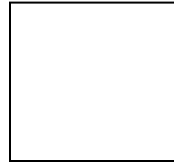


**SUNDAY
MARCH 1, 2009**



Tithes & Plate Offering	\$
Church School	\$
Total Received	\$

March MTD Contributions	\$
YTD Conference Payments	\$ 0.00

Attendance: Church School	God
Attendance: Worship	God
Number of Visitors	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE MARCH 8

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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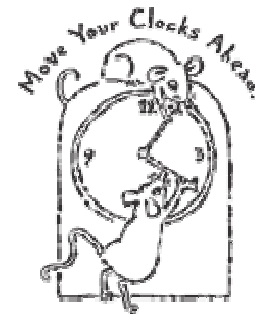
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I've lived in Memphis long enough to know that, when it comes to the weather, expect the unexpected. But this weekend was surely a surprise. I thought we had avoided any chance this winter of having to deal with snow, much less on a Saturday night into a Sunday morning. I missed the opportunity to be with you in worship, but I hope you still enjoyed a day of Sabbath rest. Just like the weather, sometimes God surprises us with the unexpected. Whether it is an unexpected joy, burden, or time of trial, may we remember as brothers and sisters in Christ we share these things together. It is such a blessing to be a part of the body of Christ.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul



Daylight Savings Time Starts
this Sunday

Scripture Readings for March 8th

Psalm 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Title

"No One Speaks like Jesus"

Weekly Events: March 8-14

Sun	Mar 8	9:15a 9:45a 10:55a 6:00p 6:00p	Prayer Room Church School Worship Service Women Of Zion UM Men's Meeting
Mon	Mar 9		
Tues	Mar 10	10:00a 10:00a 6:30p 6:30p 7:00p	Newsletter Deadline Koinonia/Rebeca Girl Scouts SPRC Meeting Love/Hope
Wed	Mar 11	6:00p 7:30	Adult Bible Study Choir Practice
Thu	Mar 12	10:30a	Lenten Service @ Cal.
Fri	Mar 13		Office closed
Sat	Mar 14	11:30a	AFLS

Scripture Reader Schedule

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

Warren Petty	Mar 8
Earline Gabriel	March 15
Judy Stanley	March 22
Dean Tutor	March 29

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-

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

UMW News -March is another big month for United Methodist Women. Subgroup programs will focus on Lent and Easter. Please give generously to the items we are collecting for Wesley Manor in the box outside the church office. April Lawrence, former Aldersgate member, will be our speaker on March 15th. All church members are invited to hear her tell us the status of Wesley Manor. District Day Apart will be held at Burdette UMC on Saturday, March 28th, with registration at 9:30. (Directions later) Please continue to read books from our Reading Program, examine our attractive bulletin board, and contribute to our missionary bulletin board
Aleda Kelly~ Communications

TRIP NEWS! MARCH 12 - CALVARY EPISCOPAL LENTEN SERVICE AND LUNCH AT THE WAFFLE SHOP. Meet at the church at 10:30. 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.

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 - The UMM will meet this Sunday March 8th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner (cost is \$5.00) Our speaker will be Rob Crump of Crump Mortgage. He will speak to us about the fundamentals of the current housing market and in regard to the financial low we are now facing as a nation and the opportunities for the Gospel during these tough economic times. Please call Rick at the church office or 484-7383 to make your reservations for dinner. **This meeting is open to Everyone!**

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.

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? Mewtopis 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.

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.



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



Money saving websites- Here is a list of the websites is use to buy things cheap. I always look at them before I buy just about anything. "Let the buyer beware" defiantly applies, but you can find some really good deals. I also go to many GOOD resale shops.

Websites:
Memphisbackpage.com
Craigslist.com
Estatesales.net (Look for Bruce Hughes' sales)
Commercialappeal.com
MemphisFlyer.com
Freecycle.org
Garagesalecom.com

Resale Shops:
Bibles for China-Macon rd & Sycamore view
DAV Thrift - Summer Ave
Salvation Army-Austin Peay
Goodwill- Summer & Stage.