

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**Signature HC**  
Martha Wallace 323B

**At Home**  
Mark Lewis Betty Ray  
Earl Galloway Pat Tully

**Hospice Care**  
Mary Stanley Lynda Park

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...the Wilson, Mathis and Little families and  
friends of Perry Wilson  
...the Stabe family in the loss of their son, Eric

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**OUR PRESENCE**

**March 9**  
Church School 46  
Worship 80  
Visitors 10

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**OUR GIFTS**

**March 9**  
This Week's Offering \$ 1,939  
MTD \$ 9,070

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**OUR SERVICE**

**March 16, 2014**

**Greeters** Mary Robbins  
Barbara Scheirer  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Barry Mathis  
**Children's Time** Frances Morris  
**Lock-up** Tom Lockhart

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**March Scripture Readers**

23 Renee Little  
30 Brother Paul

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

As we enter into the season of Lent, one of the season's primary focuses is drawing closer to God. In my opinion, that is the primary reason for people to give something up for Lent. In the giving up, we should be drawn closer to God.

Another emphasis of Lent is repentance. Repentance is another way in which we draw closer to God. Frederica Mathews-Green writes the following about it:

*Repentance is the doorway to the spiritual life, the only way to begin. It is also the path itself, the only way to continue. Anything else is foolishness and self-delusion. Only repentance is both brute-honest enough, and joyous enough, to bring us all the way home.*

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for March 16<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 121  
Genesis 12:1-4a

Sermon Title

"Hitting the Road"

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 3/16	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting Emphasis- Miriam Center
Mon. 3/17	St. Patrick's Day Noon News Deadline
Tue. 3/18	9:00a Lana Leading Mission Study @ Collierville 6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 3/19	10:00a UMNC Key Women 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/20	NO Bible Study 10:00a Leave for Calvary Lenten Lunch & Service
Fri. 3/21	Offices Closed
Sat. 3/22	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 3/23	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship



**OOPS!!!**

**Had the wrong date last week.**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Coming up April 12**

Our community Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 12, at 1:00 p.m. Children 1-10 are invited to hunt. All others are invited to cheer them on. Thank you in advance for helping Easter Bunny provide plastic eggs and lots of individually wrapped candy for the hunt. Please leave your gifts in the church office.

## LENTEN LUNCH AND PREACHING

**@ Calvary Episcopal**

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine from Vanderbilt University will be the speaker at the Lenten service on Thursday, March 20, at Calvary Episcopal Church. Meet at Aldersgate at 10:00. Bus transportation will be provided. The only cost is your lunch at the famous Calvary Waffle Shop and a gratuity for the driver. Come join us for this popular trip. Please sign up on the office window

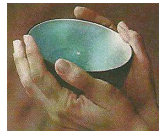


**FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH**

Canned Vegetables

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Live like someone left the gate open!



**LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING**

Lent has begun and lasts until Easter Sunday, April 20. During this time we ask you to participate in our World Hunger Offering. Lenten calendars are available with a scripture passage and a suggested offering for each day in Lent. This is a wonderful way to assist those who struggle to put food on the table and makes help available from organizations such as UM Neighborhood Centers, Reelfoot Rural Ministries, the Food Resource Bank of UMCOR, and Project Peanut Butter, among others. Post your calendar in a conspicuous place and offer a prayer each day as you collect your offering.

## UMW NEWS

**Our Unit Meeting**

...is Sunday, March 16, at 12:15. Our emphasis will be the UMNC Miriam Center and Easter Baskets. The Miriam Center's assessment by the state has been moved up to March, so their needs are currently predominant. Lists of items for both are on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Lunch will be potluck.

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**Spiritual Growth Retreat**

...is coming on April 4-5 at Lakeshore. Dr. Cynthia Davis will be leading "I Give Myself Away" as the program this year. The registration deadline is March 28. Forms and information are available from Barbara Christopher at [barbchris49@hotmail.com](mailto:barbchris49@hotmail.com) or 901-465-2350 or 901-484-0517. The fee is \$65 for accommodations, meals and materials. Please make checks payable to Memphis Conference UMW.



**New to the Reading List**

*Free, Stories of Human Rights*, has been added to the UMW Reading Program under the Social Action category. It is a collection of stories reflecting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948. The stories are humorous, inspirational and inspiring and the majority are about children's experiences.

**THE UPPER ROOM**

...for March/April is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick yours up today!

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

**Honorarium Fund**

In honor of Marjory Ferguson by

Earl Galloway

In honor of Rev. Jim McKinney III by

Earl Galloway

**Memorial Fund**

In memory of Perry Wilson by

Mary Robbins

Cathy Boice & Daniel

In memory of John Keenan by

Mary Robbins

Cathy Boice & Daniel

In memory of Juanita Galloway by

Earl Galloway

In memory of Shirley Lesseg by

Earl Galloway

In memory of Sam Richards by

Earl Galloway

**Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Perry Wilson by

Keith Coffman

Joy Mitchell

Lou Pennington

Peggy Brightwell

Carolyn McDougal

Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold



"I like the new name for the church newsletter."