

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Mem'l

Gene Finger 2929 CCU
Becky Roberts 237 ICU
(daughter of Frances Molnar)

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Russell Gallimore Jimmy Hight

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...the Hughes & Langenberg families and
friends of Conrad Langenberg

OUR PRESENCE

March 3

Church School	38
Worship	66
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS

March 3

This Week's Offering	\$ 5,584
MTD	\$ 5,584

OUR SERVICE

Assisting March 10

Greeters	Happy Gbeneneh Anna Deekae
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Earline Gabriel
Children's Time	Frances Morris
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers

17	Renee Little
24	Warren Petty
31	Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

A friend of mine told me this story of an incident that happened to her.

She was not having a good day. She was running late, the car had a flat tire and she had not even had her morning coffee. After she had made a few calls and the flat had been fixed, it seemed things were on a better path. It was nearly noon and she decided to treat herself to lunch at a favorite spot.

Wouldn't you know it. There was a filthy, old man in ragged clothes asking for hand-outs right near where she had parked. Her initial reaction was much like many of us - I'll just ignore him. But...something, or someone, changed her mind and she asked if he was okay. He said he was very hungry, having not eaten in two days and would she please help. Having little money with her, she tried to explain that she could not afford to feed them both. Rather than being angry, the man thanked her for her time and said he understood.

She went inside, ordered her lunch and took it straight out to the man. As this was happening, her cell phone rang. It was a friend inviting her to lunch.

Peace & Grace,
Brother Paul

Scriptures for March 10

Psalm 32

Joshua 5:9-12

Sermon

"A Day of New Beginnings"

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 3/10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 3/11 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 3/12 10:00a Koinonia Group
6:00p Cub Scouts
7:00p Love/Hope Group
- Wed. 3/13 6:00p Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 3/14 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 3/15 Offices Closed
- Sat. 3/916 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p UMW Unit Meeting



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ponder the power and comfort in this:
Jesus is holding you.
He will keep you standing firm!



Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones by placing Easter flowers in the Sanctuary. Please complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the office.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

The cost is \$10 each. Make checks to Aldersgate UMC and designate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Order deadline is March 17.

THANK YOU NOTES

Many thanks (thanks, thanks, thanks, etc.) to the Oxford Class for the great refreshments at Fellowship Time on March 3.

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Dear Friends,
We appreciate all the prayers and kind wishes for Samantha. She is now healthy, happy and glad to be home. Thank you.
Shirley Hancock & Family



FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH

Hot Cereals

...including oatmeal, grits, Cream of Wheat, Cream of Rice, quinoa or mixed grain.



THE UPPER ROOM

...for March/April is available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Pick up a copy today.



GIVE THE EASTER BUNNY A HELPING HAND

Our Egg Hunt is coming up March 23. The Easter Bunny will need plastic eggs and lots of individually wrapped candy for the hunt. Thank you for placing your gifts in the basket by the church office.

LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Your support and commitment help alleviate the suffering caused by hunger in our world by assisting in many programs such as the Society of St. Andrew which gleans fruit and vegetables that would be discarded and ships them to food banks and soup kitchens to help feed America's hungry. Without your Lenten Offering, there would be many, many more people going without food each day. Thank you for helping!

UMW NEWS

In January 2013, United Methodist Women joined more than 40 national faith groups in signing an ecumenical letter to both houses of Congress asking for common sense legislation to reduce gun violence. Some actions called for are: criminal background checks on every person seeking to buy a gun; ban civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines and make gun trafficking a federal crime. "There is a balance between supporting the 2nd Amendment's 'right to bear arms' and the nature of possession, sale and proliferation of guns in our society," said Julia Taylor, UMW's national executive for children, youth and family advocacy. "United Methodist Women has joined this effort because we share concerns, especially since women and children are frequently the victims of such violence."

STORY-TELLING IS IMPORTANT PART OF CHILDHOOD

The Miriam Child Care facility at UM Neighborhood Centers is asking for story-tellers (readers). For about 30 minutes 1, 2 or 3 days a week you can transport a child from the every day world to a world of excitement, pleasure, beauty and lesson learning through story books. Please contact Sharon Cornelius at ssc0113@bellsouth.net or call 323-4995 for all the details.

GOING PLACES



May 1-6 It's Tulip Time!

Join us as we tour the oldest Old Order Amish Settlement west of the Mississippi and lunch at an Amish House, in Jamesport, MO. We will visit the Tulip Festival in Pella, Iowa, including the quilt show, the antique car and farm implement show and see several parades. In Hannibal, MO, we will lunch at the Mark Twain Dinette, visit the Mark Twain Museum and tour six other historic buildings in the compound. Call Carolyn McDougal for all the details, (901) 861-0841.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Honorarium Fund

In honor of Norris Gabriel by
Betty Smithmier

Memorial Fund

In memory of Tina Gift by
Don & Tillie Speraw
Mike Bosi
Betty Smithmier



Congratulations

...and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Scott McMullin who were married at Aldersgate on March 1. Mrs. McMullin is the former Scarlet Eunju Kim. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will live at 7256 Nautical Cove while Scott continues his education.

Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church

Article XIX Of Both Kinds
The cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the lay people; for both the parts of the Lord's Supper, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be administered to all Christians alike.
Article XX Of the Oblation of Christ,
Finished on the Cross

The offering of Christ, once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifice of masses, in the which is commonly said that the priest doth offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, is a blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit.

Article XXI Of the Marriage of Ministers
The ministers of Christ are not commanded by God's law either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage; therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christians, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve best to godliness.

The Articles of Religion are reprinted from the Discipline of 1808