

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Lou Pennington

Hospice Care

Bill Owen

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to ...Evelyn & Patti Goddard and family in the loss of their husband and father, Charles.

OUR PRESENCE

April 8

Church School	45
Worship	109
Visitors	16

OUR GIFTS

April 8

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,927
MTD	\$ 8,253

OUR SERVICE

Assisting April 15

Greeters	Doris Palazzini Martha Wallace
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Barry Mathis
Children's Time	Richard Hall
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

April Scripture Readers

22 Earline Gabriel
29 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I hope you had a Lenten season of spiritual renewal which strengthened your faith and growth in Christ as we walked with Christ through the events of his life leading to his death and resurrection.

This year I read Scriptures daily which took me through the last days of Jesus life, but having the opportunity to wash my wife's feet on Maundy Thursday for the first time in my fourteen years of ministry was a high moment for me. What a blessing it is to serve one another as Christ has shown us.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Apr. 15th

Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2

Sermon Title

"The Reality of Grace"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 4/15	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Exec. Cmte. 6:00p Women of Zion
Mon. 4/16	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 4/17	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 4/18	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 4/19	NO Bible Study
Fri. 4/20	Offices Closed
Sat. 4/21	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 4/22	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship



*The President, The Faculty
and
The Graduating Class
of
The University of Memphis
College of Arts and Science
Announce the Graduation of
Rebecca Paige Bedwell
on
Saturday, the Fifth of May
Two Thousand Twelve
with a
Bachelor of Arts Degree in
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude*

*Commencement Ceremonies will be held at
The FedEx Forum at 10:00 a.m.*

THANK YOU

To My Aldersgate Family,
I am proud to announce that I will be graduating from the University of Memphis on May 5, 2012. I have come this far in life with the love and support of my Aldersgate family. I have been a member of this family for many years and it has helped me grow into the person I am today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Aldersgate family for loving and supporting me through my education. Because of your support I am graduating debt free with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the field of Social Work. I am graduating in the top 15% of my class, Summa Cum Laude. I hope to use my degree to help people in need and advocate for those less powerful. I hope I have made you proud and I hope to continue making you proud through my work as a Social Worker. Thank you so much, I love you.

Rebecca Bedwell



GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY Coming up May 6

Celebrate and support the Golden Cross Senior Residents Fund with your generous gift on Golden Cross Sunday, May 6. One hundred percent of your donations will be used for ministries and programs that promote a better life for low income senior citizens.

✠ BE IN PRAYER ✠

...for all involved with General Conference, taking 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see." Martin Luther

UMW NEWS

For our June Unit Meeting, we want to use some skits we have enjoyed through the years, informative, challenging, funny. If you have any of these please give them to Aleda or Margaret Ann. We are especially looking for the one with Eve and the serpent in the garden, focusing on our books in the Reading Program. Thanks for your help.

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

...is our UMW Retreat at Lakeshore April 26-27 and April 28-29. The deadline is **April 11** for registration. Forms are available in the church office or on line. Forms and fees should be sent to Dianne Thompson, 3002 Salem St., Milan, TN 38358. You may reach her at 731-686-8693 or diannept@hotmail.com.

SEJ Quadrennial Meeting

The deadline to register for the SEJ Quadrennial Meeting in Birmingham is **April 16**. The meeting takes place June 1-2. Forms are available in the church office or on line. Forms and fees should be sent to the registrar Margie Caldwell, 709 11th Ave., Pleasant Grove, AL 35127. You may reach her at 1-205-744-8390 or msmargie@hotmail.com. All United Methodist Women are invited and encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available for ages 6 and under.



CREATION CARE

When purchasing goods and services, do you consider items that are certified organic, recycled and/or reusable or sustainably produced?

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

You should visit our library. The UMW has the latest selections in many categories. Try "A Single Thread" for a heart-warming story, or "The Noticer", for a change in perspective, or "Not Just a One Night Stand", about working with the homeless. They are all good reads!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Charles Goddard

By Joy & Johnny Mitchell



SPRINGTIME BY THE SEA An Event for Older Adults

...is being offered May 21-24 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons, GA. Explore, experience and learn at "Venturing into Historic Cultures". You will enjoy visits to state historic sites such as the Hofwyl Broadfield Plantation and Fort King George, lunch at a restored Victorian home, a basket weaving demonstration at the Geechee Kunda Center and a sunset cruise aboard the Lady Jane, a working shrimp boat. Many other treats are in store, as well. You may register or view accommodations and agenda on line at epworthbythesea.org.



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