

OUR PRAYERS
HealthSouth/Central
Marie Hughes 320B
Little Rock
Mike Simmons

At Home

Marcelle Farrow	Martha Wallace
Jimmie Bedwell	Mike Simmons
Earl Galloway	Juanita Galloway
Gene Meyer	Sharon Lockhart
Charles Kicklighter	Anne Campbell

Our Sympathy. love and prayers go out to the family and friends of former Aldersgate pastor, Rev. David B. Horton, Jr.

OUR PRESENCE - February 20

Church School	47
Worship	74
Visitors	4

OUR GIFTS - February 20

Total Rec'd	\$ 4,240
MTD	\$ 17,658

OUR SERVICE - February 27

Greeters	Elizabeth Godbold Jeanette Leslie
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Tom Lockhart
Children's Time	Tom Lockhart
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers

6	Brother Paul
13	Barry Mathis
20	Earline Gabriel
27	Renee Little



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

It isn't too much longer until the beginning of the season of Lent, which begins on Wednesday, March 9th. Some people, in addition to giving something up for Lent, choose to read a devotional that covers the same time period, as part of their spiritual journey for the season. If that is something you would like to do, now would be the time to find that resource. If you need any help with your selection, let me know.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Feb. 27th

Psalm 131
Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon Title

"A Sustainable Life"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb. 27 - Sat., Mar. 5

Sun. 2/27	9:00a Trustees 9:00a Children's Min. Team 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 2/28	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 3/1	No Activities
Wed. 3/2	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/3	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 3/4	World Day of Prayer Offices Closed
Sat. 3/5	9:00a AFLS - FH

MARCH FELLOWSHIP TIME

...will be Sunday, Mar. 6, at 9:15. Join us for refreshments and fellowship, hosted by the Oxford Class.



LENTEN PREACHING AND LUNCH AT CALVARY

Thursday, March 17, we will leave the church **by bus** at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy a dutch treat lunch at Calvary's Waffle Shop then hear Dr. Marcus J. Borg, Jesus Scholar and author, the speaker of the day for Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series. Sign-up sheets are on the office window and kitchen bulletin board.

Church-wide BIRTHDAY PARTY

...and pot-luck lunch coming up on March 27 right after Worship Service. Please contact Perri Mathis or Lisa Hughes if you will decorate a table and/or make a birthday cake.



"PACK THE PANTRY" AT UMNC

With the shelves running low, your gifts of non-perishable items, especially canned meats, peanut butter, crackers, mac & cheese and canned fruit will help so much. Cash also gratefully accepted. Place your gifts in the bin by the education wing or place cash/checks in the offering plate noted "Food Pantry".

YOU CAN HELP

As with all well-used items, things must be replaced every so often. The towel and apron drawers in the church kitchen are in need of replenishing. Your donations will be gratefully accepted. **Practical** aprons and sturdy towels, please. We are NO FRILLS cooks and, sometimes, very messy!



LENT BEGINS MARCH 9

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the 40-day period before Easter when Jesus went into the desert to fast, pray and overcome temptation. We often observe this time by fasting, repentance and spiritual discipline. The sign of the cross in ashes, signifying our repentance before God, will be imposed on Wed., March 9, at our Ash Wednesday services at 12 Noon and 6:30 p.m.

UMW NEWS

The three of us who attended the study on Mission and Evangelism at Crossroads UMC received much information and also many challenges for these areas of our church outreach. We also received our 2010 Platinum Award Certificate.

The two events still to come for this year: the study on Haiti, led by Margaret Ann and the Spiritual Growth study, led by Aleda. The information we received about mission work in our Methodist churches is a good prelude to our March 20th UMW Unit meeting which focuses on how the women of the church began in mission (against the wishes of the men). We hope all of you, men and women, will attend.

Again, we ask your help in locating some of our past presidents. So far we have heard from Doris Bellott, Joyce Smith, and Doris Hight. District President, Marilyn Hathaway, will also attend.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for March/April is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary.

"TEA & TOUR" FOR SENIORS AT THE BROOKS

"Passport to the World", a tour through art of different cultures, High Tea and door prizes are in store at the Brooks Museum of Art on Thursday, March 24, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for \$3 per person. Travel to distant lands through art. Visit the canals of Venice, the ruins at Tivoli, a country lane in France. Experience art from Egypt, Greece, Italy, Britain, the Americas and more. Tea will be served in the Brushmark restaurant with music for your enjoyment.



GOING PLACES!

Sign up now for the March 29 trip to *Marlsgate Mansion*, in Scott, AR. Tour & lunch included. Make your reservations by Feb. 28!

Coming Up



April 4-7 - *Cajun Country, LA*, to Lafayette, Vermillion Museum, Tabasco Factory, KonRico Rice Mill, Alexander Mouton Mansion housing Mardi Gras costumes, zydeco music and Cajun dancing

May 3-4 - *Tour Columbia, TN*, in Maury County, which has the most antebellum homes in Tennessee.



Enjoy a progressive dinner in three of the homes the first evening. The next day tour Carnton Plantation and the Confederate Cemetery.

Reservations must be made now if you plan to go on these tours. Call Carolyn, 861-0841

The Marguerite Frances Memorial Concert Series MUSIC@NOON

...March schedule includes Rhodes College Women's Chorus on the 2nd; Keyboard duets by Karen Strawhecker and Lisa Hamm on the 9th; organists Richard Wright and Dr. Jane Gamble on the 16th; Tommy Gaines, baritone and Scott Sturtevant, pianist from CBU on the 23rd; and Kenny Hays on the 30th. All concerts are at Bartlett UMC and begin at 12:10 each Wednesday. A light lunch will be available for purchase.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Just what is needed is yours to give -
A hug, a smile, a kind word.....