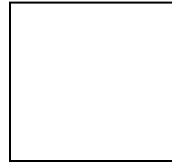


**SUNDAY  
MARCH 8, 2009**

Stewardship  
Report



Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 5300.30
Church School	\$ 21.00
Total Received	\$ 3521.30

March MTD Contributions \$ 14928.96

YTD Conference Payments \$ 0.00

Attendance: Church School	69
Attendance: Worship	117
Number of Visitors	12

**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	Jane Pifer, Jean McCarty
Lock-up	Earl Galloway

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**March 18, 2009**

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In a few short weeks, the season of Lent will be coming to an end, and to assist our newest members, I would like to share about our upcoming worship opportunities. On Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, our chancel choir will be performing their Easter cantata during our 10:55 am worship service. If you have never been blessed to hear our choir sing a cantata, I would encourage you not only to attend, but to also invite a friend. During Holy Week, on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, we will have a traditional Holy Thursday service and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Then on April 12<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday, we will have two worship opportunities, an Easter sunrise service at 7 am where the Lord's Supper will be celebrated, followed by our 10:55 am Easter service. I look forward to worshipping with you during these high Holy days of the Christian year.

Peace and Grace,  
*Brother Paul*

Scripture Readings for March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Numbers 21:4-9

Sermon Title

"Look Up and Believe"



1st day of Spring  
March 20th



**Weekly Events: March 22-28**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	9:00a 9:15a 9:45a 10:55a	Trustee Meeting Prayer Room Church School Worship Service
<b>Mon</b>	Mar 23		
<b>Tues</b>	Mar 24	10:00a 6:30p	Newsletter Deadline Girl Scouts
<b>Wed</b>	Mar 25	6:00p 7:30	<b>Adult Bible Study</b> Choir Practice
<b>Thu</b>	Mar 26	10:30a	Adult Bible Study
<b>Fri</b>	Mar 27		Office closed
<b>Sat</b>	Mar 28	9:30a 11:30a	UMW District Day Apart AFLS

**Scripture Reader Schedule**

Please contact the office if you have a conflict with this schedule or to get your scripture for Sunday.	
Judy Stanley	March 22
Dean Tutor	March 29
Bro Paul Scheirer	April 5

**Redemption 2009/Memphis, TN.**

If you live in the Mid-South area, I want to make you aware of a wonderful opportunity to attend Redemption 2009. Nearly 100 churches from the Memphis area will come together for Redemption 2009 to create a catalyst for unity and reconciliation among sisters in Christ, spanning generations, evangelical backgrounds, neighborhoods, cultures and races. Priscilla Shirer, Christian author and international speaker, is the keynote guest. She is the daughter of well-known Dallas minister Dr. Tony Evans. Join us for Redemption 2009, a multicultural revival, March 27-28 at the Memphis Cook Convention Center. It's free. Bring your friends, and expect God to come down and change lives. Contact 255-8113 for more details or go to redemption2009.com.

**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.



**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.

**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. We have added 18 new members in the last 12 months.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-**  
 " He that has no fools, knaves, nor beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning."

**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



**Volunteers needed for Angelfood** distribution on Saturday, March 21, from 11-1. Needed: lifters, toters, haulers, greeters, planners, organizers, food-layer-outers, food passer-outers, and name crosser-offers. Slots still open for those called to be purely decorative. Call Rebeca if you're interested! 901-484-7385.

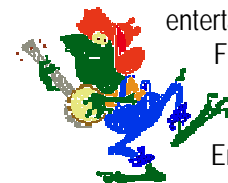
**Interested in the ordering aspect of Angelfood?** If you'd like to learn more about the ordering process of Angelfood, consider a district-wide training with on Saturday, April 4th. It's in Millington, from 9-12. Rebeca will be attending, let her know if you'd like to go.

**United Methodist Men Annual Meeting-**

Archer's Chapel will host the 2009 United Methodist Men's Annual Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>. Featured speaker will be Brother Larry Malone, Director of Men's Ministry. Dinner will be all you



can eat catfish and country ham~ \$10 per person. The entertainment for the evening will be the Fincher's Family. We will car pool from Aldersgate leaving at 2:30pm. To make your reservations, Call Rick Ernst at 484-7383. Deadline for reservations will be April 12<sup>th</sup>.



**Do you volunteer and LOVE IT?** It's scary to go new places and do new things - to help, I'm making a list of great volunteer opportunities. How do I know they're great? You are going to tell me! If you have volunteered and had a good experience, email or call Rebeca with the name/contact info of the place, some specific volunteer tasks and an approximate time commitment. 901-484-7385 or [heyuena@yahoo.com](mailto:heyuena@yahoo.com) I'll put the info in newsletters as I receive it.

**Lenten Service & Luncheon Rescheduled**

Meet at the church at 10:30 on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will not have Bible Study that day. We have arranged for a bus to take us to the church. Your cost is for your lunch and we will take up an offering for our bus driver. You need to sign up on the list on the bulletin board or call the church office so we can make arrangements for the group. This is a very special event during Lent and we hope that many of you will go with us. The Rev. Dr. Stacy L. Spencer, of Memphis will be the speaker.



**New Church Secretary**

The SPRC Committee and the church would like to thank Rick Ernst for his service to us. He has been a great asset to Paul and to the church family. Since Rick has decided to move on to a full time situation, we have had to search for a new secretary. However, we were fortunate to interview and hire the former secretary at Mullins - Kathy Earl. Kathy will be starting Monday March 23. Her hours will be 9-3:30 with a 30 minute break for lunch. We are sure that you will enjoy working with her and will give her some time to get "broken in" on how we do things here. Rick and Paul will be helping her learn the ropes. We trust that you will help her, too, by being understanding as she gets acclimated to the job. ~SPRC Committee

**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.