

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist University

Maxine Mason 603 Tower

Hospice Care

Tina Gift

At Home

Terry Williamson
Russell Gallimore

Quince Rd. Rehab

Gene Finger 2006

OUR PRESENCE

February 3

Church School	45
Worship	55
Visitors	2

OUR GIFTS

February 3

This Week's Offering	\$ 5,192
MTD	\$ 5,192

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 10

Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Lisa Hughes
Children's Time	
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers

17	Tom Lockhart
24	Barry Mathis



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I thought I'd rerun the story from my sermon about the priest, the doctor, and the lawyer for those not at church last Sunday.

A story I read illustrates how this kind of shift in perspective, and how we view things, can make the apparently impossible, possible. It's about a man who loved his money very much. In fact, he was such a miser that in his will he stipulated that he wanted all his money to be buried with him. He was going to take it with him after all. At his funeral there were three friends: a priest, a doctor, and a lawyer. After the funeral, the priest said, "Well, I have a confession to make. I'm a bit ashamed, but when no one was looking, I took a little of the money out of one of the envelopes in the coffin. It was so sad to see it just buried and after all it's for a good cause."

The doctor then said, "Yes, I took some too. And I'm ashamed, but I just couldn't let it all go into the ground. So I slipped a little more than you, actually," he said to the priest. "I took one whole envelope."

"I'm ashamed of both of you," the lawyer said. "Stealing from a dead man! I took all the rest of his money, all the other envelopes. But I didn't steal it. I put in a check for the full amount, totally legal." The lawyer was profoundly in touch with the truth of this situation. The check was just as good to the dead man as the cash would have been. It just took a new way of thinking about it, to release the gift. The lawyer thought about the situation in a different way and got all the rest of the money.

When you find the different way of looking at the situation that has stopped you from loving before, then the way is opened to releasing a flood of resources to enable love to use that same key to open other impasses.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb. 10th

Psalm 99

Luke 9:28-43a

Sermon Title

"From Inspiration to Application"



SUNGLASSES SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10

AND...we will continue our emphasis on glasses and cash through the month of February. Please make checks out to Aldersgate and designate for Project 20/20. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 2/10 **Sunglasses Sunday**
 - 9:45a Church School
 - 10:55a Worship
 - 12:15p Valentine Lunch
- Mon. 2/11 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 2/12 10:00a Koinonia Group
6:00p Cub Scouts
7:00p Love/Hope Group
- Wed. 2/13 **Ash Wednesday**
 - 12 Noon Service of Ashes
 - 6:00p Fellowship Pot Luck
 - 6:30p Service of Ashes
 - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 2/14 **Valentine's Day**
 - 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 2/15 Offices Closed
- Sat. 2/16 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 2/17 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship

VALENTINE LUNCH Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013

Everyone with a heart is invited to our Valentine Lunch, sponsored by the United Methodist Men. The menu is Pork Tenderloin, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans and Salad - \$5 per person. You may pay at the door. Lunch is at 12:15p, right after our worship service. Entertainment and fun are in store for all. Please call the church office to make reservations, 683-8861.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Give someone the courage to communicate, then have the grace to listen!

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
I enjoyed so much the cards and flowers during the holidays. I appreciate your kind remembrances. My love to all of you.
Marie Hughes

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Thank you, Fidelis Class, for all the goodies at Fellowship Time last Sunday. They filled our tummies and warmed our hearts.

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Our thanks to Don Dodson and Scout Pack/Troop 240 for the BBQ Lunch provided for our congregation on Scout Sunday and for picking up limbs around the church. They are certainly an asset to our community.



...services will be on Wed., February 13. We will have two Services of Ashes, one at 12 Noon and one at 6:30. There will a pot luck Fellowship time at 6:00, prior to the evening service.



TIME TO THINK SUMMER CAMP

Yes, it is still winter but some of these camps fill up very fast. Early registration is a must! The United Methodist Church has awesome camps for children and youth at Lakeshore, in Eva, TN. 2013's Camp Season begins June 2, offering sessions for Parent/Child, with children as young as 5, to Special Needs Camps for the Developmentally Disabled, and the Camp Hope Series (for which there is NO CHARGE), for those with exposure to drug and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse and anger issues. You may contact Lakeshore at 731-584-6102 or office@lakeshoreuma.com, for information about specific camps and fees.



UMW NEWS Labels for Education

Organizations participating in the Labels for Education Program receive free educational materials when redeeming points.

Did you know there are more than 2,500 products participating in Labels for Education? They run the gamut from beverages, breads & cereals, soups, snacks, sauces and gravies to food storage products, magazines and stationery.

Brand names are Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Bic, V8, Goldfish, Emerald, Dannon, Glad, Pop-Secret, Post Cereals and People Magazine. For the products that don't have a label, the caps from the bottles and jars are needed.

Now you know there are at least two or three of these products that you use regularly. We would love to have you save the labels/caps for us to give to UMNC. You may bring your labels to the church office or take them to a Group or Unit meeting.

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Remember, the deadline to register for the Day Apart Mission Study on Poverty at Emmanuel UMC is Feb. 11. Register with Phyllis Gay at 485-8416 or on line at phyllispgay@yahoo.com.

CHURCH HEALTH CENTER LOOKING FOR EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Looking for ways to get involved? Church Health Center has some great opportunities, from chairing a committee, promoting a community event to being an event-day volunteer. Work with local stars and music lovers at Rock for Love, spread awareness about the Church Health Center with members of iGive, sell tickets to *The Color Purple* at Playhouse on the Square or help organize the VIP reception. Need to know more? Contact Jennie Dickerson at dickersonj@churchhealthcenter.org or 901-701-2097.

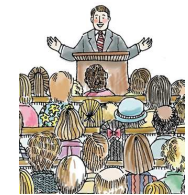
HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Honorarium Fund

In honor of Norris Gabriel in celebration of his 90th birthday by
Mary Robbins
Cathy Boice & Daniel

Scholarship Fund

In honor of Norris Gabriel in celebration of his 90th birthday by
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold
Carolyn McDougal
Tom & Sharon Lockhart



LENTEN PREACHING & LUNCH AT CALVARY

We will attend the Lenten Preaching service and the Waffle Shop at Calvary Episcopal Church on Thursday, Feb. 28. Mr. Brian D. McLaren, author, speaker and activist, will bring the message. The bus will leave church at 10:30a. Be sure to sign up early. A sign-up sheet is on the office window.



FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY Canned Meats



GOING PLACES Bus Tour to Tupelo

Join us on March 19 and take a trip to see Elvis Presley's boyhood home and church and the newly renovated Museum and Antique Auto Museum. Contact Carolyn McDougal for more information at (901) 861-0841.