

- Sun. 2/21 **LOOKING AHEAD**
2nd Sunday in Lent
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p Sip & See for Alan Hernandez
- Mon. 2/22 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**
- Tue. 2/23 No Activities
- Wed. 2/24 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
 Noon Devotional & Soup Lunch at **Asbury**
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 2/25 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
 10:00a Lenten Bible Study
- Fri. 2/26 Offices Closed
 11:30a Young @ Heart @ **Asbury**
- Sat. 2/27 9:00a AFLS
 12 noon AFLS Recital
 6:00p Spanish Worship Srvc @ **El Redentor**
- Sun. 2/28 3rd Sunday in Lent
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship



WANT TO HELP WITH WORSHIP?

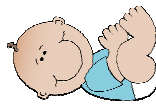
Now is your chance! You may sign up on the office window to be the Liturgist for any Sunday during the first half of the year, or call the office, 683-8861, and give Kathy your date of preference.

NEW ADDRESS FOR OLD FRIENDS

Richard & Frances Morris
 2741 Surrey Park Dr.
 Bartlett, TN 38134-4654
 901-569-3588 cell

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Take time to honor and bless those who have dedicated their lives to sacrifice and service to others.



COME MEET ALAN

Help us welcome Alan Yobani Hernandez into our fold on Sunday, February 21, right after church at the "Sip & See". His parents, Mireya & Yobani, and his siblings Alex, Millie & Sofia, are delighted with this new addition to their family. A light lunch will be served as we embrace this family.



THE UPPER ROOM

...for March/April is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up your copy now and don't miss a day of these great devotionals.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OFFERS CARE-GIVER CLASS

"Know the 10 Signs"
 February 24, 10 am -11 am
 Luther Terrace, 3907 James Rd.

For complete information, and to learn about support groups, contact Miriam Clay at 1-800-272-3900 or mclay@alz.org



LENTEN LUNCHEON @ ASBURY

As in the past, Asbury UMC is offering a Devotional and Soup Lunch each Wednesday during Lent. All are invited and encouraged to attend a brief service at Noon, followed by a soup & sandwich lunch for \$2 per person. Join the crowd on Wednesdays, Feb, 17th & 24th, and March 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.

FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Pastas and Canned Red Spaghetti Sauce



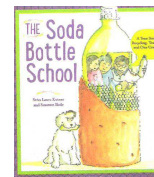
Cash is always appreciated.
 (Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)
 Thank you.

UMW NEWS

!!! Remember !!!

Day Apart/Spiritual Growth Study

Our own Rebeca Ernst, will be the leader for our program: "Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God". Her topic will be "Happiness, the Joy in Christian Living". Join us at St. Luke's UMC, 480 S. Highland, at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 27. A free luncheon will be served. Registration forms are available in the church office. Registration is free. If child care is needed, please contact Meredith Bingham at mbingha@bellsouth.net or by phone: 901-747-4423, no later than Feb. 19th.



Reading Program Books Available

The new year is well under way and there are a lot of good reading selections available this year. If you would like to purchase a book for the Reading Program such as "Coffee, Tea and Holy Water" or "Rewilding Our Hearts" or "The Soda Bottle School", call Sharon Lockhart, 754-2439, and let her know. She will be placing an order very soon.



GOLDEN CROSS NEEDS

Audrey would love to have a great collection of things to take with her to the Golden Cross Key Women's meeting on March 10. Items for Move-in Kits and Bountiful Blessing Bags are needed. Here are a few more suggestions:
 Small trash cans and liners Sponges
 All-purpose Cleaners Kleenex
 Beef Stew Ketchup
 Mustard Mayonnaise
 Canned Ham or Chicken Dry Cereal
 Complete lists are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Please place items in the basket near the Sunday School office. Thank you.



LENTEN HUNGER OFFERING
"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

Have you picked up your Lenten Hunger Calendar from the tables outside the Sanctuary? It has scripture, prayer and offering suggestions for each day of Lent.

Our Hunger Offering will be collected on Easter Sunday or anytime it is convenient for you. If paying by check, please note "Lent" or "Hunger Offering" in the memo line.

FOR YOUR MUSICAL ENJOYMENT
"Requiem" by John Rutter

...will be performed by the Germantown UMC Choir, on Sunday, February 21st, at 3:00 p.m. at the church, 2331 S. Germantown Rd., directed by James Thrash and assisted by Eva McPeters.

Collierville UMC invites you to their Third Annual Chamber Music Series. Concerts are at the Sanctuary on the Square, 104 N. Rowlett St., in Collierville, on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm once a month, and are free. February 21st is the next presentation, "A Night at the Opera", under the direction of Mark Ensley, Director of Opera Studies at the University of Memphis, together with soloists and small ensembles from the Opera Department.

AUDITIONS COMING UP

Want to be involved in a local production of "Rabboni"? Jeremiah Ginsberg & Jeremiah Productions will be auditioning singers and dancers for a staged reading of the musical "Rabboni", February 22 & 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Colonial Baptist Church, 1503 Colonial Rd. Please contact Stephen Len White for all the details, 901-336-7682. "Rabboni" is the Award-Winning Messianic Gospel musical by Jeremiah Ginsberg & Wendy Ross Ginsberg.

Baptist

Jay Finzel surg. 2/19

St. Francis Bartlett

Lloyd Hight ICU

Jackson/Madison

Ted Lewis ICU

At Home

Terry Williamson

Tom Boillot

Marie Hughes

Linda Burrow

Peggy Brightwell surg 3/1

Hospice Care

Sylvia Edwards

Juanita Caldwell

Paterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Corinth, MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria

...disaster victims

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Mava Dell Fry
Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin	Margaret Kenley
Doris Palazzini	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker

OUR SYMPATHY, love and prayers go out to
...Family & friends of John Walls

OUR PRESENCE - February 14

Sunday School	46
Worship	56
Visitors	4

OUR GIFTS - February 14

Offering	\$
Month to Date	\$ 3,100

OUR SERVICE - February 21

Greeter	Anna Deekae Nubari Deekae
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Rose Oyoo
Children's Time	Andrew Baker
Lock-up	Henry Blanks

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers
28 Judy Stanley



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Waiting

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Psalm 104:27-28

God's time is always the RIGHT time and the BEST time. When He eventually opens His Hand, we will always be satisfied with what is in it. Note that verse 28 does not say "content" which implies 'making do with', but "satisfied" which means having one's needs and desires fully met.

Difficult as the waiting period may be, and however fraught with temptation, God assures us that in the end we will not be disappointed with the final result ([Psalm 25:3](#) ERV). It will prove to have been worth the wait. Dr. Charles Stanley puts it succinctly: "Whatever God intends to give you, IF YOU WAIT FOR IT, will always be better than anything that you could have got by yourself". When next you are tempted to go ahead of God, remember these words and let them encourage you.

Waiting for God is a sign of faith and trust in Him, for only those that believe His promise will be able to wait patiently for its manifestation ([Isa. 28:16](#)). This is why God asks in [Luke 18:8](#), "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?". Let us not be as those whose faith falters and fails, for the Lord is not pleased with such ([Heb. 10:38](#)).

God bless you as you wait for His time!

Prayer: Lord, give me the faith that trusts You enough to wait for You. Amen

Scriptures for the week:

Genesis 15:1-12,18-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalm 27 (UMH # 758)

Luke 13:31-35