


OUR PRAYERS
Baptist East **St. Francis**
Dorothy Hyatt 230 Doris Babb 842

OUR PRESENCE
January 3

Church School 48
Worship 75
Visitors 3

January 3
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 6306
Church School \$ 24
Total Rec'd \$ 6230
January MTD \$ 6230

OUR SERVICE
Assisting January 10
Greeters Richard & Frances Morris
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Warren Petty
Children's Time
Lock-up Neil DeLong

 **January Scripture Readers**
17 Judy Stanley
24 Martha Burford
31 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR

I hope everyone has had a happy and joyous holiday season. I enjoy the Christmas season, but it often is a very busy time for pastors. This week I will start my third seminar for my Doctor of Ministry degree. I'll be in class for the first week at Memphis Theological Seminary and then be off to Washington D.C. for the second week. If any pastoral emergencies occur while I'm in the nation's capital (Jan. 11-14), I've asked Brother Bill Fisher to be on call. The week that I'm in D.C., Barbara will be traveling to Cancun with her friend Deborah for some r and r. I ask that you keep us in your prayers as we travel, especially in this time of uneasy air travel.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Jan. 10
Psalm 29
John 10:22-30

Sermon Title
"Knowing Our Heavenly Father"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Jan. 10 - Sat. Jan. 16

Sun. 1/10	9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Angelfood Orders 6:00p UM Men's Dinner
Mon. 1/11	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 1/12	10:00a Koinonia/Rebecca 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope
Wed. 1/13	6:00p Angelfood Orders 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/14	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 1/15	Offices Closed
Sat. 1/16	9:00a AFLS

COMING UP

Start the new year with your friends at **Fellowship Time** in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Fellowship Class on Jan. 10.

White Beans & Bingo

We need your help to provide lunch on Thursday, Jan. 21, after Bible Study. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the kitchen and on the office window. Please sign-up if you plan to come and indicate if you are bringing a pot of white beans, cornbread, relish & onions and/or cookies. We want to have enough for everyone. Drinks will be furnished. Remember to bring your bingo prize that is beautifully wrapped - something "recycled" or any "white elephant" gift.



THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness during Gene's hospital stay. He first had a stent inserted to relieve blockage then, a couple of days later, he had a pacemaker installed. He is now home and recovering very well.

Sincerely,
Betty & Gene Finger

YOU ARE INVITED



You are cordially invited to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center.

Join us on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2010, for "Living the Legacy of Non-Violence" at Bridges, 477 North 5th Street. Free, secure parking at Auction and 4th Street. The reception begins at 5:30 with light appetizers and cash bar. Dinner and celebration is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a program of art, music, inspiration and action.

Keynote speakers are Daphne McFerrer, director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis, and Dr. Ken Reardon, director of the Graduate Program in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis. All seating is reserved. \$35 per person or a table of 8 for \$270. You may purchase tickets on line at www.midsouthpeace.org or call 901-725-4990 to reserve tickets or pay by mail.

UMW NEWS

Happy New Year from the United Methodist Women! Thanks to all who helped make our December meeting a meaningful one. Now we are ready to make 2010 even better.

Our January subgroup program is on the Call to Prayer and Self-denial, one of the two sacrificial offerings we take each year. Our foremothers spent an entire week in prayer and denying themselves so they could give more support to the organization. We have two important meetings this month:

Officers Training on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Covenant UMC; registration at 9; training from 9:30 to 12. It is vital that all officers attend, especially if you are holding your office for the first time. As Rebecca can tell us, the District Officers work hard to help the locals carry out their responsibilities.

The following day, Sunday, Jan. 24, we will have an executive meeting to go over what we learned and begin to plan for the District Day Apart, to be held at Aldersgate on March 27. We have not hosted a meeting in several years, so we need to plan well.

Please be in prayer for our several members facing severe medical problems and for the family of Helen Hadaway, a former active member.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:16-17

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Helen Hadaway

By Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Hight,
Mrs. Kathryn Clark
Mrs. Doris Bellott

In memory of Mike Deaton

By Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Hight
Mrs. Kathryn Clark

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mike Deaton

By Mrs. Carolyn McDougal

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In memory of Helen Hadaway

By Mrs. Mary Robbins
Mrs. Cathy Boice

In memory of Mike Deaton

By Mrs. Mary Robbins
Mrs. Cathy Boice

In memory of Dr. Fred Bellott

By Mrs. Mary Robbins
Mrs. Cathy Boice

A TOWN HALL- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

...on Tuesday, Jan. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. with light refreshments, will be held at Resurrection Community Church, 5740 Winchester Rd., to address the issues of blight, crime and neglect. Mayor AC Wharton, Judge Larry Potter, Councilman Harold Collins, and Colonels Hampton and Blum of the Ridgeway and Mt. Moriah police stations will be in attendance. The event is free and open to everyone. Please plan to attend.