

OUR PRAYERS

At this writing we are unaware of any church members who are hospitalized. Please remember those on our prayer list, in nursing homes, travelling, and those who are recovering at home.

OUR PRESENCE

March 21		
	Church School	52
	Worship	78
	Visitors	1

OUR GIFTS

March 21			
	Tithes & Plate Offering	\$	1846
	Church School	\$	29
	Total Rec'd	\$	1875
	March MTD	\$	11752

OUR SERVICE

Assisting March 28

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

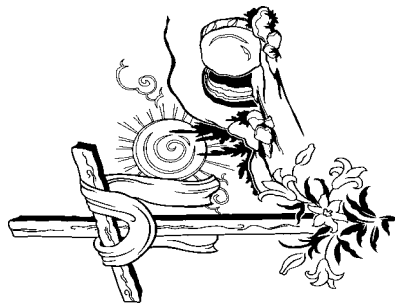
April Scripture Readers

- 4 Brother Paul
- 11 Warren Petty
- 18 Judy Stanley
- 25 Martha Burford



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"Risen, As He Said"



Easter Cantata

Sun., March 27 - 10:55 a.m.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Recently, I had an eye exam, and I purchased some prescription sunglasses for use while driving and for outdoor activities.

This past Friday I had the opportunity to wear the glasses while golfing for the first time, and I was amazed at how well I was able to see the golf balls out in the fairways! I hadn't realized my distance vision had declined that much, but it reminded me of our need for focus in our lives.

How often do our lives become occupied by things that are self-serving when our focus instead should be serving others, keeping Christ the focus of our lives?

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for March 28
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11

Easter Cantata
"Risen, As He Said"

HOLY WEEK

Sun., Mar. 28 - Sat., April 3

Sun. 3/28	Palm Sunday 9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 9:45a Caring for Aging Parents - FH 10:55a Worship & Easter Cantata
Mon. 3/29	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 3/30	6:30p Girl Scouts
Wed. 3/31	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 4/1	10:00a Adult Bible Study 6:30p Maundy Thursday Communion Srvc.
Fri. 4/2	Good Friday Offices Closed
Sat. 4/3	9:00a AFLS 2:00p Rain Date for Egg Hunt

There will be NO FELLOWSHIP TIME on Easter Sunday. Join us on April 11 with the Current Events and Bible Classes as hosts.



✠ HOLY WEEK AT ALDERSGATE ✠

Palm Sunday, March 28, the Chancel Choir presents our Easter Cantata, "Risen, As He Said", during the 10:55 service. You won't want to miss it!

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Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be at 6:30 pm on April 1.

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The Lenten World Hunger Offering will be accepted on Easter Sunday, April 4, at the 10:55 service or at your convenience.



REMEMBER - EGG HUNT

...Saturday, March 27 at 2 p.m. (Rain date: April 3, 2 p.m.) Games, prizes, the big "hunt", and pictures with the Easter Bunny.



LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Did you know that approximately 3 billion (that's 3,000,000,000) people today live on less than \$2 a day? That 11 million children live in households where people have to skip meals? That poor families must spend as much as 70% of their income on food?

We, as individuals and a church family, are so blessed to escape this kind of poverty. Your Lenten World Hunger Offering will help alleviate this suffering in the United States and around the world. Have you kept up with your Lenten Calendar?



FREE BREAKFAST EASTER MORNING

Join us in the Fellowship Hall between our Sunrise Service and the 10:55 service (about 8 a.m.) on Easter Sunday for breakfast of waffles & bacon, juice and coffee, sponsored by the United Methodist Men.

MEETING ANNABELLE

Join us at the Sip & See for Annabelle Lea Woodard on Sunday, April 11 at 2:00pm. The Love/Hope Group and the Oxford Class will host this happy event.



UMW NEWS

This Saturday, March 27, is our BIG DAY, the District-wide Prayer Retreat. The first time in years we have hosted a District event.

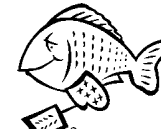
By the time you get this newsletter, hopefully, we'll be ready! The District Committee is coming Thursday at 3 p.m. to see that all is in place, so come join us if you can.

Most importantly, be present for the Retreat, with registration and refreshments at 8:30 a.m.

We should use the theme: "Pray Without Ceasing" throughout the week as we prepare for this event.

UMM ANNUAL FISH FRY

...is coming April 20, 5:00p.m. (but come early), at Archer's Chapel UMC in Frog Jump, TN.



Tickets are \$12 per person for all you can eat fish, fries, slaw, white beans, hushpuppies and home-made desserts. As always, The Finchers will be the entertainment for the evening. Don't miss it! Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Honor Our Tigers Day is April 25. Two of our members are part of the U of M baseball program, **Jeff Brightwell** is the announcer for Tiger baseball and **Alan Mathis** is the third baseman. \$2 tickets will be available for purchase in the church office for the game on the 25th. Game time—1:00 pm. For Sunday games, your church bulletin will get 1 person per family in free. Games are at the new Fed-Ex Park on the U of M campus at Park & Getwell.



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Memorial Fund

In memory of Nancy Frame by Phil & Audrey Weaver

In memory of Lloyd "Coach Mac" McDougal by Bruce, Lisa, Karl & Konrad Hughes

Pew Cushions

In memory of Nancy Frame by Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Terry & Margie Williamson
Martha Burford

In memory of Betty McConnell by Tom & Sharon Lockhart



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