

OUR PRAYERS

Primacy Rehab

Charles Goddard

Camden Rehab

Gabe Colosia

At Home

Paul DeLong

Remember our homebound and those in care facilities

Doris Babb	Joan Clark	Jimmy Craft
Lois Fagan	Mava Dell Fry	Tina Gift
Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes	James Matlock
Martha Meyer	Lorene Nance	Jane Pifer
Bernice Shelby	Mavis Shettles	Emmett Smith
	Harold & Joye Smith	

OUR PRESENCE

February 12

Church School	55
Worship	78
Visitors	4

OUR GIFTS

February 12

This Week's Offering	\$ 3,296
MTD	\$ 8,129

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 19

Greeters	Elizabeth Godbold Jeanette Leslie
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Judy Stanley
Children's Time	Judy Stanley
Lock-up	Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers

26 Dean Tutor

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Some of you will read this right on Valentine's Day so I thought I'd share this quote from Sam Keen's book, *To Love and Be Loved*.

"We come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly."

May we give God thanks for our spouses and all they have meant to us.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb. 19th

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Sermon Title

"The Gospel Unveiled"



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/19 Transfiguration Sunday
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p Adult/Family Min. Team

Mon. 2/20 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 2/21 10:00a Koinonia Group

Wed. 2/22 Ash Wednesday 
12:00p Service of Ashes
6:00p Fellowship
6:30p Service of Ashes
7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2/23 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 2/24 Offices Closed

Sat. 2/25 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 2/26 First Sunday in Lent
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship



LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Commemorating 40 years of the Israelites roaming the deserts and the 40 days Jesus spent alone, fasting in the desert, being tempted by the devil, Lent begins on Feb. 22 this year. Many Christian traditions encourage giving up something for lent, or fasting and praying as a connection to what Jesus went through. Others encourage adding something, be it extra daily prayer, a daily act of kindness or some ministry or outreach focus. However you choose to signify Lent, don't forget our special activities: Services of Ashes on Feb. 22, our Easter Cantata on April 1, Maundy Thursday service on April 5 and the ultimate celebration at the end of Lent, Christ's resurrection, on Easter Sunday, April 8.

ADULT/FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM

...to meet this Sunday, Feb. 19, at 12:15p. All members are encouraged to attend and please bring a calendar, pen and paper.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

In observance of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, we will have two services to impose ashes, one at 12 noon and the other at 6:30 p.m.



BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY Be a Hospice Volunteer

Just an hour or two a week can help ease the loneliness, fear and isolation of people with terminal illnesses. If you can listen, hold a hand, read, play an instrument or just want to help, there's someone who needs your friendship. Crossroads Hospice is providing a training class on Saturday, March 3, from 9 to 2 (lunch included). You may call 901-382-9292 to sign up or, for more information, you may contact sandy.wilson@crossroadshospice.com or darleen.cervasio@crossroadshospice.com.



HYMN WRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, recently announced its first song and hymn writing competition, 'New Songs and Hymns for Renewal!'. Writers and composers must send submissions by April 20. Cash prizes will be awarded and the winning compositions will be performed at a June convocation.

Visit:

<http://united.edu/Music-Competition/New-Songs-and-Hymns-for-Renewal/menu-id-639.html> for official rules and application forms.

Excerpt from The United Methodist Reporter

UMW NEWS

You may still sign up for the District Mission Study: "Haiti: Challenges and Hopes", at Capleville UMC on Sat., Feb. 18, from 10 to 2. Registration begins at 9:30am and there is a \$5 fee for lunch to be served on site. Please make reservations with Marilyn Hathaway, 901-757-1742.

Aldersgate to Host

'A Day Apart' Mini Retreat
March 17 — 9 a.m. to 12 Noon



CREATION CARE

Did you know that the Methodist liberal arts and research school, American University, in Washington, DC, has installed 2,150 photovoltaic panels (electricity generating solar cells) on six of their buildings? In addition, 174 solar energy panels provide hot showers for more than 2000 students living on campus and hot water to the largest dining hall. The university uses wind power for 100% of its purchased electricity and plans to install a wind turbine, designed by an AU professor, that runs on cooking oil from the dining hall.

All great ways to care for God's Creation.



SAVE THIS DATE!

A spaghetti lunch to benefit our Children & Youth Ministries will be held on Sunday, March 11, right after church. Mark your calendars now for this tasty event!

THE UPPER ROOM

...for March/April is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Don't miss out on this great devotional guide. Pick yours up today.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to

Building Maintenance

In memory of Bob Robbins by

Mary Robbins and family

In memory of Sarah Woodard by

Mary Robbins and Family

Memorial Fund

In memory of Sarah Woodard by

UMW Love/Hope Group

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Needed at UMNC Food Pantry:

- Peanut Butter
- Dry Milk
- Canned Tuna Fish
- Canned Vegetables

The blue bin is in the hall!

Needed at Methodist Hospital Auxiliary:

- Deodorant
- White Elephant Items

The wooden box is next to the blue bin in the hall.

Reminder

Although Sunglasses Sunday is now past, we do collect glasses year round for Project 20/20.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let your light shine as a presence for good.



GOING PLACES

We're Off to the Races!

...March 22-23 at Oaklawn Racetrack in Hot Springs, AR, for some thoroughbred action. Free time and dinner on your own Wednesday evening. Made to order breakfast and a tour of Garvin Gardens are in store prior to our return on Thursday morning.

Call Carolyn McDougal, 413-9081, to sign up.