

OUR PRAYERS

At Home
Betty Ray

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OUR PRESENCE

November 1
Church School 58
Worship 91
Visitors 12

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OUR GIFTS

November 1
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 9964
Church School \$ 24
Total Rec'd \$ 9988

November MTD \$ 9988
YTD Conf. payments \$ 25783

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OUR SERVICE

Assisting November 8

Greeters Jean DeLong
Joyce Kernodle
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Lisa Hughes
Lock-up Margie Williamson

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November Readers

15 Lisa Hughes
22 Tom Lockhart
29 Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR

Since the New York Giants weren't televised this past Sunday in Memphis, I watched the New York City marathon. It was a great race, and for the first time in who knows when, an American won the men's division.

It reminded me of the only marathon I ran in: the 2006 St. Jude Memphis marathon. It's hard to describe the amount of time, energy, and commitment it took to prepare for that race.

And it has since given me a deeper understanding of this writing from the book of Hebrews. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who, for the sake of the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:1-2).

Yes, let us look to Jesus!

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Nov.8

Psalm 127
Mark 12:38-44

Sermon Title

"The Widow's Mite"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Nov. 8 - Sat., Nov. 14

Sun. 11/8	9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Youth Fellowship 12:30p Angelfood Orders 6:30p UM Men's Dinner
Mon. 11/9	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 11/10	Trip to Pigeon Forge/Biltmore Return Thursday 10:00a Koinonia/Rebecca Grp 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Love Hope Grp
Wed. 11/11	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 11/12	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 11/13	Offices Closed Girl Scout Lock-in
Sat. 11/14	9:00a AFLS 10:30a Angelfood Distribution

GOING PLACES

Dec. 1-4 *Branson at Christmas*

It's a very special time of year in the Ozarks. Join us to enjoy the sights, sounds and shows! One highlight is the Miracle of Christmas at the new Sight and Sound Theater.

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. Admission is \$3.50 if we have 20. \$4 otherwise. Sign up on the office window or call the church office.

THANK YOU

My Dear Friends,
My heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards calls and the beautiful meal. I love you all in Christ.
Betty Ray

NOVEMBER ANGELFOOD

The last order date for Nov. Angelfood is 11/8 from 12:30 to 1:30. Distribution is the 14th at 10:30a. Volunteers are needed to assist with orders and distribution. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, to volunteer or for more



OUR HARVEST DINNER



Join our church family in celebrating Thanksgiving and our Commitment Sunday by enjoying dinner on Sunday, Nov. 15, right after Worship. The meal of turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, home made rolls, home made pies, tea & coffee, will be catered by Mary Proctor at a cost of \$8 for adults; \$3 for 12 and under. The children's menu is chicken nuggets with mac & cheese. Reservations must be in by Nov. 9. Please sign-up on the office window or call the church office. If you make a reservation, you must pay for the meal. You may pay by cash or check made out to the church and placed in the offering plate. Be sure to mark it Harvest Dinner.



A HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

...is coming to Aldersgate on December 12 from 9am to 1pm! Hundreds of great books to choose from. Fiction and non-fiction—biographies, devotionals, mysteries, historicals, cook books—the list goes on and on. Books make great gifts for Christmas. Don't miss it!

UMW NEWS

Our 2010 UMW Yearbook is now ready. Renee will be taking care of those who want it by email. If you do be sure you have told her.



We have one more office to fill, Golden Cross Key Woman, as requested by Selena Henson, who is in charge of initiating this. Please remember that November is our World Thank Offering program, one of the two sacrificial offerings we take each year. Ideally, we put in a coin each time during the year that we have reason to be thankful. All of us have so much to be thankful for! Thanks to all who made 2009 such a successful year for UMW!



The UMW Reading Program has received the following books which will be in the library Sunday morning: Too Many Irons in the Fire and They're All Smoking donated by Frances Morris; Bless This Food donated by Earline Gabriel; A Life-Shaping Prayer donated by Margie Williamson; and A Monk in the Inner City and Longing for Enough in a Culture of More donated by Sharon Lockhart.

YOU ARE INVITED

...to **Mullins UM Women's Annual Craft Fair** on Sat.. Nov. 14, from 9 to 4. Over 100 crafters, bake sale and food concessions on site in 3 buildings. A great place to do your Christmas shopping! Free admission, free parking, free shuttle. Corner of Walnut Grove and N. Mendenhall Road.



...to **Capleville UMC's Annual Community Fish Fry** on Nov. 14 from 4:30 to 7 pm. Come enjoy the live music, silent auction, fellowship and the meal. \$10 adults, \$5 for 10 and under or over 80. Call 363-1859 for tickets.

DO UNTO OTHERS...

Annual Oxford Class

Christmas Card Coming Soon
Terry Williamson will be accepting donations for the Annual Oxford Class Christmas Card beginning Sun. Nov. 8. Remember, when you give a donation, you are wishing your Aldersgate friends "Merry Christmas". The money you give will go to UM Neighborhood Centers Toy Shop instead of for cards and postage to your church friends. Donors will be listed on our giant Christmas Card. Please see Terry to donate.



Gifts For Wesley Manor



The gift list is on the office window and bulletin board. Your help is so much appreciated in helping to assure that all residents at Wesley Manor receive a gift at Christmas. Many have no family or friends to care for them and are so appreciative of your thoughtfulness. 2 or 3 items to a bag, please. DO NOT GET face powder or perishables. We appreciate your help!

Jean McCarty, Key Woman

Food Baskets for UMNC

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers have 250 families to feed, so your help is most appreciated. You may fill a basket or choose item(s) from the list on the office window.

If you complete a basket, please bring it in a laundry basket or banana box. Other items may be left in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help.



Sharon Lockhart, Key Woman

THE UPPER ROOM

...for Nov/Dec is now available.