OUR PRAYERS

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Audrey Weaver 913

St. Francis Bartlett Sherry Mitchell ICU 129

At Home

Jean McCarty Betty Ray

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April 11 Church School 45 Worship Visitors

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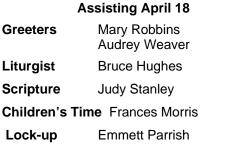
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FROM THE PASTOR

This week here's a little food for thought.

A man fell into a pit and could not get out.

A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

An objective person came along and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into a pit."

A mathematician calculated how he fell into the pit.

A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on his experience.

An IRS man asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit!"

A charismatic said, "Just confess that you're not in a pit."

An optimist said, "Things could be worse."

A pessimist said, "Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

Peace and Grace, **Brother Paul**

Scripture Reading for April 18 Revelation 5:11-14 Acts 9:1-20

Sermon Title "Who's the Real Hero?"



April Scripture Readers 25 Martha Burford

THE COMING WEEK

Sun., April 18 - Sat., April 24

- 9:15a Prayer Room Sun. 4/18 9:45a Church School 9:45a Caring for Aging Parents - FH 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Exec. Cmte. Mon. 4/19 Noon News Deadline Tue. 4/20 5:00p UMM Fish Frv @ Archer's Chapel 6:30p Girl Scouts
- 6:00p Fellowship & Study Wed. 4/21 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 4/22 Earth Day

10:00a Adult Bible Study

- Fri. 4/23 Offices Closed 9:00a AFLS in FH
- Sat. 4/24



"JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT" Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

A charity fund raiser presented by United Methodist Neighborhood **Centers and Theatre Memphis**

Join the festivities on Tuesday, June 1, at 6 p.m. for a technicolor buffet and silent auction followed by the Theatre Memphis production of "Dreamcoat" at 7:30. Tickets are \$50 each (non-refundable), which includes dinner, auction and play and are available from Sharon Lockhart until May 1.

GIVING STATEMENTS

...for the first quarter are available for pickup on the table outside the Sanctuary.

WELCOME

We were pleased to have Mrs. Nell Clarke officially join our church family last Sunday. Nell and her son, Anthony, live at 699 Philadelphia St., 38104. Her phone: 276-3630. Let's give her a warm Aldersgate welcome.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends.

Phil and I want to thank everyone, especially Bro. Paul & Barbara, for all your support, prayers, cards, calls and visits during the time of my sister's death and then her husband's, and my short hospital stay. It is wonderful and so comforting to have such caring friends. We love you!

Audrey Weaver

Dearest Friends.

Thanks so much for all the flowers throughout the years and prayers and all you do for me. Thank you and bless you for being so nice. Joan Clark



PRESERVING OUR WORLD Its In Your Hands

Earth Day is April 22, 2010. Have you given much thought to your lifestyle "going green"? What do you know about your ecological footprint?

Check out earthday.net and take the ecological footprint guiz. You will be astounded by your consumption and find some easy, and not so easy, steps you can take to help preserve the earth for our generations to come.

UMW NEWS

We received a lovely thank you note from Patricia Ross thanking us for all the hard work in preparation for the District Prayer Retreat. Sponsoring a retreat is a new goal of "Go for the Platinum" requirements, so we have met that one. We still need one more new member.

All officers should be present Sunday, April 18, to make plans for the meal at Wesley Foundation.

Jean McCarty has moved: 366 So. Highland, Apt. 506, 38111, 901-323-6365.



IMAGINE 2035

Have you wondered how our communities are "grown" and how the decisions are made about

transportation to support that growth? The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) invites you to come find out what growth and development in the Midsouth might look like in 25 years and help identify community values, evaluate land use possibilities, suggest future transportation options and review the cost and benefits of the changes to come.

The many meeting dates and sites around the Midsouth can be found at www.Imagine2035.com.

For transportation assistance, call 379-7840 at least 5 days prior to the meeting.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE BALL GAME

...on April 25 at the new Fed-Ex Park at Park & Getwell? U of M vs Tulane. Game time-1:00 pm. See you there on "Honor Our Tigers" day!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Memorial Fund

In memory of Betty McConnell by **Delores Armstrong** Joe Howell In memory of Jerry Frame by Norris & Earline Gabriel Phil & Audrey Weaver

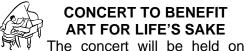
Pew Cushions In memory of Jerry Frame by Martha Burford

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

I want to thank Jeanette Leslie, Neil & Jean DeLong, Mike Bosi, Keith Coffman, Kathryn Clark and Roger Umnuss, the volunteers who have so faithfully delivered meals to our Aldersgate members and friends over the years. For the first time since Phil and I started 8 or 9 years ago, we have no one on our list.

If you or someone you know would like lunch delivered Monday thru Friday, please contact me at 795-7439.

Thank you again to all the volunteers. Audrey Weaver



CONCERT TO BENEFIT ART FOR LIFE'S SAKE

Sunday, April 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. at First Unity Church, 9228 Walnut Grove Road in Cordova. For tickets you may call 901-309-6774 - adults \$20, students \$10. More information is available at artforlifessake.org on the web.

THINK ABOUT IT

Life's just not fair!...and we should be eternally grateful. If it were, we might get exactly what we deserve.