

**OUR PRAYERS**  
 ...love and sympathy go out to Doris Bellott,  
 family and friends of Dr. Fred Bellott.

**OUR PRESENCE**  
**August 30**

Church School	50
Worship	78
Visitors	4

**OUR GIFTS**  
**August 30**

Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 2165
Church School	\$ 23
Total Rec'd	\$ 2188

August MTD	\$ 18110
YTD Conf. payments	\$ 17189

**OUR SERVICE**

**Assisting September 6**

<b>Greeters</b>	Margaret Ann Ligon Audrey Weaver
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Children's Time</b>	Frances Morris
<b>Lock-up</b>	Neil DeLong



**Scripture Readers  
 for September**

- 13 Renee Little
- 20 Warren Petty
- 27 United Methodist Women

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

This Thursday afternoon, I will begin co-facilitating a Formation for Ministry class at Memphis Theological Seminary. In the class will be 6-8 new students to MTS who are just beginning their studies. Over the course of the school year we will, as a group, support each other on our faith journeys, and covenant to practice spiritual disciplines including acts of piety (such as meditation, prayer, study and reflection on Scripture, keeping Sabbath time) as well as acts of mercy (by being in a relationship with a person(s) who are in some way marginalized in our society). As persons of faith, I would hope that many of us are already practicing spiritual disciplines like those mentioned above. These acts of piety and mercy are some of the means of grace God has given us to grow in our love of God and the love of our neighbor. May we all continue to grow and be reformed into the image of our Lord and Savior.

Peace and Grace,  
 Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for September 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Psalm 125  
 Mark 7:24-30

Sermon Title  
 "A Persistent Faith"

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Sept. 6 - Sat., Sept. 12

Sun. 9/6	9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 6:00p Women of Zion
Mon. 9/7	Labor Day Observed Offices Closed
Tue. 9/8	10:00a Koinonia/Rebekah 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope
Wed. 9/9	5:00P Zumba Class 6:00p Angelfood Orders 6:30p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/10	10:00a Adult Bible Study 6:30p Leadership Cmte.
Fri. 9/11	Offices Closed
Sat. 9/12	9:00a AFLS

## THE CHURCH LAWN

Bids are being taken for someone to finish out the grass-cutting season. Please be patient with the Trustees as we go through this process.



Used Book Sale

The Fall Festival will be here before you know it (Oct. 17)! Get busy cleaning those closets, attics and bookshelves to get rid of your unwanted books and magazines. Bring your donations to the Exercise Room or leave in the church office, and we will categorize them for our Used Book Sale at the Festival.

## Thank You

Dear Aldersgate Friends,  
We thank you for your calls, cards, visits and prayers during Bennie's surgery and hospital stay. We also thank Brother Paul and Barbara for their prayers and visits. It meant so much to us.

Bennie & Jackie Hill



## UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TO BEGIN SEPT. 13

starting right after church until 3:00 for grades K-12. Lunch will be served, followed by Bible Study and crafts. This time has been planned carefully not to interfere with homework and school activities but still allow our children time to enjoy Christian fellowship and learning. Please make every effort to have your children attend. UMYF will continue on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please sign up on the bulletin board for snack lunches for approximately 15. We will have drinks available. Thanks for supporting our youth!!!

## GRIEFSHARE

...grief recovery and support group begins at St. Paul UMC, on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 13 through Dec. 6. You may join at any point. You do not have to attend every meeting. The cost is \$15. Child care is provided for children up to the 5th grade. Brochures are available in the church office or call Deb Suddarth, 387-0007.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God is creating masterpieces out of our ruined lives. We do not deserve this great gift; therefore, Scripture call this gift "grace".

## UMW NEWS

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make our study on Food and Faith a great success and for the large offering to be sent to UM Neighborhood Centers and the Heifer Project. Thanks especially to Brother Paul for attending with his busy schedule and leading us in a meaningful communion service. We have already gotten calls and notes from the other units thanking us for hosting the study.

Now we prepare for a busy September as follows: Subgroup programs-Book Reviews; 13th-District Annual Mtg. at Collierville-2 pm; 19th-Conference Annual Mtg. in Milan. I have registration forms; 27th-UMW Sunday with Unit mtg. and election of officers.

## FLOOD BUCKETS NEEDED

The Disaster Relief Teams are in need of cleaning buckets and the McKendree District is asking each church to assemble one. Please sign up this week on the list outside the office. Items are: 1-5gal. Bucket with re-sealable lid; 5 scouring pads; 1 scrub brush; 2-25 oz or 1-50 oz. liquid laundry detergent; 5 clothespins; 5 dust masks; 24-roll of 33 or 45 gal. heavy duty trash bags (removed from box); 1-6 or 14 oz insect repellent (if aerosol, must have protective cap); 1-8 or 9 oz. can air freshener (again, if aerosol, must have protective cap). ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW. DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ITEMS EXCEPT THOSE LISTED.

This year the cleaning buckets will take the place of the health kits we have been assembling.  
Aleda Kelly

## THE UPPER ROOM

...for Sept./Oct. is available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up today!

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to the following:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Dr. Fred Bellott

By Aleda Kelly

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP RESUMES SEPTEMBER 9th

What is it about friendships that bond us and bind us? Join us on Wed. evenings and find out. Bring a dish to share and your bible at 6:30 to our Fellowship & Study gathering. You'll be missed if you are not there!



## BIBLE STUDY

...every Thurs. morning at 10. Come enjoy this time of study and fellowship. Following Bible Study on the Sept. 10th, we will go to Three Little Pigs for lunch. We'll car pool there and back to the church.



## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for Fellowship Time on first Sundays, through May. Because of Labor Day, we will resume on the 2nd Sunday of September at 9:15am. This is a special time - come early, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Refreshments are served and the company is great!

## SENIOR DAY AT THE ZOO

Free admission - Free tram ride  
Eat lunch at the zoo's Back Yard Burger. Drivers needed to car pool to leave the church at 9:30 a.m. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office or Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841.

