

## OUR PRAYERS

### Anderson/Houston

Sandra Lamon

### Hospice Care

Toni Juengling

### At Home

Lourenda McKinney

Margaret Ann Ligon

Jill Westbrook

Frances Coffman

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## OUR PRESENCE

### February 26

Church School	42
Worship	57
Visitors	2

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## OUR GIFTS

### February 26

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,166
MTD	\$ 12,255

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## OUR SERVICE

### Assisting March 4

<b>Greeters</b>	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Children's Time</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Lock-up</b>	Barry Mathis

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## OUR WITNESS

### March Scripture Readers

11	Happy Gbeneneh
18	Jane Hight
25	Lisa Hughes



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Charles Swindoll said: "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string that we have, and that is our attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes."

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

### Scripture Readings for Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 22:23-31

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

### Sermon Title

"A Covenant of Hope"

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 3/4	Second Sunday of Lent 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 3/5	Noon News Deadline 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian
Tue. 3/6	Ministers' Retreat-Kenlake 6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 3/7	Ministers' Retreat-Kenlake No Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/8	Ministers' Retreat-Kenlake No Bible Study
Fri. 3/9	Offices Closed
Sat. 3/10	9:00a AFLS Set Clocks Ahead ► Tonight
Sun. 3/11	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Spaghetti Lunch to benefit Children & Youth



### NOTHING IS BETTER THAN PASTA FOR LUNCH

Join us as the youth serve you at our Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday, March 11, right after church. There is no charge for lunch but a donation that reflects the service you receive will be much appreciated.

The Children & Youth will visit Neighborhood Centers to give what is donated as an outreach project.

You may call Aleita Tutor, 274-0081, or the office, 683-8861, for reservations.

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

...on March 4 will be hosted by the Oxford Class. Come join us!

## "AMISH GRACE"

To be shown at Bible Study on March 1,  
at 10:00 a.m., just prior to  
**WHITE BEANS & BINGO**  
at 11:15am  
All are welcome!



### THE EASTER BUNNY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy are needed to help the Easter Bunny prepare for our Egg Hunt on March 31. Thank you for placing your gifts in the basket by the church office.



### LENTEN PREACHING & THE WAFFLE SHOP

Join us on March 15, as we leave the church at 10:30 for an 11:00 dutch treat lunch at Calvary (the tomato aspic is delicious!), followed by Lenten Preaching, featuring Dr. A.J. Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. Drivers are needed to car-pool. Sign-up sheets are on the office window and the kitchen bulletin board.

## HELPING OTHERS

### 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.

## UMW NEWS

We will be hosting the District 'A Day Apart' Mini Retreat on Saturday, March 17, from 9 to 12. Registration will begin at 8:30. The program will be led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Cynthia Davis.

Our Unit Meeting is on Sunday, March 18, at 12:15. At-large members are in charge of the Easter program. Koinonia Group will set-up. Our Spiritual Growth Retreat 2012, "Its All About Me (And You, Too)", will be April 26-27 and 28-29 at Lakeshore, led by Rev. Melisa Derseweh. The deadline to register is April 11. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Ramsey, 731-686-0366 (home) or 731-414-8461 (cell) or by email at [marilynramsey@telephoneswitching.com](mailto:marilynramsey@telephoneswitching.com)



## CREATION CARE

Do you know that solar and wind power are the cleanest and healthiest ways to produce energy? Today, however, it is very costly to produce these kinds of energy and there are many lobbyists and politicians who do not want to see it happen at any cost. All forms of energy are expensive but, regardless of objections, technologies are running full tilt to increase the world-wide percentage of use. A projection by the International Energy Agency is that solar power generators may produce most of the entire world's energy within 50 years.

### ABOUT OUR LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Remember to pick up your Lenten calendar and consider the suggestions given for each day of Lent. There is a jar/can wrap available, as well. This campaign against hunger benefits many people through the agencies it supports. There will be a special time during our Easter service to place your gifts on the Chancel rail.

## WHAT TO REMEMBER IN MARCH



- ◆ Beans & Bingo on the 1st at 11:15a
- ◆ World Day of Prayer on the 2nd
- ◆ Fellowship Time on Sun., the 4th, at 9:15a
  - ◆ Set your clocks ahead on the 10th
- ◆ Spaghetti Lunch after church on the 11th
  - ◆ Lenten Service & Lunch @ Calvary on the 15th
- ◆ UMW 'A Day Apart' 9 a.m. on the 17th
- ◆ UMW Unit meeting on the 18th at 12:15p
- ◆ Extra Choir rehearsal on the 31st
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. on the 31st

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to

### Trustees/Maintenance

In memory of Sarah Woodard by  
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Sarah Woodard by  
Dean & Aleita Tutor

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do your part  
to be in harmony with nature.



## GOING PLACES

### Chattanooga ~ April 18-20

Ever have a guided tour of Chattanooga and Chickamauga Battlefield? Now's your chance! We will also visit the Tennessee Aquarium and lunch on the Delta Queen. On the way to Chattanooga, we will have lunch at Mary Bobo's Dining Room in Lynchburg and tour the Jack Daniels plant (no samples:) Call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, to sign up.