

OUR PRAYERS

Signature

Dorothy Hyatt 214

Grace Healthcare

Sherry Mitchell 108B

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to Audrey Weaver and family in the loss of her sister, Nancy Frame, in Alabama.

OUR PRESENCE

March 7

Church School	50
Worship	88
Visitors	12

OUR GIFTS

March 7

Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 7074
Church School	\$ 27
Total Rec'd	\$ 7101
March MTD	\$ 7101

OUR SERVICE

Assisting March 14

Greeters	Peggy Brightwell Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Ed Stanley
Lock-up	Mary Robbins
Usher(s)	Roger Umnuss

March Scripture Readers

- 21 Barry Mathis
- 28 Renee little

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OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

...is coming up on Saturday, March 27 at 2 p.m. (Rain date is April 3 at 2 p.m.) Candy and eggs are needed. Please bring them to the church office. Invite your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and neighbors. It will be FUN!!!



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FROM THE PASTOR

Outside, in the flower beds in front of our house, the crocuses are in bloom. A sure sign that spring is not far off.

I thought the word "crocus" was an acronym used by Christians, but I haven't had any success in tracking it down. I do know that the crocus flower has three petals, three sepals, three stamens, and a three-parted pistil. These groupings of three can be a reminder for us of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In any event, these early blooming flowers are a sign of the rebirth of God's creation.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for March 14

2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon Title

"Relationships"



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Mar. 14 - Sat., Mar.20

Sun. 3/14 9:15a Prayer Room
9:45a Church School
9:45a Caring for Aging Parents - FH
10:55a Worship
12:15p St. Paddy's Dinner
12:30p Angelfood Orders
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mon. 3/15 10:00 Lenten Lunch & Service @ Calvary
Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 3/16 6:30p Girl Scouts

Wed. 3/17 6:00p Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
St. Patrick's Day

Thu. 3/18 10:00a Adult Bible Study

Fri. 3/19 Offices Closed

Sat. 3/20 9:00a AFLS
10:00a Angelfood Distribution
First Day of Spring

LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Do you have your Lenten Hunger Calendar yet? Gifts to this offering will assist many through UMCOR, Heifer Project, The Food Bank, Peanut Butter Project and more. We will receive this offering on Easter Sunday.

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Church Aldersgate County Shelby

District McKendree New Renewal



ST. PADDY'S DINNER RESERVATIONS

Sun., March 14, 12:15 p.m.

Menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage w/Potatoes
Irish Soda Bread
Beverage & Dessert

\$7.50 per person



Please make _____reservations for

Name _____

Or call the church office, 683-8861

LENTEN LUNCH AT CALVARY

Monday, March 15, 10:00a.m., be at church then off to Calvary for lunch and the Noonday Service. Your only expense will be an offering for the bus driver and the cost of lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board or the office window.

SABBATH SCHOOL AT THE UMNC SMITH CENTER

Sabbath School offers a hot breakfast and Church School lessons every Saturday morning to children in the North Memphis area.

One of the children who became involved in the Children's and Youth Program at United Methodist Neighborhood Center's Smith Center, prior to his adoption, college and professional football career is Michael Oher. "The Blind Side", the Academy Award winning movie, is his story.

An anonymous donor has offered a \$10,000 challenge to all United Methodists to raise \$100,000 by May 31, for the continued good work of UMNC. If you or your group would like to help meet this challenge or find out more information, please contact Director Sonny Davis at 323-4994 or Jim Graham, member of the Board of Directors, at 487-3991.

"Whosoever shall receive one little child in my name, receives me." Matthew 18:5

TRUTHS ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

To appreciate the fact that wrinkles don't hurt.

UMW HOLY SEASON QUIZ

During this holy season of the Christian year, have you:

~ Followed the Lenten Hunger Calendar through giving, Bible study and prayer?

~ Examined our UMW bulletin board? (Our thanks to Jean, Margaret Ann and Cindy)

~ During Women's History Month, have you called, corresponded, prayed for or done something special for a women or women who have meant much to your life?

~ Contributed items for the church Egg Hunt and United Methodist Neighborhood Centers baskets?

~ Spent time in our UMW room examining our heritage?

~ Made plans to attend the Unit Meeting on March 21 where our program, including altar time, will help us prepare for this holy season? (Salad lunch hosted by Koinonia/Rebecca.)

~ Planned to help with set-up after Bible study March 25 and meet with District officers at 3 to finalize plans for retreat?

~ Put Sat., March 27, as a "MUST ATTEND" the Pray Without Ceasing Retreat? Sign-up sheet is on the cross bulletin board. We are honored to have our own Lisa Hughes provide music with different instruments for this event.

UMW DISTRICT DAY APART MINI RETREAT

..."Pray Without Ceasing" will be at Aldersgate on Saturday, March 27. Register at 8:30, program from 9:00 to noon, lead by Rev. Troy Ann Pouloupoulos.

SALAD RECIPES NEEDED

Ladies, the UMNC Key Women's Awareness Day Luncheon will be Wed., May 19, at Highland Heights UMNC. The speaker will be Dr. Scott Morris and all are asked to bring **salad** for the luncheon.

A cookbook is being prepared for sale that day. Whether or not you attend, please submit a salad recipe for that cookbook. Recipes for inclusion may be given to Sharon Lockhart as soon as possible.



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Memorial Fund

In memory of Betty McConnell by

Doris Bellott
Curtis Burress
Neil & Jean DeLong
Jimmy & Jane Hight
Betty Smithmier

Appportionments

In memory of Betty McConnell by

Aleda Kelly

Pew Cushions

In honor of Paul & Barbara Scheirer by

Martha Wallace

In memory of Betty McConnell by

Martha Burford
Joyce Kernodle

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Betty McConnell by

Keith & Frances Coffman
Carolyn McDougal

UMNC EASTER BASKETS

We are collecting Easter baskets, grass, plastic eggs, candy, small stuffed animals, and ribbon and cellophane for wrapping, for infants-5yrs at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. Bring items to the church and the Key Women will put them together on March 21. Thank you for your help. Sharon Lockhart



AZALEAS FOR EASTER

Honor your loved ones by placing a white azalea in the Sanctuary. Enclose payment, drop in the offering plate or return to the church office by March 17. Cost is \$13.50 each.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Ordered _____ \$ included _____

