

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Memorial
(Margaret) Peggy Wills 3393

In Houston, TX
Sandra Lamon Louie Thompson

Hospice Care
Toni Juengling

At Home
Margaret Ann Ligon
Frances Coffman

OUR PRESENCE

March 4
Church School 57
Worship 67

OUR GIFTS

March 4
This Week's Offering \$ 6,336
MTD \$ 6,336

OUR SERVICE
Assisting March 11

Greeters Margie Williamson
Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Happy Gbeneneh
Children's Time Renee Little
Lock-up Barry Mathis

March Scripture Readers
18 Jane Hight
25 Lisa Hughes

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DON'T FORGET
TO SET CLOCKS AHEAD
on Saturday, March 10.
Daylight Savings Time begins
at 2 a.m. on March 11

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

What do you do while waiting —standing in line at the store, stuck in traffic, waiting for school to let out? Do you experience the frustration and aggravation that the lack of “instant gratification” causes?

Let me make a suggestion. The next time your lane on the interstate is not moving or the line at the bank has 6 people ahead of you, try to be mindful of how blessed you are and give thanks. Take a moment or three to say a special prayer for your family or your friends or your church. Remember that certain thing that happened over the weekend that made it all good.

Be creative in finding things to appreciate and be grateful for. Waiting time will pass much faster and you will feel fine, not frustrated. You may even start to look forward to “waiting time”.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture for March 11
Psalm 19
Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon
“Law Grounded in Relationship”

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 3/11 Third Sunday in Lent
 2:00a Daylight Savings Time Begins
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p Spaghetti Lunch

Mon. 3/12 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 3/13 10:00a Koinonia Group
 6:00p Cub Scouts
 7:00p Love/Hope Group

Wed. 3/14 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 3/15 NO Bible Study
 10:30a Calvary Lunch & Preaching

Fri. 3/16 Offices Closed

Sat. 3/17 St. Patrick's Day 
 9:00a AFLS
 9a-12p District UMW Mini Retreat-'A Day Apart'

Sun. 3/18 Fourth Sunday in Lent
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting



Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones by placing Easter flowers in the Sanctuary. Please complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the office.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

The cost is \$17 each. Make checks to Aldersgate UMC and designate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP

...for our FREE Spaghetti Lunch yet? Sunday, March 11, our youth will be your servers. Lunch will be free but a donation to benefit our Children & Youth Ministry and mission would be greatly appreciated. You may call Aleita Tutor, 274-0081, or the office, 683-8861, for reservations.

LENTEN PREACHING & THE WAFFLE SHOP

Have you signed up on the office window or the kitchen bulletin board for our trip to Calvary on March 15? We will leave the church at 10:30 for an 11:00 dutch treat lunch at the Waffle Shop, to be followed by Lenten Preaching, featuring Dr. A.J. Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. Drivers are still needed to carpool.



EGGS AND CANDY WILL BE DANDY

Great fun will be had at our Easter Egg Hunt on March 31! In preparation, lots of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy are needed. Thank you for placing your donations in the basket by the church office.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Even the smallest act of kindness expresses God's love through you.

GOING PLACES

Chattanooga ~ April 18-20

Now's the time for a guided tour of Chattanooga and Chickamauga Battlefield! We will also visit the Tennessee Aquarium and lunch on the Delta Queen. On the way to Chattanooga, we will have lunch at Mary Bobo's in Lynchburg and tour the Jack Daniels plant (no samples:) Call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, to sign up.

UMW NEWS

Please welcome Frances Coffman as our new At-large Coordinator. If you are an At-large Member, it is anticipated that you will contribute in some way - pledging, attending Unit meetings, donating to our various collection boxes, praying daily for UMW, and supporting your new leader. Don't be just a name on our roll.

Our District '**A Day Apart**' Mini Retreat is on Sat., March 17, from 9 to 12, at Aldersgate. Registration will begin at 8:30. As we gather with other women in a safe, nurturing environment, we'll be challenged to devote our lives to Christ. We'll experience worship and fellowship, and opportunities for expression. The leader for this event will be our District Superintendent, Rev. Cynthia Davis.

THANK YOU NOTES

Oxford Class, you outdid yourselves. The spread for Fellowship Time was great! Thank you!

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Dear Friends,
 Richard and I are so thankful for the love shown during his hospitalization and my cataract surgery. The calls, cards and prayers meant so much. Thank you to Brother Paul & Barbara and Duncan Godbold for their visits. Aldersgate still amazes us with their love. God bless each of you.

Love,
 Richard & Frances Morris

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Dear Aldersgate Friends,
 You've touched my life in ways you may not even be aware of. Thank you. Your kindness has meant so much. I appreciate the prayers, thoughts and cards. You are truly the church with the warm heart.

Love,
 Frances Coffman

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Thank you for the prayers, calls and cards (get well and birthday). A special thank you to Brother Paul for being at the hospital. I hope to be back in church soon. I really miss being there.

God Bless You,
 Margaret Ann Ligon



CARING FOR CREATION CONFERENCE

A Faith-based Eco Justice Event

Lake Junaluska March 15-18

20 workshops covering many topics will be offered. Dr. Bill McKibben and Dr. Connie Roser-Renouf will be two of the presenters. Dr. McKibben has authored many books and articles examining climate change. Dr. Roser-Renouf is with the Center for Climate Change Communication at George Mason University. For further info and to register, go to www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES SEMINAR OFFERED BY MEMPHIS CONFERENCE

"Enriching the Lives of Older Adults" will be offered at First UMC, 200 S. Church St., Jackson, TN, on Tuesday, March 20, from 9 to 2. All who are caring for or concerned about older adult family and friends are encouraged to attend. The \$15 fee includes lunch. The deadline to register is March 12. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accepted. For more information, call Luci Cromer at 755-0803. Registration information and fee should be sent to Memphis Conference, 24 Corporate Blvd., Jackson, TN 38305.