

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**Baptist Rehab/G'town**  
Doris Babb 207

**At Home**  
Betty Smithmier  
Mary Hicks

**OUR PRESENCE**

**August 9**

Church School	65
Worship	80
Visitors	9

**OUR GIFTS**

**August 9**

Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 2,068
Church School	\$ 28
Total Rec'd	\$ 2,096
Aug. MTD	\$ 13,278
YTD Conf. payments	\$ 17,189

**OUR SERVICE**

**Assisting August 16**

**Greeters** Margie Williamson  
Lorelle Woodard

**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes

**Scripture** Tom Lockhart

**Children's Time** Dean Tutor

**Lock-up** Earl Galloway



**Scripture Readers  
for August**

23 Barry Mathis  
30 Brother Paul

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

Barbara and I have never been without health care insurance, or not been able to receive any health care procedure when we have been sick, and for this I am very grateful.

There continues to be an intense debate in our country on what should or should not be done to reform our current health care system. Our Savior Jesus, the "Great Physician," healed many people when he walked this earth, and I know he still does.

Personally, I wish every person in our country could receive needed health care when they are sick regardless of there situation in life. But, I also believe very adamantly that each of us also have a responsibility to take the best possible care of our physical bodies because they are, in fact, entrusted to us from God. I encourage all of us to seek to discern how we can become better stewards of this gift from God.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

Sermon Title  
"The Gift of Life"

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., August 16 - Sat., August 22

Sun. 8/16	9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Potluck Lunch & School Supplies for Willow Oaks 12:30p Angelfood Orders
Mon. 8/17	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 8/18	10:00a UMW Spiritual Growth Study - "Food & Faith"
Wed. 8/19	5:00p Zumba Class 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 8/20	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 8/21	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/22	11:30a Angelfood Distribution



### PEW CUSHION PROJECT

The Trustees would like to replace the pew cushions in the Sanctuary and Chancel area. The Bazaar Committee has already given generously towards this project, but we need your help to cover the remaining cost. If you would like to contribute, you may designate memorials, honorariums or other contributions to the "Pew Cushion Fund". If you have questions, please contact someone on the Trustees Committee.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

Proverbs 4:23



Dear Friends,  
Thank you for being so thoughtful....and prayerful. God bless.

Betty Smithmier



### BOOK SALE

Time to clean out your attic and bookshelves and get rid of your unwanted books and magazines. Bring them to the Exercise Room and we will categorize them for our book sale during the Fall Festival in October. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between Neighborhood Centers and Grace Place.

### COMING UP



AND

### SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

Bring your favorite dish and those school supplies for Willow Oaks School with you to church on Sunday, August 16, for our Willow Oaks Pot Luck Lunch. Supply lists are outside the Sanctuary and the school has also requested children's belts, socks and underwear.

We may have some special guests that day, Willow Oaks teachers, so bring a little extra food to share.

## UMW NEWS



The time for our Mission Study, "FOOD AND FAITH", is fast approaching—August 18 & 25. Help is needed setting up for the study.

All those who plan to attend, please bring a Bible and a small hand mirror. Those in the skit should wear a bathrobe.

There has been little response for recipes for one of our posters. Please bring one or more that are meaningful to you and your family and put them on the poster in the hall outside the office.

Aleda Kelly

The United Methodist Women wish to thank you for your gifts to the Candle Burning Program. The exact amount given and the names of those honored will be lifted up on UMW Sunday, Sept. 27.



### ZUMBA CLASSES TO BEGIN



Adult women of all ages are invited to be part of our Women's Fitness Ministry as members in our Zumba classes. No matter your fitness level, you can come and have fun. Bring a friend for twice the fun!

Classes begin on Wednesday, August 19, at 5 p.m. Sign up when you show up.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to the following:

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Jackie Hogan

by Kathryn Clark

### Pew Cushions

In memory of Ned Burford

by Martha Burford



### CHARMS FOR THE CHILDREN

The Children's program has plenty of beads but needs jewelry wire and charms to make bracelets to be donated to UM Neighborhood Centers and the Ronald McDonald House for families at St. Jude.

Beginning Sunday, August 16, and every Sunday except on Communion Sundays, children in 1st-8th grades, (volunteer basis only), will go to "beading time" after Children's Time. The program will continue until projects are completed. Thank you for your help.



### UM MEN'S PROJECT A SUCCESS

Our barrel is filled to the top, thanks to your generous response for the Memphis Child Advocacy Center! Once again you have been an example of God's love to the many who are associated with this very worthy cause. Thank you so very much.

Rick