

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis
Dorothy Hyatt 1005

Our Sympathy. love and prayers go out to Pat Tully in the loss of her mother, Lavelle Bryant.

OUR PRESENCE

February 7
Church School 50
Worship 66
Visitors 4

OUR GIFTS


February 7
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 6581
Church School \$ 27
Total Rec'd \$ 6608

February MTD \$ 6608

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 14

Greeters Jean Delong
Margaret Ann Ligon
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Dean Tutor
Children's Time Bruce Hughes
Lock-up Barry Mathis

 **February Scripture Readers**
21 Jane Hight
28 Lisa Hughes

ALDRSGATE United Methodist Church
4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917

THE FLAME is a publication of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The newsletter is published weekly. Please contact your local Postmaster if you are having difficulty with delivery

The  Flame

*Information for the Family and Friends
of Aldersgate U.M.C.*

Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374
E-mail: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org

February 10, 2010 Volume 55 Issue 6

FROM THE PASTOR

Since I used a badly chosen example of someone who can hold grudges on Sunday during children's time, here is another example.

One day a visitor leaned on the fence around a farm while he watched an old farmer plowing with a mule. After a while, the visitor said, "I don't like to tell you how to run your business, but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying, 'Gee' and 'Haw' to that mule instead of just tugging on those lines." The old farmer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and wiped his face. Then he said, "Reckon you're right, but this animal kicked me five years ago and I haven't spoken to him since."

The moral of the story seems obvious: A grudge is harder on the one who holds it than the one it is held against.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Feb.14
James 1:12-16
Hebrews 4:14-16

Sermon Title
"Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb. 14 - Sat., Feb. 20

- Sun. 2/14 **Happy Valentine's Day!** 
 - 9:15a Prayer Room
 - 9:45a Church School
 - 10:55a Worship
- Mon. 2/15 Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 2/16 11:00a Clergy Mtg-Collierville
6:30p Girl Scouts
- Wed. 2/17 **Ash Wednesday**
 - 12:00p Service of Ashes
 - 6:00p Fellowship
 - 6:30p Service of Ashes
 - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 2/18 10:00a Adult Bible Study
- Fri. 2/19 Offices Closed
- Sat. 2/10 9:00a AFLS
10:00a Angelfood Distribution



ASH WEDNESDAY

The Lenten season begins on Feb. 17. We are offering two Ash Wednesday service opportunities, one at 12 noon and one at 6:30 p.m. on February 17.

NEW ADDRESS

Doris Babb is now at Cordova Estates. Her new address is:
1535 Appling Care Ln. Rm. 405
Cordova, TN 38018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Is God using you to share the comfort of His love with others?

WARMEST THANKS

...and heartfelt gratitude from your Conference Council on Finance and Administration for your church's support by paying 100% of your apportionments in spite of the economic struggles being experienced by all of us. FANTASTIC! is an understatement!

Most of the work of our connectional church is only possible because of the effort made by churches like yours. With the commitment made by you and all of our churches, our ministries are still providing hope and promise to those in need of Christ and the helping hand of our United Methodist Church.

Please know that the entire Council and staff are eager to support your efforts in any way possible.

Jerry Severns
President, CCFA



Saint Luke's United Methodist Women invite you to the musical **"Parade"**

at Poplar Pike Playhouse
Germantown High School
on

Sunday, March 7, 2010
2:30 p.m.

General Admission \$20
Proceeds benefit missions

Tickets available through March 5
At St. Luke's UMC
485 S. Highland



UMW NEWS

Ladies, remember the District Day Apart will be held at our church on March 27. This is always an uplifting event and we expect a larger than usual crowd. We will need the help of all our groups to provide refreshments. At-large members, please let Frances or Aleda know if you are willing to help with this.

THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

...is coming April 15-16 and April 17-18, lead by Rev. Birgitte French. Registration deadline is March 15. Forms are available in the church office. The \$60 fee includes lodging, 3 meals and materials. Questions??? Call Marilyn Ramsey, 731-414-8461, cell 731-686-0366 or email at marilynramsey@telephoneswitching.com



BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY

Just a hour or two a week can help ease the loneliness, fear and isolation of a person with a terminal illness, especially those in local nursing homes. Many have no family or friends to offer compassion or to care for them.

If you can listen, hold a hand, read, sing, bake cookies, play an instrument or just want to help, there is someone who needs your friendship.

Crossroads Hospice of TN is offering a two day volunteer training event on Thursday, March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for all who are interested. For information or to register, please call 382-9292, or email Lynn at lynn.packard@crossroadshospice.com.

Volunteers are also needed for special projects and celebrations and to help with administrative tasks.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Gene Lester by
Kathryn Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Hight
Mr. & Mrs. Neil DeLong

- In memory of W.D. Haney by
Kathryn Clark

- In memory of Lavelle Bryant by
Kathryn Clark

- In memory of Helen Hadaway by
Friends at Lutheran Village
Mr. & Mrs. Neil DeLong

Pew Cushions

- In memory of Gene Lester by
Martha Burford
Joyce Kernodle

SUNGLASSES SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 14



Extending God's Love to Those Losing Their Sight

Lend your support to Project 20/20 as we gather eye glasses, sun glasses and money to provide vision care to the poor around the world.

Gifts may be placed in the box outside the Sanctuary or, if you prefer to give money, we accept cash or checks made out to Aldersgate with "Project 20/20" written in the memo line and dropped in the offering plate.

As we have been blessed, let us extend that blessing to others.