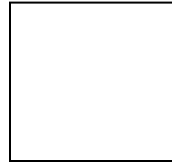


**SUNDAY
MARCH 8, 2009**

Stewardship
Report



Tithes & Plate Offering	\$	9577.66
Church School	\$	30.00
Total Received	\$	9607.66
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March MTD Contributions	\$	9607.66
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YTD Conference Payments	\$	0.00

Attendance: Church School	65
Attendance: Worship	111
Number of Visitors	23

ASSISTING IN SERVICE MARCH 15

Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Ushers	Jimmy Hight, D.L Park, Shannon Pitner, Keith Coffman
Children's Sermon	Diana Bedwell
Church Greeters	Jeanette Leslie, Elizabeth Godbold
Lock-up	Earl Galloway

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To go along with this past Sunday's sermon, I share the following:

"The cross is the great symbol of Christianity. On steeples atop churches, covers of hymnals, lids for communion ware and lapel pins on Sunday jackets, it stands an awesome reminder of all that Jesus suffered. Jesus spoke of the cross as a symbol of Christian dedication. 'Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me' (Mark 8:34).

But Jesus also used another symbol for Christian commitment. 'Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me . . . My yoke is easy and My burden is light' (Matt. 11:29, 30). The yoke is a wooden harness tying two animals together to pull a load. Yokes are not usually painted on church buildings, or printed on the covers of Bibles, or worn as ornaments. Maybe they should be. The yoke, as much as the cross, is a symbol of commitment to Jesus Christ. Paul W. Powell, in *The Complete Disciple* elaborates: 'The cross and the yoke symbolize for us the two different aspects of commitment. The cross is an instrument of death; the yoke is an implement of toil. The cross is the symbol of sacrifice; the yoke is the symbol of service. The cross suggests blood; the yoke suggests sweat . . . to be committed to Jesus Christ means that we are ready for either the yoke or the cross.'"

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for March 15th

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sermon Title

"God's Foolishness is Wiser than Human Wisdom"

Weekly Events: March 15-21

Sun	Mar 15	9:15a 9:45a 10:55a 12:15p 12:30 2:30	Prayer Room Church School Worship Service UMW Meeting Angelfood Ordering Baby shower (Dixie)
Mon	Mar 16		
Tues	Mar 17	10:00a 6:30p	Newsletter Deadline Girl Scouts
Wed	Mar 18	6:00p 7:30	Adult Bible Study Choir Practice
Thu	Mar 19	10:30a	Adult Bible Study
Fri	Mar 20		Office closed
Sat	Mar 21	11:30a 11:30a	AFLS Angelfood Pick up

Scripture Reader Schedule

Please contact the office if you have a conflict with this schedule or to get your scripture for Sunday.

Earline Gabriel	March 15
Judy Stanley	March 22

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-

"We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love"
~ Francis deSales

UMW News –All church members are encouraged to stay for the UMW meeting after church this Sunday, March 15th, to here April Lawrence, Wesley Manor activities director, bring us up to date on what is happening at the Manor. April and her husband, Tom, were faithful members of Aldersgate until they transferred to a church closer to their Mississippi home. Please donate generously to the collection box for the Manor outside the church office. The meal will be a salad lunch with Koinonia/Rebeca in charge of set up. Following our meeting will be the baby shower for Dixie Bradsher, sponsored by some of our members. Also, make plans to attend District Day Apart at Burdette UMC on Saturday, March 28th from 10-12, with registration at 9:30. Each group has directions. Please add Joyce Kernodle to the list of pin recipients in our yearbook.
Aleda Kelly~ Communications

APRIL 14-17 - CHATTANOOGA, TN AND CALLAWAY GARDENS, GA This tour is with All Aboard USA travel. We will have brochures on the bulletin board or you can call Carolyn McDougal (861-0841) for information. This is a great spring tour to enjoy the scenery and gardens.



UM Men's Meeting – UMM met last Sunday evening over dinner in the Fellowship Hall. 16 men were in attendance including our guest speaker, Mr. Rob Crump of Crump Mortgage. Mr. Crump shared his vast knowledge of the Real Estate and Mortgage industries in the Memphis area and the current problems facing both areas and what is being done to repair the credit crisis. Mr. Crump also shared his amazing personal testimony with us. Everyone in attendance learned a lot of useful and important information.

