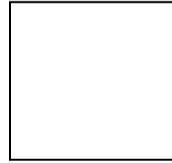


**SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, 2009**

Stewardship  
Report



Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 1891.43
Church School	\$ 23.00
Total Received	\$ 1914.43

March MTD Contributions \$ 16843.39

YTD Conference Payments \$ 0.00

Attendance: Church School	60
Attendance: Worship	106
Number of Visitors	6

**ASSISTING IN SERVICE MARCH  
29TH**

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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With the nice weather we've had over the past few days in Memphis, it is hard not to get spring fever. This past Sunday, with weather in the mid-seventies, some of our new neighbors began emerging from their homes. Spring is in the air, and it is evidenced by the rebirth of creation. Aleita Tutor's Sunday school class has set up a butterfly pavilion, and this past Sunday, nine of the ten chrysalises birthed their painted lady butterflies. The process of caterpillars being birthed into butterflies is a great way to help explain to children about the conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus about how His followers need to be "born from above", "born anew" or "born again". May all the signs we see of the rebirth of creation be reminders for us of our rebirth in Christ.

Peace and Grace,  
*Brother Paul*

Scripture Readings for March 29th  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon Title  
"A Faith That Looks Forward"

**Weekly Events: March 29-Apr 4**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 29</b>	9:15a 9:45a 10:55a 12:15p	Prayer Room Church School Worship Service <b>New Member Dinner</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Mar 30		
<b>Tues</b>	Mar 31	10:00a 6:30p	Newsletter Deadline Girl Scouts
<b>Wed</b>	Apr 1	6:00p 7:30	Adult Bible Study Choir Practice
<b>Thu</b>	Apr 2	10:30a	Adult Bible Study
<b>Fri</b>	Apr 3		Office closed
<b>Sat</b>	Apr 4	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.	
Dean Tutor	March 29
Bro Paul Scheirer	April 5

**UMW NEWS** Thanks to our new president, Frances Morris, we got off to a good start at our March Unit meeting. We also wish to thank Jean McCarty for arranging for our speaker, April Lawrence, from Wesley Manor. A large number of supplies were collected for the Manor. Please plan to attend the District Day Apart this Saturday, March 28, at Burdette UMC. Registration is at 9:30; the program from 10 to 12. If you need a ride, be at the church at 9 a.m. This is always a spiritually uplifting annual event. Continue to check out books from our Reading Program, examine our UMW Bulletin Board and select a missionary from our Prayer Calendar to correspond with.

**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-**  
" Anger is one letter short of danger."

**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. **Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Angelfood distribution on Sat the 21st. Your presence was a blessing! - Rebeca**



**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.

**UMW Missionary Bulletin Board-** Now that I'm Back in circulation, it's time to update our 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

*Dear Aldersgate Family,  
Your thoughts and prayers help me through every day. It means more than words can ever express to know that you are so sweet to me! Thank you, Doris Babb*



**Easter Egg Hunt-** It's Time to get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Children's Committee is asking for donations of small candy and plastic eggs for the Easter Bunny to hide. If you would like to donate some candy or eggs please bring them to the box outside the Sunday School office.

It was so nice to have so many children and young people in church last Sunday! They are truly a blessing. During the worship service, Children's Church will meet in the class room beside the nursery. Children's Church is for children ages 3-5. We will have activities and a lesson, just like the regular worship service. Thank you~ Children's Ministry Team



Our sympathy and love to the family of **MARY LOU BAKER HAMBERLIN**, 86, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Edward P. "Ham" Hamberlin. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, with visitation 1-2 p.m., both at Forest Hill Funeral Home South. Mrs. Hamberlin is survived by one daughter, Lana H. Solomon. The family requests that donations, in her name, be sent to Aldersgate United Methodist Church.



The Trustees will hold a Church work day April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. If you can use a hammer, work a rake, or screw in a light bulb, we need your help. Watch for more details in later newsletters.



Hey, This is Rick. I would like to thank everyone for putting up with me as secretary for the past few months. We have a REAL secretary now, Kathy. Please go light on her for the first week or so. We can be an intimidating group. Please put any messages in the box outside the office on Sunday. Bro. Paul is very busy on Sunday. Please see Kathy during office hours or use the box.- Love Rick