

OUR PRAYERS
Tonya Mabry Elizabeth Quarles

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OUR PRESENCE
September 20

Church School 47
Worship 69
Visitors 2

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OUR GIFTS

September 20

Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 2966
Church School \$ 27
Total Rec'd \$ 2992

September MTD \$ 13974
YTD Conf. payments \$ 17189

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OUR SERVICE

Assisting September 27

Greeters Margaret Ann Ligon
Audrey Weaver
Liturgist Frances Morris
Scripture Sharon Lockhart
Children's Time Frances Morris
Lock-up Neil DeLong

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**Scripture Readers
For October**



4 Brother Paul
11 Judy Stanley
18 Martha Burford
25 Dean Tutor

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FROM THE PASTOR

Given our quite dreary weather of late here in Memphis, I thought this week I would provide a little humor.

A pastor was greeting folks at the door after the service when a woman enthusiastically shook his hand and said, "Pastor, that was a great sermon!" Flushed with pride but wanting to appear humble, the pastor said, "Oh, it wasn't me. I have to give credit to the Lord!" The women replied, "It wasn't that good!"

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Sermon Title - Sept. 27
"When Did You See Me?"
Rev. Diane Harrison

Scripture Reading - Sept. 27
Matthew 25: 31-46
Micah 4

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Sept. 27 - Sat., Oct. 3

Sun. 9/27	UMW Sunday 9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Mtg. & Potluck
Mon. 9/28	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 9/29	9:30a Slide Presentation 6:30p Girl Scouts
Wed. 9/30	6:30p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 10/1	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 10/2	Offices Closed
Sat. 10/3	9:00a AFLS

CHURCH COUNCIL TO MEET OCTOBER 11

At 12:15 on Sunday, Oct. 11, the Church Council will meet for lunch and to set Bro. Paul's salary, prepare for Charge Conference, review goals for 2009 and set new goals for 2010.

Please have your Committee Reports to me prior to the meeting. Thanks. Judy



ITS MISSING! HELP US FIND IT!

Our two-wheeler has been misplaced. Have you seen it? If found, please return to its usual home in Room 106. Thanks!

ZUMBA CLASSES POSTPONED

...until further notice. Thanks to Tommy & Sharon Lockhart for the DVD player and to all who participated. Laura

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An apology is the superglue of life.
It can repair almost anything.

THANK YOU NOTES

You learn a lot just by listening, so I have always heard. These past few months I have really had a chance to experience this saying and I am so appreciative of all the lovely things you have shared with me. I am so blessed to have had over 40 years with you and yours.

His love and mine, always,
Betty Smithmier

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Dear Friends,
We wanted a miracle and it was granted, thanks to all your prayers! Surgery went very well. All that's needed now is recovery time and continued prayer. Thank you so much for all of yours. You are a special "new" family to us. Tom & Kathy Earl



SENIOR DAY AT THE ZOO OCT. 14

Free admission and tram rides (55+), on this special day. We will leave the church promptly at 9:30 a.m. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin boards or Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for reservations. Drivers needed, so please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you will drive. Dutch lunch at Back Yard Burger unless its too crowded. We'll stop somewhere for lunch for sure.



ALDERSGATE FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 17

Only a few more weeks until the big event. Oct. 10 is the deadline to sign up for a booth. Contact Rick Ernst, 484-7383, or email him at thabo99@comcast.net. He has sign-up forms, information, and will gladly put you down as a volunteer.

UMW NEWS

September, as expected, is busy, busy, busy. Six members attended District Annual Meeting where Aldersgate UMW was recognized as a Platinum Unit, received a certificate for all three studies and were honored to have the only member in the entire District to read 20 books (Aleda) and another was one of the few who read 15 (Margaret Ann). Three attended Conference Annual Meeting and now we look forward to next Sunday, UMW Sunday. All members, please sit in the reserved seats.

The Rev. Diane Harrison of Grace Place Ministries will be our worship speaker and also give a short rundown on her ministry at our Unit Meeting, which follows. And guess what, some Union Ave. UMW members may join us for the meeting. Love/Hope is in charge of set-up for the pot luck lunch.

We will have a brief quiz on the contents of our room. If you have a chance, take a peek. Several of us are working on it.

We filled one cleaning bucket for UMCOR and are working on two more at this time.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way during this busy month. October is another important month - pledge service; program planning for 2010 and budget and goal setting, plus Children's Sabbath, led by Aleita Tutor. Aleda Kelly

TOUR TO INDIANOLA - OCT. 6

...to the six-million dollar museum honoring BB King. We will go to the Delta Interpretive Center and the Indianola Pecan Company. Cost is \$99 including transportation, admission and lunch. Contact Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, if you are interested.

A slide presentation by Collette Tours will be given Sept. 29 at 10:30a, of their 2010-11 tours. You are invited and bring a friend.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

The following gifts have been given:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Dr. Fred Bellott

By Betty Smithmier

In memory of Maisie Smith in remembrance of her birthday

By Emmett Smith

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Dr. Fred Bellott

By Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Pew Cushions

In memory of Dr. Fred Bellott

By Aldersgate Bazaar
Dean & Aleita Tutor

THE UPPER ROOM

...for September/October is available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up now and start your mornings with spiritual guidance. Each day will be blessed.

BE A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Just two hours a week can be a blessing to a terminally ill person. If you can read, sing or play an instrument, hold a hand or just listen, someone's waiting for your friendship.

Crossroads Hospice of Tennessee is offering training on Oct. 22 and 24. Call Deena or Lynn to sign up, 901-382-9292.

USED BOOK SALE AT FALL FESTIVAL

October 17 is the day! Are your garages, attics and bookshelves free of unwanted books and magazines. Bring your donations to the Exercise Room or leave in the church office. We will prepare them for the Fall Festival Sale. Thanks!

