OUR PRAYERS

Signature @ St. Francis

Dorothy Hyatt 214

OUR PRESENCE

February 21

Church School 46 Worship 73 6 Visitors

OUR GIFTS

February 21

Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 3532 Church School 43 Total Rec'd \$ 3575 February MTD \$ 18221

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 28

Jean Delong **Greeters**

Margaret Ann Ligon

Bruce Hughes Liturgist **Scripture** Lisa Hughes

Children's Time Bruce Hughes

Barry Mathis Lock-up

March Scripture Readers

7 Brother Paul

14 Tom Lockhart

21 Barry Mathis

28 Renee Little

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FROM THE PASTOR

Barbara and I would like to thank everyone for their concern for the recent loss of our pet Snowball.

Barbara got Snowball as a surprise gift for me when we first moved to Memphis in 1990. We had not had a cat for a pet before her, because Barbara bought Willie, our parrot, before we were married and at first I didn't believe cats and birds would be compatible in the same household. I've learned otherwise since then!!

Pets become a part of our families, and I'm still adjusting to not having Snowball around, and having to bend over to pick up a piece of her long white fur from the floor.

I thank God for these small companions who show us unconditional love.

Peace and Grace. **Brother Paul**

Scripture Reading for Feb.28 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sermon Title "What's For Dinner?"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb.28 - Sat., March 6 Sun. 2/28 9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Mon. 3/01 Noon Newsletter Deadline 10:00a World Day of Prayer Buntyn Presbyterian Tue. 3/02 6:30p Girl Scouts Wed. 3/03 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Adult Bible Study Thu. 3/04 Fri. 3/05 Offices Closed Sat. 3/06 9:00a AFLS

REMINDER! FELLOWSHIP TIME

...hosted by the Oxford Class is March 7. Come enjoy the great food and visit.

AZALEAS FOR EASTER

White azaleas will adorn our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and Easter. If you wish to honor a loved one in this way, please complete the following, enclose payment, and return to the church office. Cost is \$13.50 each.

In honor of	 _
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THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends.

Your prayers, calls and cards have meant so much during this trying time. Your care and concern for me and my sister has lifted our hearts and truly shows what a caring family you are. May you be richly blessed for all the love you've shown each of us.

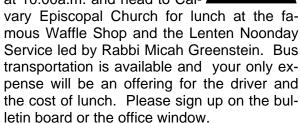
With heartfelt gratitude, Dorothy Hyatt

Operation Christmas Child was a tremendous success for 2009. It is such a privilege to join together with those who make this part of their mission and outreach. The Memphis collection center received 25,602 shoeboxes. This, added to other collections, gave 8,000,000 children a gift and opportunity to connect with a local church for ongoing care. It is a great blessing to serve with you and we look forward to next year.

Nigel Bowen, Coordinator and the OCC Volunteer Team

LENTEN LUNCH AT CALVARY

March 15, to meet at church at 10:00a.m. and head to Cal-



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Remember to pray for <u>yourself</u>, that you will be a hearer and a doer of God's word.

UMW NEWS

Ladies, as we enter the Lenten Season, we have a number of UMW activities in March that will help us grow spiritually. We have changed our March Unit Meeting to fit into these spiritual activities.

World Day of Prayer is sponsored each year by Church Women United. Done on the first Friday of March in years past, this year it will be on Monday, March 1, 10 a.m., at Buntyn Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with Church Women United's regular meeting. Free and open to the public (men included), you are encouraged to attend.

Earline has asked that we postpone our Methodist Hospital Auxiliary program until a later date, so we will use our March 21 meeting to set the mood for the Spiritual Growth Retreat. Betty will have a devotional for us, we will sing a number of hymns, examine our Purpose, especially the first two parts, and, in keeping with Women's history Month, we will lift up the names of some women who have meant something special to us. We will end with prayer time in the Sanctuary.

Lunch will be salads with Koinonia/Rebecca in charge.

The BIG EVENT is our Day Apart Spiritual Growth Retreat, "Pray Without Ceasing", on Saturday, March 27. See how Bro. Paul's article last week fits into our prayer life preparation for this retreat. Check out the material on the office window for information. Please sign up if you plan to attend. We will meet with some District Officers at 3p.m. on March 25, to help set up last minute details.

Some groups did not meet in February, so please give your Methodist Hospital dues to Joyce or Earline.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Gene Lester by
Pauline Nolen & Family

Pew Cushions

In memory of Gene Lester by

Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel

In memory of Helen Hadaway by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel

In memory of Mike Deaton by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel

EASTER BASKET SURPRISES

Through March 30, we will be collecting Easter baskets, grass, plastic eggs, candy, small stuffed animals, and ribbon and cellophane for wrapping, for preschoolers (infant-5yrs) at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. You may put together a basket with these items or just bring the items to the church and the key Women

will put them together after our meeting on

March 17. Items received after the 17th will be taken to UMNC. Thank you for your help.

Sharon Lockhart



ANOTHER GREAT TOUR October 12-23 Greece: In the Footsteps of St. Paul

Highlights: Thessoloniki, Archaeological Museum, St. Demetrius Basilica, Philippi, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, Athens, Acropolis, Old Olympic Statium, Temple of Zeus, and more. \$2999 per person, double.

Brochures available on the bulletin board or call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for info.