

**OUR PRAYERS**

**St. Francis**  
Helen Juanita Galloway  
Mervin Gene Meyer

**Vanderbilt**  
John Meeks

**Methodist North**  
Charles Kicklighter

**Meth. University**  
Elizabeth Rice

**The Med**  
Anne Campbell

**Bon Secours**  
Honora Cunningham

**Appling Wood HC**  
Doris Babb

**At Home**  
Earl Galloway  
Marguerite Cooper  
Jimmy Hight

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...family and friends of Zita Jean McCarty  
...family & friends of former member, Winford  
Watson

**OUR PRESENCE**

**March 6**

Church School	55
Worship	85
Visitors	3

**OUR GIFTS**

**March 6**

Total Rec'd	\$ 6,328
MTD	\$ 6,328

**OUR SERVICE**  
**Assisting March 13**

**Greeters** Frances Morris  
Richard Morris

**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes

**Scripture** Barry Mathis

**Children's Time** Richard Hall

**Lock-up** Tom Lockhart

**March Scripture Readers**  
20 Earline Gabriel  
27 Renee Little



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Carlos Wilton shares the following: Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos know all about balance. They practice it every time they venture out into freezing Arctic waters in one of their little boats. Have you ever tried to paddle a kayak? If you have, you know how easy they are to tip. The advantage of kayaks, though, is that as easy as they are to tip, they're just as easy to right. An expert kayaker can tip completely over, hanging head downward — and then, with a quick twist of the paddle, turn the boat back upright again. That isn't a bad image for Lent. Whatever spiritual disciplines you adopt, these 40 days are a time of shedding baggage, of getting back to basics in our spiritual life. Eventually, we are to be like Eskimos in their kayaks: just us against the waves, with only our paddle and a tippy little boat to keep us safe. If you capsize, though — if you succumb to temptation — it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. So don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails. Just get yourself upright, and start all over again.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Psalm 32  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Sermon Title  
"Now You've Done It!"

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Mar., 13 - Sat., Mar. 19

Sun. 3/13	First Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:30p Angelfood Orders 6:00p Women of Zion
Mon. 3/14	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 3/15	No Activities
Wed. 3/16	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/17	10:00a Bible Study 10:30a Lunch & Service @ Calvary
Fri. 3/18	Offices Closed
Sat. 3/19	8:30a UMW District Day Apart @ Covenant 9:00a AFLS 10:00a Angelfood Distribution



### LUNCH AT CALVARY and LENTEN PREACHING

A 27 passenger bus is being provided for transportation. If you have someone you would like to take, just put them on the sign-up sheet. Each person will buy their own lunch and we will take an offering for our driver. And, YES, it is St. Patrick's Day and YES, they will serve corned beef and cabbage as well as their usual fare. Meet at the church at 10:30.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 3/13

"Spring Ahead" 1 hour on Saturday night, March 12. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, March 13.

## THANK YOU

...to the Oxford Class for the delicious food served for our Fellowship last Sunday!



### UMNC NEEDS

There is a special need at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers at this time for men's underwear (new only) in all sizes and socks (athletic and dress). Please place your gifts in the box in the Ed Building hall. Thanks!

### GOING PLACES!

Planning to go on the Cajun Country trip? Contact Carolyn **this week**. See brochures on the bulletin board for the May 3-4 trip to Columbia & Franklin. It's a great experience to see the beautiful antebellum homes of the area.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

#### Church-wide B'day Party March 27

This will be a potluck lunch with birthday cake for everyone! Sign up on the office window if you will volunteer to decorate one of 12 tables and/or make a birthday cake. This will truly be one of the most enjoyable events on our church calendar!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Living in triumph requires releasing ourselves to God regardless of our circumstances.

## UMW NEWS

The time is growing nearer for our March 20 Unit Meeting consisting of skits and memories. The event the day before,

District Day Apart Lenten Retreat

Led by Rev. Lora Jean Gowan

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Register at 8:30, program from 9 to 1:00

Lunch will be provided at Covenant UMC,

8350 Walnut Grove Rd., Cordova, TN.

To register call Mary Faulkner, 757-8234.

This is similar to the one at Aldersgate last

year and is a MUST to be a Platinum Unit.

The same people have been attending

these District events, so please, others of

you, plan to go.

Please remember to keep Jean McCarty's

family in your prayers.



### EGGS AND CANDY WILL BE DANDY

What fun will be had at our Easter Egg Hunt on April 16. In preparation, plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy are needed. Thank you for placing your donations in the basket in the church foyer.

### LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

#### How your gifts help.

Monies raised will be distributed among local, regional, national and international hunger relief ministries. Among them are:

United Methodist Emergency Food Relief for Haiti, where the devastation from the 2010 earthquake is still unimaginable.

Heifer Project International, helping families improve their nutrition and generate income.

Project Peanut Butter, a revolutionary program treating severely malnourished children around the world.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Jean McCarty by

Aleda Kelly

Neil & Jean DeLong

Mary Robbins

Cathy Boice

### Scholarship Fund

In memory of Jean McCarty by

Keith & Frances Coffman

Norris & Earline Gabriel

Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

### Maintenance Fund

In memory of Jean McCarty by

The Fellowship Class

### Pew Cushions

In memory of Jean McCarty by

Charles & Evelyn Goddard

### ANGEL FOOD ORDERS

...will be taken on Sun., 3/13, 12:30 to 1:30. Distribution will be on Sat., 3/19, from 10 to 11. To volunteer, call Rebeca 484-7385.



### "A SECOND HELPING" Of the Church Ladies COMING TO BPACC

It's 1969. The world is changing and the ladies of the church prepare for changes of their own in the church basement. You'll laugh until your "side-dish" hurts with their hilarious antics and charm. The play shows **twice only on April 25** at 2:30 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available through Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center at \$20 each. Groups of ten or more tickets are \$15 each. Call BPACC at 901-385-6440 or go on line at [www.bpacc.org](http://www.bpacc.org) for tickets.

