. You're such a blessing. God gives us so many wonderful things to be thankful for...especially the kindness and thoughtfulness of wonderful people like you. Thank you for the exercise equipment. We will put it to good use. May God bless you!

West Tennessee Regional Office Staff  
 The Alzheimer's Association

A **HUGE** thank you to all who helped with the Festival of Cultures preparations and putting things aright afterwards. It was a big job and took many hands. You were there, as always, to see it got done. Thank you so much!

## 2014 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The worlds largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research is coming to Memphis on November 1, at the Botanic Gardens. You may participate as an individual, you may gather your own team or you could simply volunteer to help out. For all the information on how to participate or help, you may contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900 or on the web at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

For those living with the disease, both patients and caregivers, their support line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the same number or at the Caregiver Center at [www.alz.org/care](http://www.alz.org/care).

Family caregiver classes are also available around the city.

Oct. 13 9 a.m. Wesley Graceland Gardens, 1430 Graceland Pines, 38116, there will be a class on care-giving in the "early stage"

Oct. 15 11:30 a.m. Baptist Mem'l Hospital, 6027 Walnut Grove Office Building, Classroom 2, the class will be on Legal & Financial matters

Oct. 18 Time TBA Christian Brothers High School, 5900 Walnut Grove, the class will be 'Know the Signs'

You may contact the 800 number above for more information.

## UMW NEWS

### Children's Sabbath is October 12

One in every 5 children lives in poverty in our rich nation. Nearly half of all children living in poverty are not ready to learn at age 5.

When the idea of making a big change is overwhelming, the advice is often to just take "baby steps". When we think about making a difference for our nation's children, rather than becoming overwhelmed and giving up, we can focus on taking baby steps—the first changes that will set us on the way to giving every child a healthy and productive future.

What's the first step? Ensuring that children in poverty have access to high-quality early childhood development and learning opportunities, so that babies, toddlers and preschoolers receive what they need to enter school ready to learn. Studies have shown that children enrolled in high-quality early childhood programs are more likely to graduate from high school, hold a job, make more money and be less likely to commit a crime than their peers who do not participate. The Strong Start for America's Children Act invests in and encourages expansions of high-quality, voluntary home visiting programs, Early Head Start, Head Start, child care, pre-K and quality kindergarten programs to reach poor and low income children birth through age 5.

Here at Aldersgate, we will celebrate Children's Sabbath on Oct. 12. Please join us to hear Rebecca Lesley-Paulk, who works with the CASA program (Court Appointed Special Advocates), tell how she works in the public and private sectors as a facilitator and how you may be involved with children, the poorest sector of our nation.

### FOOD PANTRY FOR OCTOBER

Green Beans, Corn, Cake Mix, Frosting

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Join us. The coffee pot will be going in the kitchen, so get a cup, come to the Fellowship Hall and visit with your friends prior to Sunday School at 9:45. Hope to see you there!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Even when we forget or fail to trust God, He is there for us, lifting our burdens and providing hope.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Joan Clark by

Joyce Kernodle

In memory of Martha Meyer by

Frances Molnar



## ASBURY'S FALL CARNIVAL IS OCT. 17

...from 5:30p to 8:30p. You will have a lot of fun when you attend this 'spooktacular' event. If you like, you may volunteer as a helper (call Jeanne Gillis, 901-737-8341), you may donate small items to Grandma's Attic, you may bake a single layer cake for the cake walk (in disposable pans, please), or you could donate candy or small prizes for the games. Should you choose to help, please have all donations at the church by Oct. 12, or, if it's a cake, Oct. 17. See you there!

## ARE YOU GOLFING?

Have you registered for our 35th Annual Golf Tournament on Oct. 18? Do you know we have invited Asbury & El Redentor UMC's to join us? Dean Tutor has all the details. Call him at 901-301-2819 to sign up individually or for your team. Time is running short!



## A FALL CULINARY SERIES PRESENTED AT CHURCH HEALTH CENTER

This year's series is every Thursday, 6 to 7:30 p.m., through November 13, at 1115 Union Ave. It will feature cooking demos and wine tastings with Chefs Brown Burch, Melissa Petersen, Gary Williams, Felicia Willett and several others. The cost is \$45 per class. You may purchase tickets at [churchhealthcenter.org/fall-culinary-series](http://churchhealthcenter.org/fall-culinary-series).

## Church Health Center Brings Awareness To Breast Cancer Month

Join the Church Health Center as they celebrate Pink Week, October 20-October 23 at 1115 Union Ave. You may visit [churchhealthcenter.org](http://churchhealthcenter.org) or call them at 901-272-7170, for a full list of activities.