

The Flame

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

A little Christian humor this week:

A little boy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine," said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, he will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked him to help you put up with me."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Sept. 18th

Exodus 16: 2-15

Matthew 20: 1-16

The Message for UMW Sunday

"The Parable of the Laborers"

Mrs. Mary Mooney

OUR PRAYERS Methodist Med. Center - Dallas Rev. Gladys Dennis

Camden Rehab
Gabe Colosia 508A

At Home
Wilson Walker

Homebound/Assisted Care

Doris Babb	Joan Clark	Kathryn Clark
Bill Coffman	Geri Colosia	Jimmy Craft
Lois Fagan	Mava Dell Fry	Tina Gift
Helen Griffin	Charles Goddard	Bea Harris
Marie Hughes	Martha Meyer	Lorene Nance
Jane Pifer	Bernice Shelby	Mavis Shettles
Emmett Smith	Harold & Joye Smith	
	James & Becky Matlock	

OUR PRESENCE

September 11

Church School	48
Worship	68
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS

September 11

Total Rec'd	\$ 4,606
MTD	\$ 10,978
Apportionments TD	\$ 11,800

OUR SERVICE

Assisting September 18

Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Ushers	Sharon Lockhart Barbara Scheirer Audrey Weaver Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Rebeca Ernst
Scripture	Judy Stanley
Children's Time	Frances Morris
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers
25 Barry Mathis

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 9/18 **UMW Sunday**
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p UMW Unit Mtg.
 6:00p Conference Rally @ Jackson 1st UMC

Mon. 9/19 Noon News Deadline
6:30p Spiritual Growth Study

Tue. 9/20 No Activities

Wed. 9/21 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 9/22 10:00a Bible Study
 11:15a BBQ & Bingo
 6:30p Nominating/Leadership

Fri. 9/23 Offices Closed

Sat. 9/24 8:45a UMW Conf. Annual Mtg @ Jackson 1st UMC
 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 9/25 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p Staff/Parish Cmte.
 2:30p Installation Service for District Superintendent @ Emmanuel UMC



BARBEQUE & BINGO Sept. 22 - 11:30

Be sure to sign up! All you bring is yourself and \$4.00 for a BBQ lunch, including Duncan's banana pudding for dessert! Bingo prizes will be furnished. Sign up now!

GOING PLACES

Branson Christmas Trip Nov. 29-Dec. 2

This is the last season to see the *Miracle of Christmas* at the Sight & Sound Theater. This is a live production with live animals and beautiful costumes. Brochures are available on the bulletin board or you may call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for info. Deposits must be in ASAP.

THANK YOU

Gabriel and I sincerely appreciate your prayers, along with your cards and calls expressing love and concern. He is getting better and we hope he will be coming home within a month or so. These past months, since April 18, have been difficult times. I have felt much like a child: lost, frightened and all alone in the woods. I was comforted by knowing that no one is ever really alone. God is always with us.

Thank you for the love and encouragement you have given us. The Aldersgate family is special.

God Bless,
 Gerri Colosia (Gabriel, also)



NEARLY \$43,000 DISTRIBUTED FOR THE HUNGRY

The \$42,966 given by the generous people of the Memphis Conference to the Lenten World Hunger Offering has been distributed to 11 missions and agencies plus two emergency funds helping to feed the hungry:

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| Haiti Hunger Relief | Heifer Project Intern'l. |
| Peanut Butter Proj. | Society of St. Andrew |
| Hunters for the Hungry | Dream Farm |
| Reelfoot Rural Min. | UMNC |
| Memphis Food Bank | RIFA Food Depot |
| Paducah Coop. Min. | District Emerg. Fund |
| | Emergency & Promotion Fund |

With September being 'Hunger Action Month', what a great way to lend a hand!

SLIDE SHOW OF 2012 TOURS

Join us on Monday, Oct. 17, for a travel-slide presentation to include Charleston, SC/Savannah, GA; Northern National Parks; and Eastern Canada (Montreal, Quebec, Toronto & Ottawa). A Tour Representative will be available to answer questions and also show the tentative schedule of bus tours for 2012. Everyone is invited so bring a friend. Contact Carolyn McDougal for further info, 861-0841.

UMW NEWS

September is the month to learn all about UMW at the three annual meetings. Last Sunday, at District Annual Meeting, attended by 5 Aldersgate members, we were awarded certificates for completing 3 Mission Studies, collecting the most gifts for Candle Burning, and being the only Unit to participate in Category 4 of the Reading Program.

Congratulations to Margaret Ann Ligon, who was elected as District Officer on the Nominating Committee. Aldersgate has now provided 7 District and 3 Conference officers.

This coming Sunday, the 18th, is UMW Sunday. We are blessed to have Conf. President Mary Mooney, as our speaker. At the Unit meeting following the service, we will elect officers for 2012 and have a chance to talk more with Mary. At least 3 of us are attending Conf. Annual Meeting at Jackson First on 9/24/11 and all officers are expected to attend training on Nov. 5.



THE NATURAL WORLD

All creation is the Lord's and we are responsible for the way in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect.

(Excerpt from the Book of Discipline, Paragraph 160)

Tips for Going Green

- Recycle glass, tin, plastic, newspapers, other papers and cardboard
- Use canvas bags when shopping or reuse paper and plastic bags
- Take ten minutes per day to enjoy nature
- Use microwave, slow cooker or toaster oven rather than oven/range

The UMW Social Action Committee



CHILDREN IN NEED AT UMNC

Many parents are having such hardships they are unable to send needed supplies for their children. The Day Care Center at UMNC is in need of the following: diapers sizes 3,4,5 and training pants 3T,4T, wipes and laundry detergent. The infant room needs crib sheets and baby food donations. Please help as you are able. Thank you.



FREE CONCERT @ LINDENWOOD

Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. will see the Eroica Ensemble in concert, which includes conductor Michael Gilbert, recently retired from the New York Philharmonic, and violin soloist Joy Brown Wiener, Memphis Symphony concertmaster for over 40 seasons. The concert is free. No tickets are required. Lindenwood Christian Church, 2400 Union Ave. Call 458-1652 or visit www.Lindenwoodcc.com for more information.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE 'LEGACY OF LAKESHORE' FRIENDSHIP DINNER?

This dinner, including entertainment, is designed to help raise funds to retire Lakeshore's debt and help it become financially stable for the future. Table sponsors are needed. Each table of eight is \$400 or \$50 per person. The Memphis "dinner" will be at Emmanuel UMC on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. To sign up or for more details, you may contact Vickie Lawson at vickie@lakeshoreuma.com or 731-584-6102.