

OUR PRAYERS
Signature @ St. Francis
Dorothy Hyatt 214

OUR PRESENCE
February 21
Church School 46
Worship 73
Visitors 6

OUR GIFTS
February 21
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 3532
Church School \$ 43
Total Rec'd \$ 3575
February MTD \$ 18221

OUR SERVICE
Assisting February 28
Greeters Jean Delong
Margaret Ann Ligon
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Lisa Hughes
Children's Time Bruce Hughes
Lock-up Barry Mathis

 **March Scripture Readers**
7 Brother Paul
14 Tom Lockhart
21 Barry Mathis
28 Renee Little

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FROM THE PASTOR

Barbara and I would like to thank everyone for their concern for the recent loss of our pet Snowball.

Barbara got Snowball as a surprise gift for me when we first moved to Memphis in 1990. We had not had a cat for a pet before her, because Barbara bought Willie, our parrot, before we were married and at first I didn't believe cats and birds would be compatible in the same household. I've learned otherwise since then!!

Pets become a part of our families, and I'm still adjusting to not having Snowball around, and having to bend over to pick up a piece of her long white fur from the floor.

I thank God for these small companions who show us unconditional love.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Feb.28
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sermon Title
"What's For Dinner?"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb.28 - Sat., March 6

- Sun. 2/28 9:15a Prayer Room
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 3/01 Noon Newsletter Deadline
10:00a World Day of Prayer
Buntyn Presbyterian
- Tue. 3/02 6:30p Girl Scouts
- Wed. 3/03 6:00p Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 3/04 10:00a Adult Bible Study
- Fri. 3/05 Offices Closed
- Sat. 3/06 9:00a AFLS

REMINDER! FELLOWSHIP TIME

...hosted by the Oxford Class is March 7. Come enjoy the great food and visit.



AZALEAS FOR EASTER

White azaleas will adorn our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and Easter. If you wish to honor a loved one in this way, please complete the following, enclose payment, and return to the church office. Cost is \$13.50 each.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Amount included \$ _____

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,
Your prayers, calls and cards have meant so much during this trying time. Your care and concern for me and my sister has lifted our hearts and truly shows what a caring family you are. May you be richly blessed for all the love you've shown each of us.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Dorothy Hyatt

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Operation Christmas Child was a tremendous success for 2009. It is such a privilege to join together with those who make this part of their mission and outreach. The Memphis collection center received 25,602 shoeboxes. This, added to other collections, gave 8,000,000 children a gift and opportunity to connect with a local church for ongoing care. It is a great blessing to serve with you and we look forward to next year.

Nigel Bowen, Coordinator
and the OCC Volunteer Team

LENTEN LUNCH AT CALVARY

The correct date is Monday, **March 15**, to meet at church at 10:00a.m. and head to Calvary Episcopal Church for lunch at the famous Waffle Shop and the Lenten Noonday Service led by Rabbi Micah Greenstein. Bus transportation is available and your only expense will be an offering for the driver and the cost of lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board or the office window.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Remember to pray for yourself, that you will be a hearer and a doer of God's word.

UMW NEWS

Ladies, as we enter the Lenten Season, we have a number of UMW activities in March that will help us grow spiritually. We have changed our March Unit Meeting to fit into these spiritual activities.

World Day of Prayer is sponsored each year by Church Women United. Done on the first Friday of March in years past, this year it will be on Monday, March 1, 10 a.m., at Buntyn Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with Church Women United's regular meeting. Free and open to the public (men included), you are encouraged to attend.

Earline has asked that we postpone our Methodist Hospital Auxiliary program until a later date, so we will use our March 21 meeting to set the mood for the Spiritual Growth Retreat. Betty will have a devotional for us, we will sing a number of hymns, examine our Purpose, especially the first two parts, and, in keeping with Women's history Month, we will lift up the names of some women who have meant something special to us. We will end with prayer time in the Sanctuary.

Lunch will be salads with Koinonia/Rebecca in charge.

The BIG EVENT is our Day Apart Spiritual Growth Retreat, "Pray Without Ceasing", on Saturday, March 27. See how Bro. Paul's article last week fits into our prayer life preparation for this retreat. Check out the material on the office window for information. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

We will meet with some District Officers at 3p.m. on March 25, to help set up last minute details.

Some groups did not meet in February, so please give your Methodist Hospital dues to Joyce or Earline.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Gene Lester by
Pauline Nolen & Family

Pew Cushions

In memory of Gene Lester by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel

In memory of Helen Hadaway by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel

In memory of Mike Deaton by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel



EASTER BASKET SURPRISES

Through March 30, we will be collecting Easter baskets, grass, plastic eggs, candy, small stuffed animals, and ribbon and cellophane for wrapping, for preschoolers (infant-5yrs) at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. You may put together a basket with these items or just bring the items to the church and the key Women will put them together after our meeting on March 17. Items received after the 17th will be taken to UMNC. Thank you for your help.



Sharon Lockhart



**ANOTHER GREAT TOUR
October 12-23
Greece: In the Footsteps
of St. Paul**

Highlights: Thessaloniki, Archaeological Museum, St. Demetrius Basilica, Philippi, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, Athens, Acropolis, Old Olympic Stadium, Temple of Zeus, and more. \$2999 per person, double. Brochures available on the bulletin board or call Carolyn McDougall, 861-0841, for info.