

OUR PRAYERS
Signature @ St. Francis
Dorothy Hyatt 214

At Home
Earline Gabriel
Doris Babb

OUR PRESENCE

February 14
Church School 62
Worship 75
Visitors 4

OUR GIFTS

February 14
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 8015
Church School \$ 23
Total Rec'd \$ 8038
February MTD \$ 14646

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 21

Greeters Jean DeLong
Margaret Ann Ligon
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Bruce Hughes
Lock-up Barry Mathis

February Scripture Readers
28 Lisa Hughes

ALDERSGATE 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 17, 2010

Volume 55 Issue 7

FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday I will preach the last of my sermons on the Lord's Prayer. I hope you have found them not only enjoyable but also challenging in your walk with Christ.

I can't over-emphasize the importance of prayer as a spiritual discipline, one we all need to practice. One of the things for which my professor criticized me when reading these sermons was not providing or talking about different ways to pray as part of this series.

As we begin the season of Lent, I would encourage you to try a way of praying that is different from your normal prayer life. If you have questions about different ways to pray, feel free to ask me, and may we all continue through a life of prayer to grow closer to God.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Feb.21
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Revelation 21:1-7

Sermon Title
"For Thine Is the Kingdom"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb.21 - Sat., Feb. 27

Sun. 2/21	9:00a Children's Min. Team 9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Outreach/Missions 6:00p UM Men's Dinner
Mon. 2/22	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 2/23	6:30p Girl Scouts
Wed. 2/24	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 2/25	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 2/26	Offices Closed
Sat. 2/27	9:00a AFLS

OF SPECIAL NOTE

- The Children's Ministry Team will meet on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 9:00a.m.
- The Outreach/Missions Team will meet on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 12:15p.m.
- The United Methodist Men will meet, with dinner (\$5), on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m.



NEW CLASS COMING IN MARCH

Lynn Coffman & Barbara Scheirer are planning to teach a class based on the book, "Caring for Your Aging Parents". We are tentatively thinking of starting in March during the Sunday School hour. More news to come.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our access to heaven's throne room is a gift. Cherish and nurture it.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Aldersgate Friends,
Thank you for your kindness during my hospitalization. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards and notes of encouragement were and are a great source of strength. I especially thank Brother Paul and Barbara for their visits. It is comforting to be part of a church whose members are so caring.

Love and gratitude,
Marcelle Farrow

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Thank you and thank you again for your support for "Sunglasses Sunday". You will truly be a blessing to those in need of vision care.

Though our recent emphasis was on Feb. 14, we do collect glasses year-round for the VIM Teams serving around the world.



JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT CALVARY

Monday, March 11, we will meet at church at 10:00a.m. to go to Calvary Episcopal Church for lunch and the Lenten Noonday Service. Rabbi Micah Greenstein will give the message. He is an outstanding speaker.

Sign-up on the bulletin board by the kitchen or on the office window.

We have a 28 passenger bus provided by the church, so if you would like to bring a friend, please sign up for them as well. An offering will be taken for our driver and the cost of lunch will be your only other expense.

UMW NEWS

Looking Ahead

Ladies, we need to prepare for important activities in March. Our Unit meeting, March 21, will focus on Methodist Hospital Auxiliary. Koinonia/Rebekah is in charge of set-up.

Earline Gabriel is hoping to get a speaker for us. Instead of collecting items, she stresses that we concentrate on MHA membership. Not only should UMW be 100%, but all church members are asked to contribute, also. Because of health reasons, Earline can no longer be our Key Woman. If you can fill this office, please let us know.

The BIG EVENT is District Day Apart, March 27, a spiritually uplifting event. The new District Coordinator, Patricia Ross, is adding activities to help us qualify for one of our Mission Today goals: to sponsor a spiritual retreat. We will need help in setting up rooms and providing refreshments.

Please make the following changes to your yearbooks:

~ Pg. 14 & 19: new member Joan Oyoo, 4765 Katherine Lane, 38141, 901-282-9455, joined Women of Zion; Pg. 11: birthday-May 5

~ Pg. 17: Doris Babb's new address: 1535 Appling Care Lane, Rm. 403, Cordova, TN 38018

~ Pg. 23: change District Spiritual Growth officer from Pam Solaas to Patricia Ross, 3549 Windrose Dr., 38119, 901-755-0414

~ Pg. 20: Judy Stanley's phone number should be 652-4821

If there are any other changes, let us know.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

The Memorial Fund

In memory of Gene Lester by

- Robert & Peggy Gay
- Robert & Shirley Bryant
- Jim & Terry Brush
- The Fidelis Class

In memory of Lavelle Bryant by

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Hight

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Gene Lester by

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Coffman

In memory of Lavelle Bryant by

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Coffman

GREAT TOUR COMING UP



August 13-20

Northern National Parks

Highlights: Salt Lake City; Idaho Falls; Grand Teton National Park; Jackson Hole; Craters of the Moon; Yellowstone National Park and Old Faithful. Reservations needed by March 13.

Brochures are available on the bulletin board by the kitchen. If you need additional information, please call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for March/April is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Get yours today!