UMW Reading Program Additions-We have received Peace in the Storm: Meditations on Chronic Pain and Illness and Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming donated by Teresa McMullin and Lifting Up Hope, Living Out Justice: Methodist Women and the Social Gospel donated by Betty Smithmier. Lifting Up Hope tracks the mission gospel as lived by 5 key women of the early Methodist Church who were responsible for much of the social legislation passed against child labor, unionization, reducing work hours, etc. These books are available in the UMW Reading Program section of the library.

Angelfood order time! Orders for the March menu will be taken at Aldersgate on Wed March 11th 6pm-7pm and Sunday March 15th 12:30 - 1:30pm. Online orders can be placed at angelfoodministries.com under the Aldersgate page. Call Rebeca with any questions or if you'd like to help out with order taking. 901-484-7385.



Wesley Manor- The march UMW meeting will feature April Lawrence from Wesley Manor. We are collecting items for the Manor in the box outside the office. A list of articles is on the box. April and her husband, Tom Lawrence are former members of Aldersgate.

Guess who volunteers and LOVES IT?!! Barbara Scheirer! She volunteers with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. Adult volunteers are needed to spend time with children who need some extra help/attention. The time commitment is at least a twice a month "date" (movies, museums, etc). More often is encouraged. A short orientation and background check are required. Interested? Big Sister's phone number is 323-5440. Barbara also volunteers at Mewtopia Cat Rescue. Like cats? Mewtopia is fully run by volunteers - no paid staff. Volunteer responsibilities include cleaning, feeding, grooming, playing with the cats, fostering cats, or more organizational tasks of fundraising, adoption counselor, adoption follow up. Mewtopia's phone number is 503-9328. Talk to Ann and tell her Barbara sent you!



Welcome New Members!

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON - MARCH 29 AT 12:15 - FELLOWSHIP HALL We would like to continue to welcome our new members with a pot-luck lunch honoring them after worship service. Please mark your calendars now for this special event. The church will furnish the meat and the Sunday School classes are asked to bring the following dishes: Oxford - salads Fidelis and Fellowship - vegetables and/or meat dishes Current Events – desserts, Bible - rolls and /or bread Youth - two liter soft drinks, Coffee and tea will also be furnished. If you are not in a Sunday School class, we want you to be there for lunch and bring anything you would like to add to the menu. Meet and greet our new members, make them feel welcome and at home at Aldersgate, and invite them to come with you to the activities offered by the church.



Church-wide baby shower for:

Dixie Lee Ann
Nicole Bradsher
Sunday, March 15,



2009 Fidelis Classroom - 2:30-4:30 P.M. Nursery is "Winnie the Pooh"

UMW Missionary Bulletin Board

Now that I'm Back in circulation, it's time to update or missionary bulletin board outside the church school office. Please remember, we must have at least five people corresponding with the missionaries to meet our district goal. Each group has a prayer calendar and you should select names of missionaries to correspond with, either on your birthday, or anytime. If you are not in a group, please ask someone to give you a name. Do not be discouraged if you do not receive a reply at once. When you do get an answer, please put it on the missionary bulletin board so we can share all the news. ~ Betty Smithmier, Missionary Chair

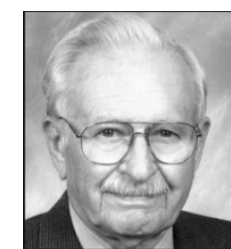


The third-annual Arts of March Mixed-Media Art Show



will be 6 to 10 p.m. March 21 at Inbalance Fitness, 794 S. Cooper. This year's event will feature local artists showcasing and selling their work. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Church Health Center. Admission is free. Bands set to perform include jazz combo Lila as well as the Delta Nomads. For information, call Star Ritchey (901) 272-2205.

WILLIAM "Glynn" TURNER, 82, passed away February



21, 2009. He was born in Curve, TN and lived in Memphis. Glynn was a retired signal engineer with Illinois Central Railroad and president of Turner Signal Engineering, Inc. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 55 years, Norma. Both were

lifelong members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He is survived by his three children, Bill Turner (Gina), Pam Young (Wade), and Terrie Craemer (Tom) and six grandchildren, Joey, Billy, Tyler, Valerie, Ben, and Leslie. He is also survived by two sisters, Doris Henderson and Joan Parks and many nieces and nephews. Glynn will be greatly missed by his church family here at Aldersgate