OUR PRAYERS

Signature HC VA

Martha Wallace 323B John Keenan 3F-318

Hospice CareAt HomeMary StanleyBetty RayLynda ParkEarl Galloway

Pat Tully

Rev. Rick Pinkston

Please also remember those in assisted care.

OUR PRESENCE

February 16

Church School36Worship59Visitors0

OUR GIFTS

February 16

No Count due to holiday.

OUR SERVICE February 23, 2014

Greeters Elizabeth Godbold

Jeanette Leslie

Liturgist Bruce Hughes

Scripture Lisa Hughes

Children's Time Lisa Hughes

Lock-up Barry Mathis

March Scripture Readers

2 Brother Paul

9 Tom Lockhart

16 Barry Mathis

23 Renee Little

30 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Presently, as a member of the Memphis Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, I am reviewing materials submitted by candidates for commissioning and ordination at our Annual Conference this June. These candidates come before the Board in early March for their interviews.

In 1999 and 2001, I was at Lakeshore to meet with the Board for these same interviews. These interviews can be very stressful for candidates, but since becoming a member of the Board I am finding this responsibility, given me by the bishop, to be a great honor but also a responsibility not to be taken lightly. The responsibility also reminds me to cherish my calling as pastor and servant to the up-building of God's Kingdom on earth.

May we all strive, with Christ's help, to be the servants God has called us each to be.

Peace and Grace, Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb. 23rd Psalm 119:33-40 Mark 2:1-12

<u>Sermon Title</u> "What Are Friends For?"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/23	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Church Council Mtg.
Mon. 2/24	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 2/25	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 2/26	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 2/27	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 2/28	Offices Closed
Sat. 3/1	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 3/2	9:15a Prayer Time 9:15a Fellowship Time hosted by the Oxford Class

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

10:55a Worship

9:45a Sunday School

All are invited on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 12:15. Though non-Council members may not vote at this meeting, your input is encouraged.



FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Pasta & Sauces (cans or jars)



STATEMENTS ARE READY

Have you picked up your giving statement for 2013 yet? They are available on the table outside the sanctuary. If you would like yours mailed, please call the church office, 683-8861.



'INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY' COMING UP MARCH 9

This is a great opportunity to get your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers, who do not regularly attend church, to come with you and feel the spirituality and friendliness of Aldersgate, as well as enjoy the tasty delights of the best cooks in Memphis. A Potluck Lunch will follow our worship service in honor of our visitors. Offer to pick up your guests and bring them or have them follow you. And remember, this is the same day we change to Daylight Savings Time.

THANKS AGAIN

Do you know what you did? 71 cans of soup and 9 boxes of crackers were collected for our Soup-er Bowl Celebration. That is unbelievable and so generous. Thank you so much! We will be delivering it to Asbury this week as we have no more room in our food bin. Many will enjoy warm soup and crackers during the cold winter weather, thanks to you!



GOING PLACES

Two new tours are available and the brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen:

- April 27-30 Mobile, AL, Bellengrath Gardens, Pensacola, FL, US Navy Museum, with the Blue Angels precision aircraft, IMAX, and Foley, AL, outlet shopping (plus lots of good, fresh seafood)
- June 17 Mississippi Blues Trail Visit McCardy's and Peters Pottery shoppes in Merigold, MS, then on to Indianola, Ms, for lunch and B.B. King's Interpretive Museum.
- Call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for more info and to sign up.

UMW NEWS

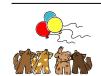
Have you picked up your 2014 Yearbook yet? They are available in the church library.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday, March 7

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. United Methodist Women is one of the celebrants. The annual day of celebration and prayer, the first Friday of March, is open to all people, bringing together various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action. Through their motto, "Informed Prayer & Prayerful Action", women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Take a little time on this coming World Day of Prayer to offer your prayers of concern and thanksgiving.



COMING UP IN MARCH

- 2nd Fellowship Time hosted by the Oxford Class
- 5th Ash Wednesday Services Noon & 6:00 p.m. (NO Fellowship & Study)
- 9th Daylight Savings Time begins.
- **9th** 'Invite a Friend to Church Sunday' followed by a Pot Luck Lunch at 12:15.
- **16th** UMW Unit Meeting—Easter Baskets
- **20th** Trip to Calvary for Lunch and Lenten preaching.

CHANGING ROLES FOR LAITY

Here are some interesting, less well-known facts from our church's history.

Sunday Schools teaching reading, writing, arithmetic and Christianity began as a missionary effort to educate the working poor in England. Teachers and directors were laity, often women.

As the Methodist movement grew, John Wesley's mother, Susanna, encouraged him to appoint laymen to preach. He finally concluded God was more than capable of raising up uneducated, unsanctioned laity to preach.

Wesley authorized women to serve as local and circuit preachers. He had observed their gifts and graces for preaching and success in converting people.

"Mother in Israel" described women who anchored a Methodist community. They were renowned for their spiritual discernment, evangelism, pastoral care, works of charity, disciplined prayer lives and knowledge and application of Scripture. (Excerpts from the Interpreter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Accept what you can't change. Change what you can't accept.

