OUR PRAYERS

St. FrancisCamden RehabBecky MatlockGabe Colosia

At Home

Rev. Gladys Dennis Nancy Blankenship

Hospice Care

Valerie Porterfield Bill Scott

Nathan Nichols Royce Rutherford

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to

...Glenn Little and family in the loss of his grandmother, Annie B. Long.

...Phil & Steve Clark, families and friends in the loss of their mother, Kathryn D. Clark.

OUR PRESENCE

October 30

Church School 46 Worship 68 Visitors 2

OUR GIFTS

October 30

Total Rec'd \$ 3,058 MTD \$ 21,186 Apportionments TD \$ 24,700

OUR SERVICE Assisting November 6

Greeters Marcelle Farrow

Margaret Ann Ligon

LiturgistBruce HughesScriptureBrother PaulChildren's TimeBrother PaulLock-upTom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

Novembe 13 20

November Scripture Readers
13 Judy Stanley
20 Dean Tutor
27 Happy Birah

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff -- including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for the entire world to see.

This was passed on to me from another pumpkin. Now, it is your turn to pass it to a pumpkin. I liked this enough to send it to all the pumpkins in my patch.

Happy Fall, Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Nov. 6th Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3

Sermon Title "God's Children"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 11/6	All Saints Sunday 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Outreach Committee 6:00p Women of Zion
Mon. 11/7	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline 6:30p Charge Conference
Tue. 11/8	10:00a Koinonia Group 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 11/9	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 11/10	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 11/11	Veteran's Day Offices Closed
Sat. 11/12	9:00a AFLS UMW MOR @ Lakeshore
Sun. 11/13	Commitment Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Harvest Dinner

COMMITMENT SUNDAY is Nov. 13th



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Let's fill some shoeboxes!

The Current Events Sunday School Class is creating shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child (a project of Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse). Each shoe box will be filled with school supplies, toys and hygiene items. Please help us create these gifts for children in need around the world. Boxes and information are located outside the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Current Events Class

THANK YOU

...to all who assisted with the annual Trick or Trunk. It could not have happened without you!

Outreach

THE DECEMBER CALENDAR Schedule Now!!!

Please have all December parties and activities posted to the office calendar by Nov. 27. The December calendar in *The Flame* will go out to the congregation on Nov. 29.



LENDING A HAND

We've seen another year of God's bountiful blessings in our lives and now have the opportunity to share our good fortune. United Methodist Neighborhood Centers will provide 300 Thanksgiving Baskets this year for the less fortunate among us. You may help in several ways:

- ~ You could fill a laundry basket (found at the Dollar Store) with the items below
- ~ You could give \$45 to fill a basket or any part of that amount
- \sim you could give one or more items from the list below: (only new items from the list, please)

2 Boxes Dressing Mix 2 Cans Corn

2 Cans Cranberry Sce
40 oz. Can Yams
2 Cans Green Beans
26 oz. Instant Potatoes

1 Canister Kool Aid 4-5 lb. Bag Sugar 4-5 lb. Bag Flour 40 oz. Box Biscuit Mix

24 oz. Bottle of Oil 1 Box Cake Mix 1 Can Frosting 1 Jar Instant Coffee

 $1 \ Box \ Family-size \ Tea \ Bags$

Cash for \$10 Gift Cards for Turkeys
All donations must be in no later than Nov. 13.
Items may be placed in the "blue bin" near the church entry. Checks may be made out to Aldersgate with "Food Basket" in the memo line.

Share the bounty, reap the blessings!

UMW NEWS

October was Pledge Month. If you are an At-Large member or did not attend your Group meeting, please give your 2012 Pledge Card to Joyce Kernodle now, so we can meet all our obligations.

Officers: Remember training at Emmanuel on Nov. 5. Registration starts at 9 a.m. If you cannot attend, try to have someone go in your place.

All United Methodist Women are invited to a potluck hosted by the Women of Zion Sub-group. Please join us at 6pm on Sunday, Nov. 6th, at the church. Two UMW members will present a special program on Social Action issues. We would love to see you there!

UMW Reading Program

The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. If you would like to donate a book, please let Sharon Lockhart know. We have the list of the new additions and several have already been purchased. There are now 5 categories to cover: Education for Mission; Nurturing for Community; Social Action; Spiritual Growth and Leadership Development. Reading a minimum of one book from each category will help us maintain our Platinum status.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God is faithful, God is just. Relying on Him is a daily must!



GIFT-BUYING OPPORTUNITY

You're invited to the Mullins United Methodist Women's 34th Annual Crafts Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 to 4, at 4 N. Mendenhall Rd. Over 100 exhibitors in 3 buildings offering hand-crafted items for your shopping pleasure. Baked goods and food concessions will be on site. Free admission, free parking and free shuttle. A great place to start (or finish) your Christmas list.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Bea Harris by
Joan Killian
In memory of Kathryn Clark by
Jimmy & Jane Hight
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Kathryn Clark by
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold
In memory of Annie Long by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Johnny & Joy Mitchell

Pew Cushions

In memory of Kathryn Clark by
Dean & Aleita Tutor
Lou Pennington
In memory of Annie Long by
Dean & Aleita Tutor

Maintenance Fund

In memory of LJ Hall by
Terry & Margie Williamson



OUR HARVEST DINNER

...is Nov. 13, right after Worship Service. **Reservations are a MUST!** \$8 per adult to enjoy a great dinner of ham, turkey, giblet gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, home-made pie, coffee or tea. You may sign up on the office window or call 683-8861 to make your reservations. The meal is being catered by Mary Proctor so you know it will be delicious!

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

...are available on the table by the sofa outside the Sanctuary. Please pick yours up or call the office to have it mailed.