

**OUR PRAYERS**

**The Village @ Germantown**

Carolyn McDougal 1113

**St. Francis**

Charles Goddard 824

**Camden Rehab**

Gabe Colosia 508A

**Hospice Care**

Valerie (and Brent) Porterfield

**We are Thankful**

...Natasha Franklin now has a pacemaker and is doing well

**OUR PRESENCE**

**January 29**

Church School	54
Worship	82
Visitors	6

**OUR GIFTS**

**January 29**

Total Rec'd	\$ 2,253
MTD	\$ 15,387

**OUR SERVICE**

**Assisting February 5**

<b>Greeters</b>	Elizabeth Godbold Jeanette leslie
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Children's Time</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Lock-up</b>	Tom Lockhart

**OUR WITNESS**

**February Scripture Readers**

12	Warren petty
19	Judy Stanley
26	Dean Tutor

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

For those of us who are Christians, we may struggle with understanding why some of our friends or relatives do not seem to have any concern about faith or their eternal salvation. God, or church, for them seems unimportant. So what can we do?

We can and we should give heartfelt testimony about Jesus Christ - not attempting to shove Christ down their throats, but sharing the Good News. It's up to us to live faithfully by the great light we have received in Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb. 5

Psalm 147:1-11

I Corinthians 9:16-23

Sermon Title

"All for the Sake of the Gospel"

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 2/5 9:15a Fellowship Time hosted by the Fidelis Class  
9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
6:00p Women of Zion Group
- Mon. 2/6 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian  
Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 2/7 No Activities
- Wed. 2/8 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 2/9 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 2/10 Offices Closed
- Sat. 2/11 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 2/12 Sunglasses Sunday  
9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15a Valentine Banquet



### FELLOWSHIP TIME

...on Feb. 5, will be hosted by the Fidelis Class. Come and enjoy good food, good friends and good conversation.

### YOUR INVITATION TO OUR VALENTINE BANQUET Feb. 12, 2012 - 12:15p

Join us for our annual Valentine Banquet on Sunday, Feb. 12, right after church. \$7 will get you a wonderful meal, conversation with friends and a lot of fun. Please make reservations by calling the church office, 683-8861. Payment may be made at the door.






### THANK YOU

Dear OCC Participants,  
Thank you. Thank you. It is such a privilege to work with so many of you who make Operation Christmas Child a part of your missions and outreach. Through your participation children in desperate situations all over the world received hope and joy in your gift-filled boxes and have the chance to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Bartlett Collection Center alone received 20,724 "boxes of joy" to be shared in more than 100 countries. It is a great blessing to serve alongside you and we look forward to the 2012 season.  
The OCC Staff  
Nigel Bowen, Coordinator

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

#### Mark your calendar now!

- 2/5 9:15a Fellowship Time
- 2/6 10:00a Church Women United
- 2/12 Sunglasses Sunday   
12:15p Valentine Banquet
- 2/14 Valentine's Day 
- 2/19 Transfiguration Sunday
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday   
12 Noon Service of Ashes  
6:30p Service of Ashes
- 2/26 First Sunday in Lent

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Someone is waiting for a smile and hug!

### UMW NEWS

#### What's Coming Up in February, March & April

- All women are invited to the District Mission Study, to be held at Capleville UMC, 4725 Riverdale Rd., on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 to 2. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The study, "Haiti: Challenges and Hopes", will be led by Rev. Birgitte French. Lunch will be served. There is a \$5 fee. Please make your reservations with Marilyn Hathaway, 901-757-1742.
- There will be a Day Apart Mini Retreat on March 17, led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Cynthia Davis. The location will be announced soon.
- Lakeshore will host our Spiritual Growth Retreats on April 26-27 and April 28-29. Plan ahead to attend all three offerings.



### CREATION CARE

#### Greening Your Living Space

Every one of our actions has consequences on other human beings and on the earth. Become aware of the outcome of your actions on others and walk lightly on the earth. Consider using these actions:

- ~ Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent ones
- ~ When not in use, turn off lights, TV, computer, and appliances, if possible at the power strip
- ~ Run full loads in dishwasher, washer & dryer
- ~ Use cold or warm water in washer; rinse in cold

### REACHING OUT



#### Sunglasses Sunday

On Feb. 12, we will celebrate Sunglasses Sunday, in support of Project 20/20, a human service program of UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission). We will gladly accept eye glasses, sun glasses or money to provide vision care to the poor around the world.

#### UMNC Food Pantry

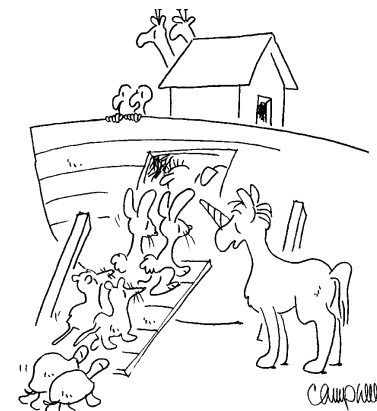
UM Neighborhood Centers pantry shelves need refilling. You can help by providing the following:

- Peanut Butter      Canned Tuna Fish
  - Dry Milk            Canned Vegetables
- The blue bin is in the hall.

#### Methodist Hospital Auxiliary

...in is need of:

- Deodorant            White Elephant Items
- The wooden box is in the hall next to the blue bin.



"Be my valentine .... Be my valentine .... Be my valentine ...."