

## OUR PRAYERS

### Hospice Care

Charles Goddard Bill Owen

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...Chuck & Betty Jones in the loss of his son,  
Charles Jones

### Remember Our Homebound

Doris Babb	James Matlock
Joan Clark	Martha Meyer
Gabe & Gerri Colosia	Lorene Nance
Jimmy Craft	Jane Pifer
Lois Fagan	Bernice Shelby
Mava Dell Fry	Mavis Shettles
Tina Gift	Emmett Smith
Helen Griffin	Harold Smith
Marie Hughes	Joye Smith

## OUR PRESENCE

### April 1

Church School	63
Worship	123
Visitors	13

## OUR GIFTS

### April 1

This Week's Offering	\$ 6,326
MTD	\$ 6,326

## OUR SERVICE

### Assisting April 8

<b>Greeters</b>	Doris Palazzini Martha Wallace
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Tom Lockhart
<b>Children's Time</b>	Renee Little
<b>Lock-up</b>	Jimmie Bedwell

### April Scripture Readers

15 Barry Mathis  
22 Earline Gabriel  
29 Brother Paul

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

In March 2008, the mayor of the village of Sarpourenx in southwest France threatened residents with severe punishment if they died. The reason? The town cemetery was full, and there was no place left to bury them. Mayor Gerard Lalanne arranged for the governing council to pass an ordinance that read in part: "All persons not having a plot in the cemetery and wishing to be buried in Sarpourenx are forbidden from dying in the parish. Offenders will be severely punished."  
The problem the disciples faced at the first Easter was just the opposite. It wasn't that the tomb was full. It was empty. Thanks be to God.

Happy Easter,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon Title  
"What Will We Leave Behind?"

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 4/8	Easter Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 4/9	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 4/10	10:00a Koinonia Group 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 4/11	6:00p Fellowship & Study No Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 4/12	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 4/13	Offices Closed
Sat. 4/14	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 4/15	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Executive Mtg. 6:00p Women of Zion

## LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Touch the lives of hurting and hungry neighbors. Bring your World Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday. There will be a special time during the service to place it on the Chancel rail.



## GOING PLACES

### Two Great Tours Being Offered

June 15-22 Northern National Parks featuring Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons.

Aug. 21-29 The Best of Eastern Canada featuring Montreal, Quebec City, Niagara Falls, and Toronto.

These are Collette Vacation Tours that fly out of Memphis to their destinations. Brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen. For more information, contact Carolyn at 861-0841

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK


Kindness removes barriers.

## THANK YOU NOTES

This is a season of new beginnings and Aldersgate has given each of us who came from Underwood a new beginning. Thank you for accepting us with your love, openness and open arms. We love you.

Martha Wallace

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More than 100 children, lots of candy, eggs, games, prizes, and the Easter Bunny (Matthew Lopez), made a great day for our church family and community. Many thanks to all of you who donated eggs and candy and to the youth who helped with the games. A special thanks goes to Barbara Scheirer, Brother Paul, Rebeca Ernst, Elizabeth Hernandez, Sharon Lockhart, Perri Mathis, Mary Robbins and Dean Tutor, who all helped save my sanity.

Aleita Tutor

Children/Youth Ministries

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Wasn't the Cantata great! Thank you Choir for giving us such a wonderful Easter gift. We appreciate your talents and dedication.

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Our sincere thanks to the Current Events Class for the great food at Fellowship Time on Palm Sunday.



## ST. LUKE'S PRESENTS

### Handel's Messiah Sing-a-long

You are invited to join us in honoring Deacon Ervin Thomas at this community-wide event on Saturday, April 7, at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC, 480 S. Highland. Join us in singing or just enjoy listening to selections from this classic.

Dr. Mark Matheny, pastor at St. Luke's, is the associate producer and can give you more information. You may contact him at mark.matheny@stlukesumc.org or call the church office at 452-6262.

## UMW NEWS

### SEJ Quadrennial Meeting June 1-2

Registration deadline is **April 16** for the June 1-2 meeting in Birmingham. You may contact Kathy Booker at bookerk2@aol.com or Annie Woods at anniewoods34@aol.com for all the latest information.

### "It's All About Me (and you too!)"

...our UMW Retreat at Lakeshore April 26-27 and April 28-29, will be a great experience. The Rev. Melisa Derseweh, will be the leader. You know you want to go, so register now! Forms are available at church or on line.



## CREATION CARE

from "Being a Green UMW Unit"

Learn about the environmental crisis and ecological justice. Advocate for environmentally friendly legislation and policies.



## UMNC CAN PURCHASE FROM FOOD BANK

Did you know—that UMNC can purchase food from the Memphis Food Bank for 7 cents a pound, making it very economical to purchase large quantities of food through them rather than making a trip to the grocery? UMNC at 3000 Walnut Grove supports several food pantries: Asbury, Grace, Jackson Ave., Holy Community, Capleville, Scott Center, and the newest: Faith in Frayser and Warren UMC on Kansas. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation rather than bringing food, you may make out a check to Aldersgate and indicate it is for UMNC's pantry. We have been serving an average of 1000 people through the food pantries. This is huge in the lives of these people. They are allowed to shop once a month. We thank you for your faithfulness.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Joe Eskridge

By Margaret Ann Ligon

In memory of Josephine, Clyde & David Mitchell

By Joy & Johnny Mitchell



## SUMMER CAMP AT LAKESHORE

Camping season at Lakeshore begins May 28. There are many camps to choose from: Wilderness, Watersports, Backpacking, Camp Hope, Adult DD Camp, Youth DD Camp, Over Night Child/Parent, Elementary, Primary Elementary for first-time campers, Hispanic Weekend, Arts, Music & Drama, Jr/Sr High, and Fishing Camp. Whether your child is a first-timer or an old hand, there's always fun and excitement at Lakeshore. Forms and info are available on line at [www.lakeshoreuma.com](http://www.lakeshoreuma.com) or in the church office. You may call the Lakeshore office at 731-584-6102 or email them: [office@lakeshoreuma.com](mailto:office@lakeshoreuma.com).



## 'WILL ROGERS NOW' COMING TO BPACC

The Bartlett Performing Arts Conference Center will present a special matinee for seniors and church groups of "Will Rogers Now" on Friday, April 13 at 2:30pm. Actor and singer Lance Brown brings back to the stage his highly acclaimed performance. Single tickets are \$20. Discounted prices for groups are available. Contact Chris Jowers, 385-640, with questions.

## ITS TIME FOR THE PROM!

UMNC is collecting prom dresses, jewelry, purses, gloves, shoes and tuxes. If you have something to donate, let Sharon Lockhart know. Clothing should be on hangers. Thanks!