

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Rehab

Carolyn McDougal 201

Camden Rehab

Gabe Colosia 508A

Hospice Care

Valerie Porterfield

At Home

Erwin Walls

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to ...Wanda & Janelle Tabor, family and friends, in the loss of their uncle, Robert Tabor

OUR PRESENCE

January 15

Church School	56
Worship	86
Visitors	4

OUR GIFTS

Unavailable due to the holiday.

This Week's Offering
MTD

OUR SERVICE

Assisting January 22

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

January Scripture Readers

29 Brother Paul

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

are available on the table outside the Sanctuary.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

We've all heard of WWJD. What about AMDG?

You won't find those initials on many wristbands, but you will find them on hundreds of pieces of music written by Johann Sebastian Bach. They stand for a Latin phrase *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* ("To the Greater Glory of God"). Bach felt so strongly that his musical compositions were meant to glorify God that he scrawled those initials at the top of every manuscript.

We're not much for Latin phrases today, but what about the message the phrase signifies? Even the English translation many of us may not be eager to inscribe on our creations—whatever they may be. But when the church serves the community in which it's located, God is glorified. AMDG: A reminder of why the church does what it does.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Jan. 22nd

Psalm 62:5-12

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Title

"What an Invitation!"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 1/22	9:00a Child/Youth Min. Team 9:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Staff/Parish Cmte.
Mon. 1/23	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 1/24	No Activities
Wed. 1/25	6:00p Fellowship & Study
Thu. 1/26	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 1/27	Offices Closed
Sat. 1/28	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 1/29	9:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship

PLEASE NOTE

These activities for January 22:

- ~ **Children/Youth Ministries Team** will meet at 9 a.m. in the Child/Youth SS Room.
- ~ **Choir Rehearsal** will be at 9:30a.
- ~ **Staff/Parish** will meet at 12:15p.



WHITE BEANS & BINGO CANCELLED

...for Jan. 26th.

We are going to wait until Carolyn can join us.

VALENTINE BANQUET Coming up on Feb. 12

Mark your calendar now for Feb. 12 for our annual Valentine Banquet at 12:15, right after church. Please make reservations with Bruce Hughes or call the church office, 683-8861.



CONGRATULATIONS, TYLER!

Tyler Pilkinton has been named a Gold Key winner as part of the Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards presented by the Brooks Museum League and the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. His self-portrait is currently being exhibited at the museum. An awards ceremony will be held at the Brooks on February 6. Way to go, Tyler!!!



SUNGLASSES SUNDAY



...is February 12. Project 20/20 is a VIM Program of the United Methodist Church, helping people around the world see better. Your kindness in donating used or unused glasses and sunglasses, discarded lenses or making a donation for an eye exam, will provide free services in countries where there is little or no care for the poor. Please place your gifts in the box near the Sanctuary door or, if giving a check, please make it out to Aldersgate and designate 20/20 in the memo line.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dearest Friends,
You have overwhelmed me with your calls, cards, visits, flowers and especially your prayers. Thank you so much for your many kindnesses. A special thank you to Brother Paul for "cheering me on". You are really what family is all about!

Carolyn McDougal

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Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all your cards and calls. They really brighten my days. A special thanks to the UMW for their visit and the lovely Christmas stocking filled with so many lovely little gifts. It was a wonderful surprise.

Jane Pifer

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Develop a respect for wisdom.
It usually comes with age.

UMW NEWS

The following quote is taken from the "Be a Green UMW Unit: Take The Pledge" form posted on the UMW bulletin board:

"Being a Green UMW Unit"

"Every action has consequences on other humans and on the earth. Become aware of the outcome of your actions, reduce your impact on others and walk lightly on the earth. Consider these practices to be a spiritual discipline."

There are many ways to follow environmentally safe practices. Take a look at the form on the UMW Board and see how many you are already doing (you'll be surprised), and how many more you are willing to do or work toward. Here's a sample. Education—Learn about the environmental crisis and ecological justice.

We can all make a difference!



CARING FOR CREATION—2012 EDITION TO BE PRESENTED AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

March 14-18, 2012, you can take part in an experience for laity and clergy addressing how the faith community can promote justice for Earth and all living things. Discover your residential and faith communities' role in environmental care.

A host of leaders will offer workshops where you will explore the similarities between American Indian spirituality and Christian theory, consider contemporary efforts toward sustainability and biodiversity, look at faith as a foundation for creation care, become the voice or representative for another life form, learn how congregations can play a critical role in confronting climate change and how to take a brighter path to the future.

There will be many on-site events and off-site opportunities for you to participate in, learn about and enjoy God's creation and how to make a better world. For more details, cost and housing info, you may call 1-800-222-4930.

JANUARY MISSION EMPHASIS

Needed at UMNC Food Pantry:
Peanut Butter Dry Milk Canned Tuna Fish
The blue bin is in the hall.



BE A GREETER IN 2012

There's still an opening in July. The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

...Jan. 18-25, an octave of 8 days, is set aside to pray for Christian unity and our journey of faith. 2012 has the theme: "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ". (1 Cor. 15:51) In your reflections during this time please contemplate:

...Day 1...**Changed by the Servant Christ.**

Read Mark 10:45 Psalm 131 Romans 12:3-8

...Day 2...**Changed through patient waiting for the Lord.**

Read Matt 3:15 Psalm 40 Hebrews 11

...Day 3...**Changed by the Suffering Servant.**

Read I Peter 2:21 Ps 22:12-24 Is 53:3-11

...Day 4...**Changed by the Lord's victory over evil.**

Read Rom 12:21 Psalm 1 Exodus 23:1-9

...Day 5...**Changed by the peace of the Risen Lord.**

Read John 20:19 Ps 133 Eph 2:14-20

...Day 6...**Changed by God's steadfast love.**

Read I Jn 5:4 John 15:9-17 Ps 136:1-4,23-26

...Day 7...**Changed by the Good Shepherd.**

Read John 21:17 Ps 23 Eph 6:10-20

...Day 8...**United in the reign of Christ.**

Read Rev. 3:21 Psalm 21:1-7 John 12:23-26

Let us celebrate the Reign of Christ. His victory enables us to look to the future with hope and to overcome all that keeps us from sharing fullness of life with Him and with each other. Celebrate this gift of unity and share the victory over all that divides.