

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**St. Francis East**      **St. Francis Bartlett**  
 Laura Dalton 507      Sherry Mitchell 214

**Cataract Surgery**  
 Duncan Godbold      Jean McCarty

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**OUR PRESENCE**  
**October 18**  
*Church School*      62  
*Worship*      103  
*Visitors*      12

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**OUR GIFTS**  
**October 18**  
*Tithes & Plate Offering*    \$ 3276  
*Church School*      \$ 23  
*Total Rec'd*      \$ 3299  
  
*October MTD*      \$ 16194  
*YTD Conf. payments*    \$ 25783

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**OUR SERVICE**  
**Assisting October 25**  
**Greeters** Lou Pennington  
 Sue Swett  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Dean Tutor  
**Children's Time**  
**Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

 **November Scripture Readers**  
 1 Brother Paul  
 8 Jane Hight  
 15 Lisa Hughes  
 22 Tom Lockhart  
 29 Brother Paul

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## FROM THE PASTOR

When does worship begin? Organist Keith Norrington shares the following: "With the first note of the organ, worship has begun. If you must whisper, whisper a prayer.

How well I recall those words that were printed at the top of the service bulletin each Sunday in the church in which I grew up. Of course, we all know that not everyone heeds such words and many use the minutes of the prelude to chat with their neighbors.

A funny story relates how a frustrated organist increased the volume of the organ to overcome that of the congregation's chatter. She built up to a full crescendo and then suddenly stopped. One of the ladies of the congregation was shouting 'I fry mine in butter!' I share this as food for thought, and I'm still wondering what that woman was frying?

Peace and Grace,  
 Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Oct. 25  
 Psalm 34:1-8  
 Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Sermon Title  
 "Giving Up Control"

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Oct. 25 - Sat., Oct. 31

Sun. 10/25 9:15a Prayer Room  
 9:45a Church School  
 10:55a Worship  
 12:15p Youth

Mon. 10/26 Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 10/27 6:30p Girl Scouts

Wed. 10/28 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 10/29 10:00a Adult Bible Study  
**6:30p Charge Conference**

Fri. 10/30 **6:00p Trick or Trunk**

Sat. 10/31 9:00a AFLS  
 Set clocks back one hour to-  
 night. Daylight Savings Time  
 ends at 2 am Sun. morning.



### JAILBIRD RELEASED

Fugitive Paul made his bail and was released on his own recognition on Oct. 15, after being incarcerated. All donations toward his bail are greatly appreciated!

### LOST AND FOUND

If you lost a silvertone hoop, pierced earring with small black stones, we have it in the church office.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Good works are the fruit,  
not the root, of salvation.

## COMING UP



### HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR TAAUMCUMMG

The Thirtieth Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament is coming October 24. Shotgun start at Noon at Plantation Golf Course. To sign up or for information, call Dean Tutor, 301-2819.

### TRICK OR TRUNK OCTOBER 30

Mark your calendars for Oct. 30, 6-7 p.m. Volunteers needed for "trunks" and treats!!! Please sign up on the office window if you can help. Candy donations being accepted - the bin is in the hall by the office.



### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sunday, Nov. 1, at 9:15 hosted by the Oxford Class.

### OUR HARVEST DINNER

...will be on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 12:15. This meal will be catered by Mary Proctor with all the traditional Thanksgiving foods. Please make reservations by Nov. 1 on the sign-up sheets on the office window or bulletin boards. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. The children's meal will be chicken nuggets with mac & cheese. You may pay by cash or check made out to the church and placed in the offering plate.



### THE UPPER ROOM

...for Nov/Dec is now available.

## UMW NEWS

UMW officers set our goals and budget for 2010 last Sunday. Now it is time to plan our 2010 programming (programs & outreach). The Program Planning Committee will meet Saturday, Oct. 24, at 10 am at the home of Aleda Kelly for this purpose. The program Committee consists of secretary, treasurer, and four coordinators. All should be present, if possible; other officers are invited if you care to come.

Because of rising literature expenses, we bought program books only for the following officers: president, vice president, secretary of program resources and one for each subgroup.

The yearbook is now being typed. If you have any changes in address, telephone number or membership status, please let Aleda know.

**Coming Up ~ Feminine Fall Fling**  
Nov. 7 @ Lakeshore



### UMW READING PROGRAM

The UMW Reading Program has added several new books for 2009-2010. If you would like to purchase one for the reading program, please contact me at 754-3429, and I will fill you in on the new selections. Books read from the 2005-2010 list will be counted in this year's tally. Books on the list before 2005 will no longer be counted toward your total for the year. Sharon Lockhart

### QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

...are now available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please check them carefully. We want to get any problems resolved prior to year end.

## NOVEMBER ANGELFOOD



Order dates for Angelfood are Wed. the 4th from 6 to 7 and Sun. the 8th from 12:30 to 1:30. Distribution day is the 14th. Menus are available outside the church office. Volunteers are needed to assist with orders and distribution. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, to volunteer or for more information.



### IT WAS A GREAT DAY

Our **Fall Festival** was a big success! That calls for a BIG thank you to all who worked so hard in setting up, cleaning up and participating in any way. It couldn't have happened without YOU!

### GOING PLACES



**Nov. 10 - Pigeon Forge and Ashville**  
Enjoy the fall colors in the Smokies and the shows, shopping, food, fun and fellowship. Christmas decorations will be ready for Winterfest in Pigeon Forge and at the Biltmore Estate.

### Dec. 1-4 Branson at Christmas

Christmas will be in the air everywhere! The MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS at the new Sight and Sound Theater, TWELVE IRISH TENORS, the ANDY WILLIAMS CHRISTMAS SHOW and the RED, HOT & BLUE MORNING SHOW have all been booked.

Please contact me soon if interested.  
Carolyn McDougal 861-0841



### Dec. 7 - The Enchanted Forest

...at the Pink Palace is our destination. Leave Church at 9:30 and stop for lunch on the way back. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.