

LÖÖKING AHEAD



- Sun. 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p UMW Unit Meeting
- Mon. 3/18 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 3/19 6:00p Cub Scouts
- Wed. 3/20 6:00p Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 3/21 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 3/22 Offices Closed
- Sat. 3/23 9:00a AFLS
1:00p Easter Egg Hunt
- Sun. 3/24 Palm Sunday
Holy Week Begins
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship



HOLY WEEK AT ALDERSGATE

Palm Sunday — March 24, service at 10:55
Maundy Thursday — March 28, service at 6:30
Holy Saturday — March 30, Extra Choir Rehrsl.



EASTER MUSIC ON EASTER MORNING

Our Easter Cantata, *The Splendor of Easter*, will be presented by our Chancel Choir during our worship service on Easter morning. It is hoped that all who sing and all who listen will be encouraged and strengthened by the glorious truth of the resurrection of Christ, and can have full assurance that because of His finished work, "we'll live forever in the splendor of Jesus Christ, our Lord"!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I will establish harmony through acts of love and words of understanding.

THANK YOU NOTES

To my Aldersgate Family,
You are indeed the church with a warm heart. I miss you all. I want all of you to know how much I appreciate what you have done for me and the family in the last year. Your thoughts, prayers and visits have helped me through this illness and treatment. And I can't leave out all the delicious food you have brought.

My love to you all,
Frances (Coffman)

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Here's another BIG THANK YOU to the members of Aldersgate for contributing to UMNC's emergency food pantry at Asbury. Since November we have served 534 individuals and gave out 36 Thanksgiving baskets. A sizeable number considering we are only open 3 hours a week. We just want you to know how very much we appreciate you!

Blessings,
Floy Pike



**FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH
Hot Cereals**



HELP! GREETERS STILL NEEDED

...or October, November and December. The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

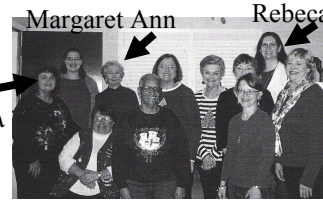
GOING PLACES



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.

UMW



NEWS

Officers planning meeting for 2013
<http://mckendreedistrictumw.webs.com/>

Our Unit meeting will be on March 17 at 12:15 with a pot luck lunch. Get ready for the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lakeshore on April 25-26 and 27-28. Dr. Cynthia Davis will lead the sessions on "God's Amazing Grace". **The deadline to register is April 10.** The cost is \$65. Please send check and form to Dianne Thompson, 3002 Salem St., Milan, TN 38358, or you may contact her at 731-686-8693 or diannep@hotmail.com.

**LAKESHORE SEEKING PRAYER PARTNERS
FOR SUMMER STAFF**

Lakeshore is signing up prayer partners for staff serving at this summer's camps and events. You will be asked to pray for them daily and send them weekly notes and cards, along with care packages during their summer employment.

If you would like to become a prayer partner, please contact Bill Walker at 731-584-6102 or bill@lakeshoreuma.com.



**THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING!
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Our Easter Egg Hunt will be March 23 at 1 p.m. for the young and young at heart. Children ages 1 through 10 are invited to hunt for eggs. Everyone else is invited to cheer them on and join in the fun and games with the Easter Bunny. Bunny needs your help in providing plastic eggs and lots of individually wrapped candy for the hunt. Thank you for placing your gifts in the basket by the church office.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Memorial Fund
In memory of Tina Gift by
Joyce Price

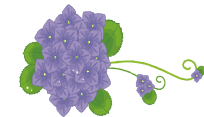


LET'S EAT!

Make your plans to join us for our United Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast on Easter morning. Pancakes and all the "good stuff" to go with them will be served starting at 9 a.m. There is no charge for breakfast, however, donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to mission projects.

**FREE COOKING CLASSES
@ CHURCH HEALTH CENTER**

The community is offered free cooking classes at the Church Health Center's demonstration kitchen every Thursday at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. For info about the classes call 901-259-4673 or visit www.ChurchHealthCenter.org.



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. The deadline is March 17th.

OUR PRAYERS
Baptist Mem'l
Gene Finger 2929 CCU

Hospice Care
Mary Stanley
Frances Coffman

At Home
Russell Gallimore Jimmy Hight
Lorelle Woodard Becky Roberts

OUR PRESENCE

March 10
Church School 38
Worship 54
Visitors 2

OUR GIFTS

March 10
This Week's Offering \$ 5,166
MTD \$ 10,750

OUR SERVICE
Assisting March 17

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

OUR WITNESS
March Scripture Readers
24 Warren Petty
31 Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I don't know about you, but even though I like when we return to daylight savings time, it takes me a couple of days to adjust. I like having more light hours in the evening, but it seems to throw off my sleeping for a couple of days. Anytime we make changes in our lives, whether it is something as common to us all as a one hour time change, or some other adjustment in our life, it takes a certain amount of time for us to adjust. The same can be said for our spiritual life. Consequently, if, during this Lenten season, you have added an element of devotion to your life, give yourself time to adjust to it becoming part of your life and your growing relationship to God.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for March 17
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon Title
"A Little at a Time"