

**OUR PRAYERS**

<b>Baptist Rehab</b> Earl Galloway 118	<b>Special Prayers</b> for ...kidnapped girls from Nigeria
<b>Paterson, NJ</b> Irvin Scheirer	...earthquake victims in Nepal
<b>At Home</b> Bernard Rainey	...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	Darwin Shipley Sr.	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

**OUR PRESENCE - October 18**

Sunday School	36
Worship	72
Visitors	6

**OUR GIFTS - October 18**

Offering	\$ 2,840
Month to Date	\$ 9,006
Apportionments To Date	\$ 6,776

**OUR SERVICE - October 25**

<b>Greeters</b>	Margaret Ann Ligon Audrey Weaver
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr. Finzel
<b>Scripture</b>	Dr. Finzel
<b>Children's Time</b>	Children's Chorus
<b>Lock-up</b>	Barry Mathis

**OUR WITNESS**

**November Scripture Readers**

1 Rose Oyoo  
8 Dean Tutor  
15 Nubari Deekae  
22 Judy Stanley  
29 Faith Gbeneneh



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The root of violence is the illusion of separation--from God, from Being itself, from being one with everyone and everything. When you don't know how to consciously live out of your union with Love, you resort to violence, fighting people who are not like you. Contemplative practice teaches you to not make so much of the differences, but to return to who you are beyond your nationality, skin color, gender, or other labels. It brings you back to your True Self, who you are in God.

– Richard Rohr

We're concerned about the violence in our world, in our nation, and in our beloved city of Memphis. We're tired of mass shootings in schools, workplaces, theaters, and churches. We're tired of senseless killings. There is no safe place anymore. We're fearful and we don't know what to do. We fear for ourselves and especially for the children in our lives. We wonder what kind of world we're creating and leaving for them. How much worse can it get? How do we stop it? How do we change the violent society in which we live?

Richard Rohr says "the root of violence is the *illusion* of separation from God". When we believe ourselves to be separated from God, it changes how we see ourselves. We lose value. It also changes how we see others. The value of life, all life, is diminished when seen apart from God. Then we become a violent society. But notice that Rohr said the *illusion* of separation. In other words, we aren't separated from God. If we think we are – or that anybody is – that's a delusion, a misconception, a false impression. That's the work of the great deceiver, the evil one. We are all beloved children of God, made in God's own image – and redemption is always possible. How do we come to understand the truth of the matter, and convey that truth to others? How do we find our way, and help others find their way back to the True Self – back to who we are in God? Then, living out of our union with Love, we can stop violence at its root.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. --- Romans 8:38-39  
And that's the Truth!

Blessings always,  
Virginia

**Scriptures:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-18 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

Sun. 10/25 **LOOKING AHEAD**  
**60th Anniversary Celebration**  
 10:00a Meet & Greet  
 11:30a Worship  
 12:30p Celebration Luncheon



Mon. 10/26 Noon Newsletter Deadline  
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 10/27 No Activities

Wed. 10/28 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**  
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 10/29 9-Noon Food Pantry @ **Asbury**  
 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 10/30 Offices Closed

Sat. 10/31 Happy Halloween   
 9:00a AFLS  
 7:00p Prayer Vigil  
**at EI Redentor/Asbury**  
 Set clocks BACK 1 hour tonight.  
 Daylight Savings Time ends at  
 2 a.m. Sunday morning

Sun. 11/1 **All Saints Sunday**  
 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:30a Worship  
**12:30p Lunch & Church-wide  
 Consultation**  
**Open to all members**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Gardeners appreciate the power of the sun.  
 Christians appreciate the power of the Son!

Please join us for our  
**60th Anniversary Celebration**  
 Sunday, October 25, 2015  
 4459 Willow Road  
 Memphis, Tennessee  
 10:00a.m. Meet & Greet  
 11:30a.m. Worship Service  
 12:30p.m. Luncheon  
*"This is the day the Lord has made;  
 Let us be glad and rejoice in it."*  
 Psalm 118:24



**REMEMBER - NOVEMBER 1  
 CHURCH-WIDE MEETING**

**All church members** are invited and encouraged to attend the **potluck** luncheon meeting on November 1st with Tom Laney, a consultant skilled in helping churches make decisions. We will be having a church-wide conversation about the Parish Concept and whether it is working for us, and if we wish to continue in this relationship. Your input is most important. Please make every effort to attend.

