

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 3/18 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p UMW Unit Meeting

Mon. 3/19 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 3/20 6:00p Cub Scouts

Wed. 3/21 6:00p Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 3/22 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 3/23 Offices Closed

Sat. 3/24 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 3/25 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p Church Council



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1 Palm Sunday 10:55a Easter Cantata
The Chancel Choir presents "Majesty".

April 5 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

April 8 Easter Sunday service at 10:55 a.m.

LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Hunger is real and continues to ravage the world. Today there are 925,000,000 people suffering from hunger. A child dies every 5 seconds from hunger related causes. Your gifts to this offering can help alleviate this suffering. Lenten Calendars are available at the church with suggestions for daily giving. Your generosity makes such a difference.



THE EASTER BUNNY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Egg Hunt is getting closer. Its not too late to bring lots of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy to help the Easter Bunny prepare for March 31. Thank you for placing your gifts in the basket by the church office.

CHURCH COUNCIL TO MEET

...on Sunday, March 25, at 12:15p. Council members, please plan to attend.



The torch is the emblem of
It recognizes the builders
and service

Christian faithfulness.
of Christian character
to others.

THE TORCH AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN UNTIL APRIL 2

The Torch Award recognizes adult leaders who have given exceptional service in the use and promotion of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire USA and 4-H Clubs. These men or women will have given unusual amounts of time and energy in service with these agencies dedicated to children and youth. It is presented by the General Commission on United Methodist Men. If you would like to nominate someone or get more information about the award, please contact Phil Craig, Memphis Conference Coordinator, at 731-642-6958 or plcmcsc@yahoo.com

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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LONE OAK UMC OFFERS \$1000 MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



April 15 is the deadline to apply for the Anita Padgett Memorial Music Scholarship. Interested students should submit a current transcript, application form, two recommendations and a cover letter describing their career goals, activities, achievements and scope of financial need. Requirements are: Must be member of UMC; sophomore or above, including graduate school; full-time student in a 4 year college; cumulative GPA of 2.5; demonstrated financial need. For further information and application, you may contact Donna Chu, 270-554-1608 or dachu3@comcast.net, or Lone Oak UMC at 270-554-12172 in Paducah, KY.

UMW NEWS

Our Unit Meeting will be Sunday, March 18, at 12:15. Set up for our Pot Luck lunch will be done by the Koinonia Group. At-large members will present the Easter program.

"Its All About Me (and You, Too!)" is the theme of this year's Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lakeshore on April 26-27 or 28-29. Registration deadline is April 11. Completed forms and payment may be sent to Dianne Thompson, 3002 Salem St., Milan, TN 38358. You may contact her at diannept@hotmail.com or 731-686-8693.

THANK YOU

"Too many cooks spoil the broth." Not at Aldersgate! Eleven cooks, one big pot of spaghetti and the youth as servers made \$820 for the Children & Youth Ministries. Thanks to all of you who joined us for lunch and gave generously, to all of you who prepared a delicious meal and to the youth who were willing servants for Christ.

Children and Youth Ministries



CREATION CARE

Do you know how your investments are used? It might be worth checking into. Remember, it is **your** money. Invest in socially responsible stocks and bonds that foster eco-justice.

JOIN W.I.N.'s 40 HOUR FAST MARCH 22-24

The Workers Interfaith Network invites you to join their fast to pray, reflect and act for an economy that compensates all who work. This year's theme is "from wage theft to a moral economy". The fast will open with a Prayer Vigil at St. John's UMC, 1207 Peabody, at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Mar. 22, and conclude on Saturday, Mar. 24, at 11 a.m. with a simple meal and service of reflection at Collins Chapel CME, 678 Washington Ave. For more information, call 901-332-3570 or go on line: workersinterfaithnetwork.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 church office.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

The cost is \$17 each. Make checks to Aldersgate and designate for "Easter Flowers".

THE CHOIR PRESENTS "MAJESTY"

Mark your calendar now for Palm Sunday, Apr. 1, as our choir presents our Easter Cantata "Majesty". Be moved by the music "Celebrate Jesus", "He Loved Me with a Cross", "No One But Jesus", and many more.

APRIL 30 IS DEADLINE FOR EVANGELISM AWARD NOMINATIONS

Recipients of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award are nominated by individuals, churches or districts, for their lives and ministries exemplifying the teachings of Christ and the Great Commission. There are awards for clergy, laity and youth. Winners are selected by the Memphis Conference.

Nominations should be submitted to Dr. David Russell at: drussell@fumcdyersburg.com or MC Evangelism Chair, P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025. The nomination letter or email is to include name, address and contact information, a brief description of their involvement in evangelism and why they are being nominated.

To learn more about the Denman Award, you may contact Dr. Russell at the email address above or phone him at 731-285-6454.

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Memorial **Methodist North**
Peggy Wills 3393 Karen Embry 231

Houston, TX Hosp. **Hospice Care**
Louie Thompson Toni Juengling

New address for an old friend:
Charles Goddard is now at The Gardens of
Germantown. Please send all correspon-
dence to home address:
4579 Leatherwood Ave, 38117

OUR PRESENCE

March 11
Church School 50
Worship 80
Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS

March 11
This Week's Offering \$ 6,307
MTD \$ 12,634

OUR SERVICE
Assisting March 18

Greeters Margie Williamson
 Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Renee Little
Lock-up Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS
February Scripture Readers
25 Lisa Hughes

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Second chances are wonderful things. Getting the chance to right a wrong, do a thing better, make someone else happier and build our own character a little along the way is always a "no brainer" and should be taken advantage of at every opportunity. While we welcome such opportunities, do we give others second chances - the driver who cuts us off in traffic, the kid who throws the newspaper in the yard next door, the neighbor who walks their dog on our property? There are personal issues, moral issues, community issues, political issues and many other issues that aggravate, frustrate and infuriate us. The next time someone crosses your path in a way that gets your dander up, think about giving them a chance to try again. Second chances are wonderful things - for us and for "them".

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for March 18

Psalms 107:1-3; 17-22
John 3:14-21

Sermon Title
"Come to the Light"