

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Karen Embry

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Bill Whitaker and family in the loss of his
aunt, Louie Thompson

...Joyce Kernodle and family in the loss of her
brother-in-law, Joe Eskridge

...Family and friends of Peggy Wills

...Family and friends of Toni Juengling

OUR PRESENCE

March 18

Church School	49
Worship	74
Visitors	6

OUR GIFTS

March 18

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,191
MTD	\$ 14,825

OUR SERVICE

Assisting March 25

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

April Scripture Readers

- 1 Brother Paul
- 8 Tom Lockhart
- 15 Barry Mathis
- 22 Earline Gabriel
- 29 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Eugene Peterson, in his book *The Jesus Way: A Conversation on the Ways That Jesus Is the Way*, explains: "The way we come to God is the same way God comes to us. God comes to us in Jesus; we come to God in Jesus. God comes to us in Jesus speaking the words of salvation, healing our infirmities, promising the Holy Spirit, teaching us how to live in the kingdom of God. It is in and through this same Jesus that we pray to and believe, hear and obey, love and praise God. Jesus is the way God comes to us, Jesus is the way we come to God."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Mar. 25th

Psalm 51:1-12

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sermon Title

"The Characteristics of Discipleship"



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 3/25	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Church Council
Mon. 3/26	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 3/27	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 3/28	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/29	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 3/30	Offices Closed
Sat. 3/31	9:00a AFLS Extra Choir Rehearsal 2:00p Easter Egg Hunt
Sun. 4/1	9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Cantata & Worship



THE CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS "MAJESTY"

Join us on Sunday, April 1, as our choir offers our Easter Cantata "Majesty". The story takes us from the celebration of Passover in Jerusalem to the cross on Golgotha to the open tomb on Easter morning and beyond. He is alive and, one day, He will come again for those who love and follow Him.

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

...will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5.

PLEASE NOTE!!
CHURCH COUNCIL TO MEET
...Sunday, March 25, at 12:15p.

THANK YOU

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU from UMNC for the 5 Easter Baskets I will be taking to UMNC for the day care children and the children of the day care workers, thanks to the generosity of Koinonia, Love/Hope and the Women of Zion, who made up 3 of the baskets. Love to all of you who contributed!

Sharon

✠ BE IN PRAYER ✠

...for all involved with General Conference, which will take place in Tampa, FL, April 24 through May 4. Delegates will have much to consider and many decisions to make regarding the future of the United Methodist Church.

OUR LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

This year's offering will support 11 projects providing relief for those living with hunger. Through food banks, sustainable farming, soup kitchens, feeding ministries and hunting and planting missions, many will be touched by your generosity. You may submit your World Hunger Offering at church on Easter Sunday or in any way convenient for you. Thank you for caring.



"TEA & TOUR" AT THE BROOKS Materials and Meaning: The Mind of the Artist

On Thursday, April 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., see how artists innovatively use materials to express their ideas and beliefs. Discover on this tour the creation of works from ancient times to the present from a wide variety of cultures. Reservations required. RSVP to 901-544-6244.

UMW NEWS

You missed a truly uplifting experience if you failed to attend District Day Apart last Saturday. 34 persons from 14 churches attended. Thanks to Rebeca, who did most of the preparations.

We have just learned our annual Spiritual Growth study will be "Immigration and the Bible", so please start saving materials related to this subject.

Are you working on gaining new members? We must have two to be a Platinum Unit.

"Spirit, Soul and Body"

Centenary United Methodist Women invite you to join them on Saturday, March 24, from 9 to 2, for their "Walking with Wholeness Conference". News Channel 3's anchor, April Thompson will moderate. Panelists will include Rev. Sharon Karamoko (Spirit), Dr. Yvonne Osborne (Soul) and Dr. Beverly Williams-Cleaves (Body). Conference & luncheon fee is \$10. You may call Centenary at 774-7604 for information and reservations.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Are you tattered by life and torn by worry?
Let God use your rags to tell His story.



GOING PLACES

Chattanooga ~ April 18-20

Now's your chance to visit the Tennessee Aquarium and lunch on the Delta Queen, just two of the events in store in Chattanooga.

Southern Charm Tour ~ April 29—May 5

Experience true southern hospitality and charm in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida. Visit such places Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District, where the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and Morgans once vacationed and the US's oldest city, St. Augustine, FL. Call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, to sign up.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Joe Eskridge

by Aleda Kelly

In memory of Peggy Willis

by Aldea Kelly

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...on April 1 will be hosted by the Current Events Class. Please make plans to be at church as it is Palm Sunday and the Choir will be presenting the Easter Cantata.



CREATION CARE

Greening Your Living Space

- Purchase Energy Star appliances
- Get a programmable thermostat
- Clean/replace equipment and appliance filters
- Reduce, reuse and recycle everything possible



"HEROES IN RECOVERY"

BENEFITS CHURCH HEALTH CENTER

You are invited to an evening of art and music, "Heroes in Recovery", at La Paloma Treatment Center, 2009 Lamar Ave. on Thurs., March 29, from 4 to 7 pm. The evening will feature the music of Rev. John Kilzer, Associate at St. John's UMC, and the artwork of Michael Warren and others. The event is free and open to the community. Fundraisers will take place during the evening to benefit the Church Health Center. For information you may call Jeff Hulett, 259-4637, Ext. 1304.