

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist East

Jimmie Bedwell 2904 ICU

Baptist Rehab

Carolyn McDougal 203B

Camden Rehab

Gabe Colosia 508A

At Home

Richard Herndon

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Lorelle Woodard and family in the loss of her
sister-in-law, Margie Rainey

OUR PRESENCE

July 17

Church School 44
Worship 64
Visitors 5

OUR GIFTS

July 17

Total Rec'd \$ 3010
MTD \$ 12160
Apportionments TD \$ 11600

OUR SERVICE

Assisting July24

Greeters Doris Palazzini
Martha Wallace
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Barbara Scheirer
Lock-up Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

July Scripture Readers

31 Brother Paul

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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

A little Holy humor as provided by Barbara's Uncle Ben.
As a pastor's daughter said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, she would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for July 24th

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon Title

"What A Find!"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. 7/24	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Outreach/Missions Cmte
Mon. 7/25	News Deadline
Tue. 7/26	No Activities
Wed. 7/27	7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 7/28	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 7/29	Offices Closed
Sat. 7/30	10:00a Angelfood Distribution
Sun. 7/31	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 4:00p Wedding Shower honoring Courtney Mathis & Wilson Bierbrodt



HELP!!!

Brother Paul is working on a project for his Doctorate and needs your help. An easy survey with only one answer (if your answer is NO) or just few answers otherwise, can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate or returned to the office. At least 15 more surveys are needed. No names are required, just answers. If you wish to participate in the group study connected with the survey, details will be coming soon.



SUPPLIES LOW AT FOOD PANTRY

With children out of school and parents out of work, the food supplies are very low at UMNC. You can help. Even the smallest gift, combined with others will make a big difference. Canned meats & fish, fruits, vegetables and peanut butter especially are needed. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all your love and concern, your many cards, thoughts and prayers. Hope to be back soon.

God Bless,
Betty Smithmier



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

Back to school time has started! We are again collecting school supplies for our neighbor school, Willow Oaks. Supply lists are outside the Sanctuary. In addition to the list, a special request has been made for uniforms - white shirts, navy pants, 4T to 14/16, girls and boys. All items may be placed in the red backpack outside the church office. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please mark it "Willow Oaks Supplies". We will collect items through August 14. Mark the 14th on your calendar - more info to come about the back-to-school potluck.

JOIN THE OUTREACH TEAM

An Outreach Planning Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 24, right after worship. As there is no set committee membership for this team, ALL are invited. If you have ideas, want information, or can volunteer with Outreach activities such as the Back to School supply drive, Angelfood Ministries and/or Trick or Trunk, then please attend. Fun snacks will be provided. See you there!

Rebeca

YOU INVITED TO A COUPLES' SHOWER

On Sunday, July 31, from 4 to 6 pm, there will be a miscellaneous wedding shower for Courtney Mathis and Wilson Bierbrodt. Everyone is invited including our men, to join us in wishing them a joyful marriage. To help with gift selections, the couple is registered at Babcock's Gifts, Bed Bath & Beyond, Macy's and Target.



UMW NEWS

CMEE was great and we did have transportation to the different buildings. A recent UMW scrapbook had a picture of Aldersgate UMW on the front page.

Now its time to help Marcelle and Aleda prepare for our UMW Study on August 23 & 30, from 10 to 12, plus lunch the last session. We'll need help setting up 2 registration tables, a worship table and about 60 chairs.

Its not too late to order the study book, The Journey, \$7 plus postage, from the Resource Center.

UM NIGHTS AT THE REDBIRDS

The Redbirds are offering discounted tickets for United Methodist members, family and friends, on two special nights this summer, July 30 at 6:05 pm, with fireworks, and August 19, at 7:05 pm, with an appearance by ZOOperstars!

To reserve tickets, which may be picked up at Will Call the night of the game you attend, or for more information, you may contact Andrew Palumbo at 901-722-0283 or email him at Andrew.Palumbo@memphisredbirds.com.

ANGEL FOOD

...distribution will be on Saturday, July 30, at 10:00a. To help, call Rebeca Ernst at 484-7385.



VOLUNTEER MARSHALS AND PAGES NEEDED FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

Going to Tampa around April 24, 2012? 150 volunteers are needed to serve during the UMC's 2012 General Conference, April 24-May 4, assisting delegates and visitors. You may apply now on line at www.umcevents.org/gc2012marshalpage. Application deadline is August 31.



A RESOLUTION ON CREATION CARE

Do you know that a resolution was passed at Annual Conference encouraging all of our UM churches to be in covenant with the Conference Creation Care Team? Find out more at www.memphis-umc.net.

In connection with this directive, read how the schools below are caring for creation.

UM-RELATED SCHOOLS GO GREEN

We hear a lot about reducing our carbon footprint on Mother Earth and we know God expects us to be good stewards of our planet, which is now more important than ever. Many United Methodist-related schools across the country are "going green" and working toward LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification.

Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont, is climate-neutral, only the second college in the country to achieve that status.

Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, was designated a Tree Campus USA by meeting 5 standards of tree care and community engagement.

Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, developed their sustainability program from a student thesis by Alyssa Borowske.

Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens, TN, has a recycling program that generates nearly a ton of material every month.

Southern Methodist University in University Park, Texas, has several green programs underway and held its first-ever carbon-neutral football game.

Visit the GBHEM's (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry) website to learn more about our "greening" schools.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Say no to both paper and plastic.
Carry your own recyclable bag.