**!!! LAST CHANCE !!! !!! SIGN UP NOW !!!  
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**Thirty-sixth Annual Aldersgate  
 United Methodist Church  
 United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament**  
 ...will be at Audubon Park on Saturday, Oct. 24th, with shotgun start at 9 a.m. The \$55 fee includes greens fee, cart, 2 mulligans and prizes.  
 Contact Dean Tutor, [rdantutor@bellsouthnet](mailto:rdantutor@bellsouthnet), or 301-2819, to sign up.



**ANNIVERSARY POLOS >>>> ORER NOW**

Shirts come in men's and ladies sizes, small to 3X, with a special Aldersgate logo, and are just \$19.99. (All shirts are the same price, no extra charge for larger sizes). For children, please order a ladies small. You may fill out a form available on the tables outside the Sanctuary, call the office, 683-8861, or email us at [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org), to place your order.

**ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS**

Add a 60th Anniversary cookbook to your library for only \$15. Please make checks out to Aleita Tutor and just wait till you see what's in store.



**UMW NEWS**

**District Officers Training at Covenant UMC**

Local officers elected for 2016 will receive training on Saturday, October 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 at Covenant UMC, 8350 Walnut Grove Rd., in Cordova. The change in location allows us to accommodate the larger group in our new Metro District. Refreshments will be provided but feel free to bring something to share if you wish.



**MULLINS UMW**

**38TH ANNUAL CRAFTS FAIR**

Many people look forward from year to year to the Mullins UMW's Crafts Fair. This year's date is November 14th from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be over 100 exhibitors, baked goods and food concessions in 3 buildings. You are invited to visit and shop at 4 N. Mendenhall Road. You could find some great gifts!

**SET CLOCKS BACK**

...on Saturday night, October 31. Daylight Savings Time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning.



**MISSION TRIP**

**Show Your Vigor on a VIM Trip to Mexico**

Our Memphis Conference is looking for helpers for the Volunteers in Mission trip to Allende, Coahuila, Mexico, from Dec. 28, 2015 to Jan. 3, 2016. Dr. Joe Geary, Memphis Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, and Elyse Bell, Tennessee River District Lay Resource Leader, will lead the trip. The cost is \$1,100, which covers the flight, lodging, ground transportation, most meals, medical insurance, VIM registration and personal contributions toward projects. Each volunteer must be paid in full by Dec. 1. Checks may be written to Memphis Conf. UMC, with "Mexico VIM" in the memo line, and mailed to Memphis Conference UMC, 24 Corporate Blvd., Jackson, TN 38305.

Complete information is available from Elyse Bell, 731-660-1376 or [ebell@memphis-umc.org](mailto:ebell@memphis-umc.org).

**DO UNTO OTHERS**

Matthew 7:12

**Food Pantry for October**

Canned Meats and Fish  
 Chili Stews Ravioli  
 Peanut Butter  
 (Desperately needed proteins)

**Grace Place**

Yarn (especially Christmas colors) Stamps  
**Birthday** Cards Aida Cloth Embroidery Thread  
 Subscriptions to the Upper Room  
 These items may be placed in the shiny, blue box outside the office. Thank you.

**Thanksgiving Is Coming**

Basket items:  
 2 cranberry sauce 2 canned corn  
 2 green beans 2 bags stuffing  
 1 large can yams 12 oz. instant potatoes  
 1 box powdered milk 1 small instant coffee  
 4/5 lbs. sugar 4/5 lbs. flour  
 48 oz. canola oil 40 oz. biscuit mix  
 1 cake mix 1 can frosting  
 1 box family-size tea bags

**WE DON'T WANT YOUR J\*\*\* (STUFF)**

At this time, we are not collecting miscellaneous items for donation. Please do not bring them to the church for storage. Many other non-profits would benefit from your donations and will put them to good use. Please share with them.

**The Church of Christ at White Station Presents  
 COMMUNITY SENIOR HEALTH FAIR**

...Tuesday, November 10, from 9 am to 2 pm at 1106 Colonial Road, in their Community Life Center. Over 50 vendors will offer information for seniors regarding housing, home health, durable medical equipment, insurance, legal issues, finance, travel and much more. FREE vision screening and FREE eye glasses are offered for those 60 and older and residents of Shelby County. Other offerings will include blood pressure checks, blood glucose, flu and pneumonia shots, stress tests, and more. Questions? Contact Sarah Prosser, 763-4740.