

OUR PRAYERS
Signature @ St. Francis

Dorothy Hyatt 214

Allen Morgan

Doris Babb 146-1

At Home

Marcelle Farrow

Our Sympathy.

love and prayers go out to
...family and friends of Gene Lester, who
passed away Feb. 2.
...Joy Mitchell in the loss of her uncle, W.D.
Haney

OUR PRESENCE

January 31

Church School 29
Worship 45
Visitors 1

January 31

Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 1313
Church School \$ 16
Total Rec'd \$ 1329
January MTD \$ 15281

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 7

Greeters Jean DeLong
Margaret Ann Ligon
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Brother Paul
Lock-up Barry Mathis



February Scripture Readers

14 Dean Tutor
21 Jane Hight
28 Lisa Hughes

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FROM THE PASTOR

This past month marked the twenty year anniversary since Barbara and I moved to the Mid-South. Over the past twenty years, fifteen of those we have lived in Shelby County.

I can tell you that I still dread the winter months here, more than I ever did in New Jersey. This past week I thought we might be in for a repeat of the ice storm of '94, something I hope never to have to experience again.

I hope everyone has stayed safe this past weekend, and none of you lost power which can create even more difficulties.

I don't know why I worry so much about the winter weather. I need to remember what Jesus said in the Scripture I read Sunday: "And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matt. 6:27, 34).

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Feb. 7

Psalm 138
Luke 7:40-50

Sermon Title

"Forgive Us Our Trespasses..."

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb. 7 - Sat. Feb. 13

- Sun. 2/07 9:15a Fellowship Time
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:30p Angelfood Orders
6:00p Women of Zion
- Mon. 2/08 Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 2/09 10:00a Koinonia/Rebecca
6:30p Neighborhood Assn.
6:30p Girl Scouts
7:00p Love/Hope
- Wed. 2/10 6:00p Fellowship/Study
6:00p Angelfood Orders
Choir moved to Thursday
- Thu. 2/11 10:00a Adult Bible Study
11:30a Lunch & IMAX
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. 2/12 Offices Closed
- Sat. 2/13 9:00a AFLS

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Gathering time is 9:15 on Feb. 7, in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Fidelis Class.



LUNCH & THE IMAX

Thursday, February 11

We will leave church at 11:30 and carpool to lunch (dutch treat), then off to the IMAX to see "Swiss Alps". Admission is \$7.25. There are sign-up sheets on the office window and the bulletin board by the kitchen. Please indicate if you will drive.



SUNGLASSES SUNDAY IS COMING

On Feb. 14, we will celebrate Sunglasses Sunday, in support of Project 20/20. We will gladly accept eye glasses, sun glasses and money to provide vision care to the poor around the world.

A pair of eye glasses will improve someone's sight. A pair of sunglasses can prevent eye disease caused by intense sunlight, wind and dust in tropical countries. \$5 will pay for a professional eye exam by a visiting vision team.

Please bring your gifts on Sunday, Feb. 14 and place them in the box outside the Sanctuary.

If you prefer to give money, we do accept cash, or you may make checks out to Aldersgate and write "Project 20/20" in the memo line and drop them in the offering plate.

As we have been blessed, we can extend that blessing to others.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

...will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tues., Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

A NOTE ABOUT THE PRAYER CHAIN

During Marcelle Farrow's recovery, please call Jimmy Hight, 737-9053, for prayer requests. If you cannot reach Jimmy, you may call the church office.

UMW NEWS



We have gained a new UMW member, Joan Oyoo, (b'day 5/5), 4765 Katherine Ln., 38141. Joan has joined the Women of Zion group.

Five officers attended the District Training Event on January 23 and found we are meeting all requirements for our officers.

Please give your \$1 for Methodist Hospital Auxiliary to Earline Gabriel and your Call to Prayer and Self Denial Offering to Joyce Kernodle if you have not already done so.

We will be calling on all UMW Groups to help set up for the District Day Apart, to be held at Aldersgate on Saturday, March 27. It has been many years since we hosted a District event, so we will need everyone's help.

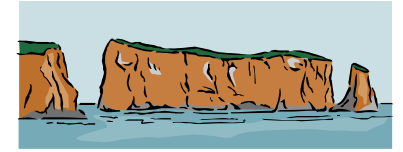


ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The imposition of ashes at the start of Lent is a reminder that this is a time of penitence and reflection as we remember Christ's sacrifice for us and prepare for the glory of Easter.

We will begin the Lenten season with a Service of Ashes at 12 noon and at 6:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

TWO GREAT TOURS COMING UP



June 14-21

The Pacific Northwest and California
Highlights: Seattle, Mt. St. Helens, Portland; Columbia River Gorge; Newport; Bandon State Natural Area; Redwood National Park; Eureka and San Francisco. Reservations needed by Feb. 14.



August 13-20

Northern National Parks

Highlights: Salt Lake City; Idaho Falls; Grand Teton National Park; Jackson Hole; Craters of the Moon; Yellowstone National Park and Old Faithful. Reservations needed by March 13.

Brochures are available on the bulletin board by the kitchen. If you need additional information, please call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have patience with all things but first with yourself.