

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Rehab

Carolyn McDougal 201

At Home

Laurie Losorwith Levester Sumpter

Our Sympathy. love and prayers go out to ...family and friends of Bill Scott

OUR PRESENCE

January 8

Church School	53
Worship	74
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS

January 8

Total Rec'd	\$ 2,727
MTD	\$ 8,112

OUR SERVICE

Assisting January 15

Greeters	Mary Robbins Audrey Weaver
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Earline Gabriel
Children's Time	Ed Stanley
Lock-up	Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers
22 Renee Little
29 Brother Paul



2011 YEAR-END STATEMENTS

...are now available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please pick yours up today.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

One of my sisters-in-law shared this on facebook and I thought I'd share it in our newsletter. A good example of how we can hurt each other and how those hurts can stay with us even after forgiveness.

A teacher in New York was teaching her class about bullying and gave them the following exercise to perform. She had the children take a piece of paper and told them to crumple it up, stomp on it and really mess it up but do not rip it. Then she had them unfold the paper, smooth it out and look at... how scarred and dirty it was. She then told them to tell it they were sorry. Now..... even though..... they said they were sorry and tried to fix the paper, she pointed out all the scars they had left behind...and that those scars will never go away no matter how hard they tried to fix it.

She then told them that that is what happens when a child bullies another child, they may say they're sorry but the scars are there forever. The looks on the faces of the children in the classroom told her the message hit home.

Peace and Grace,

Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Jan. 15th

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Sermon Title

"The Temple of the Spirit"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 1/15 9:00a Trustees
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p Chili Lunch
 12:15p UMW Executive Cmte.

Mon. 1/16 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 1/17 No Activities

Wed. 1/18 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 1/19 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 1/20 Offices Closed

Sat. 1/21 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 1/22 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p Staff/Parish Cmte.

JANUARY 15th PLEASE NOTE

9:00am Trustees will meet to elect officers and discuss other business

12:15pm Chili Lunch to benefit the Scholarship Fund

12:15pm UMW Executive Committee will meet to share their responsibilities then be free to attend the Chili Lunch



ITS CHILI IN JANUARY!

Remember our Chili Lunch to benefit the Scholarship Fund at 12:15p on January 15th. Come enjoy a great meal and help our college students as well.

THANK YOU NOTES

A big thank you to the Fellowship Class. The food and fellowship were great at Fellowship Time on the 8th!

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Thank you Aldersgate family for your continuing support of the Children/Youth Ministries. Sixty calendars were purchased by you and ten more are being given to our shut-ins who can use and enjoy them. The youth delivered five after church Sunday, and this small gift and a visit from them brought great joy to those we miss seeing. What a blessing it was to us to see those sweet smiles and to hear those heart-felt thank-yous.



FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Helping our neighbors in need is one of the things we do very well. This month, our emphasis for the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers Food Pantry is peanut butter, canned tuna fish and dry milk. Please place your gifts in the blue bin in the hall by the Sunday School office. Other non-perishable items are always welcome.

TEA & TOUR FOR SENIORS AT THE BROOKS

Enjoy tea at the Brushmark and tour the collection bought from St. Louis collector Warner S. McCall. Learn about the scandal of 1943 when the City of Memphis spent \$25,000 on this art purchase. The controversy eventually attracted national attention. Free for members, \$3 for non-members. For reservations call 901-544-6244.

UMW NEWS

Officers, please remember our Executive Meeting next Sunday in the Fidelis class after church. We will be out in time for the Chili Lunch.

Another important date is Saturday, Jan. 21, at Capleville UMC - President's/Vice President's Day. This is when all UMW's get to hear what other Units are doing. An interesting time, so plan to attend.

A book from our Reading Program, *Forgotten Girls*, is a MUST for reading. Since our beginning in the 1800's, United Methodist Women have championed the rights of women and children. You will be horrified at what is happening to them in other parts of the world. Outreach is highly recommended and suggestions are offered. But, if we can do nothing else but pray, please do so. The writer says this is the greatest gift we can give these tortured females.

Aleda Kelly, VP



BOOK & BAKE SALE

Don't forget! Jan. 14th, from 8 to 2. We have some great books and you KNOW we have great cooks. Join us on Saturday and go home with some good reading and some great goodies!

RECYCLE YOUR BAGS

What a great idea!

Do you know that some stores encourage you to recycle their bags? Reuse those plastic grocery bags, drugstore bags, home maintenance bags, etc. Better yet, get cloth or fiber bags to reuse so you won't even need store bags.



HELPING THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

Rev. Rick Pinkston is asking for your help in providing meals for the campus ministry at the University of Memphis, on Tuesday evenings from January through April. They are currently serving about 35 at 7:45 p.m., following their worship service at 7. Meals can be prepared on site in a well-appointed kitchen or brought in. Paper products, utensils and beverages/ice are provided. Any Tuesday in January is an acute need. Feb. has the 14th and 21st open; March has the 13th and 27th open and April 10th, 17th and 24th are open.

If you or your group would like to help or would like more information, please call Rev. Pinkston at 901-458-5808 or email him at wesleymemphis@ymail.com.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Listen to your words this week. Should you take any of them back?



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WHITE BEANS AND BINGO

Have you signed up yet on the office window or the kitchen bulletin board for our White Beans and Bingo Day on January 26 at 11:15? And don't forget those white elephant prizes, beautifully wrapped, for our lucky winners!