

OUR PRAYERS
Signature HC VA
Martha Wallace 323B John Keenan 3F318

Hospice Care
Mary Stanley Lynda Park

At Home
Aleita Tutor Betty Ray
Earl Galloway Pat Tully

OUR PRESENCE
February 9

Church School	40
Worship	69
Visitors	1

OUR GIFTS
February 9

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,638
MTD	\$ 5,138

OUR SERVICE
February 16, 2014

Greeters	Elizabeth Godbold Jeanette Leslie
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Jane Hight
Children's Time	Rebeca Ernst
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS
February Scripture Readers
23 Lisa Hughes



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

To be a witness for God is to be a living sign of God's presence in the world. What we live is more important than what we say, because the right way of living always leads to the right way of speaking. When we forgive our neighbors from our hearts, our hearts will speak forgiving words. When we are grateful, we will speak grateful words, and when we are hopeful and joyful, we will speak hopeful and joyful words.

When our words come too soon and we are not yet living what we are saying, we easily give double messages. Giving double messages—one with our words and another with our actions—makes us hypocrites. May our lives give us the right words and may our words lead us to the right life.

These words are from Henri J. M. Nouwen's *Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith*.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb. 16th
Psalm 119:1-8
Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon Title
"Keeping the Rules?"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/16	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 2/17	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 2/18	NO Cub Scouts
Wed. 2/19	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 2/20	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 2/21	Offices Closed
Sat. 2/22	9:00a AFLS 9:30a UMW Mission Study Day Apart @ German- town UMC
Sun. 2/23	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Church Council Mtg.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

...is coming up on Feb. 23. All are invited. Though non-Council members may not vote, your input is welcome.

† YOU CAN HELP † VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Office of the Public Conservator needs volunteers to help with the many tasks and responsibilities that are assigned by the court. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the Public Guardianship program of the Aging Commission of the Mid-South, please call 901-222-4100 and ask for a volunteer application.

THANK YOU NOTES

To My Dear Aldersgate Family,
Our little world turned upside down during my recent illness, but with your extra love and support we remained faithful and encouraged. Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, texts, and the extra effort it took to prepare a restricted diet meal.

A special thank you goes to my ray of sunshine, Barbara Scheirer, who visited every morning while I was in the hospital, and to Bro. Paul, who was having some challenges himself, for his visits and prayers.

I can't go without saying I can highly recommend Nurse Tutu if you ever need a home healthcare nurse.

Love in Christ,
Aleita

~ ~ ~
Thank you to the United Methodist men who prepared and served the delicious Valentine's lunch. The Fellowship Hall looked beautiful and everyone had a most enjoyable time. Guys, you really did a great job!

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Aldersgate comes through again! We delivered 48 lbs of canned food to Asbury's food pantry and 10 coats to the UMNC Thrift Store. Thank you for all you do for others. You are the best!

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Thank you for your participation in our Soup-er Bowl Celebration. We now have many more pounds of food (soup and crackers) to be delivered to the Food Pantry. You really shine in helping others!



FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Pasta & Sauces (cans or jars)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Each day I will be happier
than a bird with a french fry.

UMW NEWS

The UMW would like to say thank you to Sharon, Rebeca & Kathy for producing our 2014 Year-book. You may pick up your copy in the church library. Please mark your name off the list when you collect your copy.

'Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly'

UMW Mission Study Day Apart at
Germantown UMC

...will begin with registration at 9:30 on Saturday, February 22. Beth Brown will lead the study and offer us tools to deepen our spiritual identity, engage in community, and become involved in mission. A light lunch will be available for \$10. RSVPs were due by February 8 to Laura Meanwell at 309-3456 or meanwellmail@att.net., but she still might be able to fit you in.

Did You Know

...that this year United Methodist Women gave over \$804,000 to the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offering? This money goes to programs that help people change their own life situations through financial education and building business skills. By supporting programs such as Skills for Success, Empowering Women, Financial Savvy, Her Family, and Preventing Predatory Lending, United Methodist Women not only nurture their faith but respond to the needs of women, children and youth around the world.

(Excerpts from *response* magazine)



GOING PLACES

The day trip to Garvin Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs, AR, is on March 25. Payment due Feb.15.

In June we'll tour the Mississippi Blues Trail with stops at Peter's Pottery and McCarty's Pottery in Merigold, MS, plus B.B. King's Museum and Interpretive Center in Indianola.

Please call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for all the details.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

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Terry & Margie Williamson

Memorial Fund

In memory of Charles & Evelyn Goddard by

Mary L. Goddard



MEMPHIS BOYCHOIR & GIRLCHOIR WINTER RECITAL COMING UP

On Sunday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m., the Memphis BoyChoir and GirlChoir will present their winter recital at the Buckman Center for Performing Arts at St. Mary's Episcopal School, 60 Perkins Ext. (at the corner of Walnut Grove). This marks the 26th year for the BoyChoir and the 3rd season for the GirlChoir. Come enjoy what these amazing young singers have to offer. For all the details, you may call 901-323-8597.

February 14

Happy



Valentine's
Day