

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**Hospice Care** Tina Gift  
**Baptist Mem'l.** Gene Finger 3334  
**At Home**  
 Russell Gallimore Ed Caine

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
 ...Family & friends of Helen Pulliam  
 ...Family & friends of Maxine Mason  
 ...Family & friends of Robert Lewis

**OUR PRESENCE**  
**February 10**  
 Church School 47  
 Worship 75  
 Visitors 8

**OUR GIFTS**  
**February 10**  
 This Week's Offering \$ 1,885  
 MTD \$ 7,077

**OUR SERVICE**  
**Assisting February 17**  
**Greeters** Margie Williamson  
 Lorelle Woodard  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Tom Lockhart  
**Children's Time** Tom Lockhart  
**Lock-up** Tom Lockhart



**OUR WITNESS**  
**February Scripture Readers**  
 24 Barry Mathis

**THE UPPER ROOM FOR MARCH/APRIL**  
 ...is now available on the tables outside the  
 Sanctuary. Pick yours up now. Don't miss a  
 day of great devotionals.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

On Ash Wednesday, many of us consent to receive a mark on our foreheads. It is a very ancient mark, a sign of repentance. The Bible tells how Job, and many others throughout the long story of God's relationship with the human race, repented "in dust and ashes."

The ashes are a symbol not of our virtue, but of our lack thereof. They are nothing to be proud of, but rather an honest acknowledgement of who we are before God. They are imposed in the shape of a cross, reminding us that it is through the cross of Christ that we receive our reconciliation. May we never forget His sacrifice for us and for our salvation.

Peace and Grace,  
 Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sermon Title  
 "Blessings Yet To Be Fulfilled"

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/17	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 2/18	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 2/19	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 2/20	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 2/21	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 2/22	Offices Closed
Sat. 2/23	9:00a AFLS 9:30a UMW Day Apart Mis- sion Study on Poverty @ Emmanuel UMC
Sun. 2/24	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship



### BUILD A BASKET FOR UMNC

The UMNC Key Women will be collecting completed Easter Baskets for the day care children and children of staff and after school program.

I have committed our church for 3 baskets. We received 90 baskets last year and the overage was distributed to our many food pantries, which was a nice surprise for those shopping with children.

The baskets should be filled with some of the following: sidewalk chalk, crayons, coloring books, small games, hair ornaments for the girls, sock and some candy—preferably none with nuts. Baskets should be wrapped and tied at the top.

If you would like to commit to a basket, please let me know. Deadline to bring them is March 17. Thanks.

Sharon Lockhart  
754-3429

## THANK YOU

...to the United Methodist Men for the great Valentine's Lunch! The food was great and the company fantastic. The festivities were enjoyed by all in attendance.



## FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY

Canned Meats



## GOING PLACES

### Bus Tour to Tupelo

Tour Elvis Presley's boyhood home and the church where he sang his first gospel songs and the newly renovated Elvis Museum. Then enjoy a buffet lunch at a local restaurant.



### Tulips & Twain What a Combo!

Join us on a tour to Pella, Iowa, May 1-6, for the Tulip Festival, a visit to Amish country and a Mark Twain tour in Hannibal, MO. Fun, Flowers, Farmers and a Famous Writer! What could be better?

Contact Carolyn McDougal for more information on both tours at (901) 861-0841.

## REMEMBER!

Sign up for our trip to Lenten Lunch at Calvary!

## A THOUGHT FOR VALENTINE WEEK On Great Marriages

One weekend, on a visit to her parents, 29 year old Daisy was questioned by her family about her social life. Eager for her daughter to marry, her mother asked what kind of a man she was interested in. Daisy smiled, pointed at her dad, and said, "I want one like him, with a few minor modifications." Her father grinned triumphantly, but her mother brought him back to earth when she said, "It has taken me 32 years to modify that one. It doesn't come in a 30-year-old model."

Great marriages aren't dealt; they are grown!  
(copied)

## UMW NEWS

Two of our sister Units to hold fundraisers soon are St. Luke's, selling tickets for "The Wiz" at Poplar Pike Playhouse on Sunday, Mar. 3, for \$20 each. Info & tickets: call Pat 757-9868; and

Crossroads UMW's fashion show/silent auction will be Saturday, April 13. Doors open at 10:30, lunch at 11. Tickets are \$15. Call 737-3776 to reserve a seat.

## THE MANY WAYS YOU HELP! THANK YOU! Lenten World Hunger Projects

This is only a partial list of the help you give through your Lenten World Hunger Offering:

UMCOR - Do you know that UMCOR's Hunger & Poverty programs are supported by this offering, providing relief especially in areas experiencing famine?

THE PEANUT BUTTER PROJECT - provides a simple and practical way to feed starving children in areas where fuel and electricity are unavailable.

THE RICE & BEANS MINISTRY - provides these staples to families in need in Central America as well as holding day camps for children.

UM NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS - Food Pantries and other projects are also supported through this offering.

There will be a special time during our Easter service for you to present your gifts.

## Building "Kits" for UMCOR

Do you know that you are part of the outreach of UMCOR right in your own backyard? More than 23,500 Cleaning Buckets have been used since Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast and the January storms did much damage in our Memphis Conference.

Making these "kits" is a needed and vital part of what United Methodist churches do to assist those in areas damaged by storms and flooding. Please keep the victims and responders in your prayers. Clean-up and repairs in the wake of these disasters take years of hard and continuous work.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Wanda Tabor by  
James & Dorothy Goolsby



## STATEMENTS ARE READY

Have you picked up your giving statement for 2012 yet? They are available on the table outside the sanctuary. If you would like yours mailed, please call the church office, 683-8861.

## DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

### Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church

Article XVI Of the Sacraments

Sacraments ordained of Christ are not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they are certain signs of grace, and God's good will toward us, by which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm, our faith in Him.

There are two Sacraments ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Those five commonly called sacraments, that is to say, confirmation, penance, orders, matrimony, and extreme unction, are not to be counted for Sacraments of the Gospel; being such as have partly grown out of our corrupt following of the apostles, and partly are states of life allowed in the Scriptures, but yet have not the like nature of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, because they have not any visible sign or ceremony ordained of God.

The Sacraments were not ordained of Christ to be gazed upon, or to be carried about; but that we should duly use them. And in such only as worthily receive the same, they have a wholesome effect or operation; but they that receive them unworthily, purchase to themselves condemnation, as St. Paul saith.

The Articles of Religion are reprinted from the Discipline of 1808