

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Mem'l

Gene Finger 2929 ICU

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Russell Gallimore Jimmy Hight

Bill Whitaker-OP surg. 2/27

Duncan Godbold-eye surg 2/27

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...The Mitchell family in the loss of their son
...Family & friends of Jimmy McClain

OUR PRESENCE

February 24

Church School	46
Worship	64
Visitors	1

OUR GIFTS

February 24

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,462
MTD	\$ 12,754

OUR SERVICE

Assisting March 3

Greeters	Happy Gbeneneh Anna Deekae
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Brother Paul
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers

10	Earline Gabriel
17	Renee Little
24	Warren Petty
31	Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

In watching some of the cooking shows on TV, I have come to realize that not everyone is called to be a cook. A lot of hard work, creativity and talent are required to be a chef.

However, all of us are called to eat! We must nourish our bodies at regular intervals so as to carry on our daily activities.

I find a great deal of similarity between being a Christian and being an eater. Though not all Christians are called to the same ministries or mission, we are all called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.

We must nourish our hearts and souls regularly through prayer and worship, so as to continue to care for God's children in whatever way we are called.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture for March 3

Psalm 63:1-8

Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon

"An Invitation to Grace"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 3/3	9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 3/4	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline
Tue. 3/5	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 3/6	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/7	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 3/8	Offices Closed
Sat. 3/9	9:00a AFLS Set clocks ahead tonight
Sun. 3/10	2:00a Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship

THE UPPER ROOM

...for March/April is now available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Pick up a copy today.



Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones by placing Easter flowers in the Sanctuary. Please complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the office.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

The cost is \$10 each. Make checks to Aldersgate UMC and designate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...on March 3 will be hosted by the Oxford Class. Please join us.

"ASHES TO GO" CATCHING ON

More than a few UM clergy and lay folk marked the beginning of Lent on Feb. 13 by bringing ashes to the people - including hurried commuters in Texas train stations, pedestrians on busy streets in New York and Chicago, patrons in a Pennsylvania diner and motorists driving through parking lots in Ohio and Virginia.

"It matters in people's lives", said Rev. Russell Floyd, of First UMC in Irving, TX. "It makes a difference. God shows up there."

Many churches are already planning to continue this outreach next year. Excerpts from UM Reporter

FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH

Hot Cereals

...such as oatmeal, grits, Cream of Wheat, Cream of Rice, quinoa or mixed grain.



MUSIC FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

2nd Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar

On Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m., the Laudis Domini Ensemble will present choral selections from Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* as well as music by Bairstow, Tavener and Bach.

On Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m., organist, Lenora Morrow, invites guest to sit in the choir loft and chancel area for a "close up" experience and enjoy a variety of pieces including Bach's famous *Passacaglia in C Minor*.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.



Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St.

...announces the *Tallis Scholars* first ever appearance in Memphis on Mar. 14, at 7 p.m. This British Renaissance group will present works by Eric Whitacre, Palestrina and Taverner, among others. You may contact Timothy Hagy at 901-525-6602 or thagy@calvarymemphis.org for information.



UMW NEWS

All are invited to help us prepare at least 3 complete Easter Baskets for UM Neighborhood Centers. Some gift suggestions are sidewalk chalk, crayons, coloring books, hair clips for girls, socks, small games, **small** amounts of candy WITHOUT NUTS, and other things to make kids smile. Completed baskets should be wrapped and tied at the top. Cash to purchase items will gladly be accepted. Please drop items off at the church office or give to Sharon Lockhart by March 17.

Our next Group meetings are on March 12. The Unit meeting is March 17.

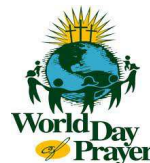
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer is the best wireless connection.

LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Do you know that your Lenten gifts reach around the world, helping those in need - a child in Sierra Leone, a farmer in Zimbabwe, a family in Appalachia, and the list goes on.

Your gifts of love and support help alleviate suffering in so many ways. Those struggling in poverty will not have to choose between paying rent and buying food because you care enough to lend a helping hand. Thank you!



...is Friday, March 1. This worldwide movement of Christian Women of many traditions welcomes all to observe a common day of prayer to foster closer fellowship, understanding and action. The motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" signifies that prayer and action are inseparable.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Tina Gift by

Joy & Johnny Mitchell
Evelyn Goddard
The Fellowship Class
Neil & Jean DeLong
Marcelle Farrow
Norma E. Notgrass
Wilton & Mary Ann Herring

In memory of Helen Pulliam by

Neil & Jean DeLong

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Tina Gift by

Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold
Jeanette Leslie
Carolyn McDougal



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

FOR CROSSROADS HOSPICE COMING UP

...Saturday, March 9, from 9 to 2. Here's a great opportunity to participate in something meaningful. From simply holding a hand or reading a book to listening to life stories or baking cookies, you can make a difference. You may contact Sandy or Linda at 901-382-9292 or www.crossroadshospice.com.

GOING PLACES

On the way to the Tulip Festival in Pella, Iowa, we will stop at Jamesport, MO, for a tour of the oldest Old Order Amish Settlement west of the Mississippi. Then on to Pella for flower shows, home tours, craft market and so much more before we head for Hannibal, MO, and the Mark Twain Museum and compound. Deposit of \$100 is due by March 8. Call Carolyn McDougal for all the details, (901) 861-0841.



Happy Birthday

- Mar. 1 Rebecca Bedwell
 Jeremy Bellott
 Greg Bishop
 Margaret Ann Ligon
 Shannon Pitner
- 2 Frances Morris
- 7 John Farrow
- 12 Matthew Bedwell
- 14 Brock Tschume
- 16 Christopher Little
- 19 Perri Mathis
- 23 Courtney Bierbrodt



Happy Anniversary

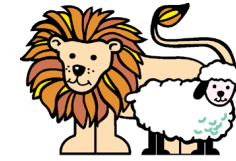
- Mar. 11 Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

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 Warren Petty
 Brother Paul
- Children's Time**..... Frances Morris
- Lock-up** Barry Mathis

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org

Birthstone:
Aquamarine



Flower:
Daffodil

March is:

- Irish American Month Frozen Food Month
- National Women's History Month
- 10 - 16 National Crochet Week and National Bubble Week
- 17 - 23 Consider Christianity Week
- 2 Old Stuff Day
- 3 If Pets Had Thumbs Day
 The Iditarod
- 4 Hug a GI Day
- 6 Frozen Food Day
 Shaquille O'Neal's Birthday
- 8 Be Nasty Day
- 10 Landline Telephone Day
 Carrie Underwood and Prince Edward's Birthdays
- 11 Johnny Appleseed Day
- 14 Potato Chip Day
 Pi Day (as in 3.14159265.....)
- 15 Incredible Kid Day
- 16 National Quilting Day
 Jerry Lewis's Birthday
- 20 International Earth Day
- 22 As Young as You Feel Day
 Marcel Marceau's Birthday
- 24 Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
- 25 Aretha Franklin's Birthday
- 26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day
- 30 I Am In Control Day
 Celine Dion and M.C. Hammer's Birthdays
- 31 Clams on the Half Shell Day

