

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Methodist Germantown**

Frances Coffman 319North

**St. Francis**

Phil Weaver 1036

Elizabeth Smith 380 ICU

**Baptist Memorial**

Russell Vollmer 5374 Hospice Care

Billy Wakham 225 ICU

**Methodist University**

Jim Wiley 1049 East

**At Home**

Arthur Brown awaiting surgery

**OUR PRESENCE**

**July 29**

Church School 47

Worship 67

Visitors 7

**OUR GIFTS**

**July 29**

This Week's Offering \$ 1,583

MTD \$ 16,483

**OUR SERVICE**

**Assisting Aug. 5**

**Greeters** Marcelle Farrow  
Margaret Ann Ligon

**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes

**Scripture** Brother Paul

**Children's Time** Brother Paul

**Lock-up** Jimmie Bedwell

**OUR WITNESS**

**August Scripture Readers**

12 Earline Gabriel

19 Renee Little

26 Warren Petty



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

St Augustine wrote the following:

“Give me the love that leads the way,  
the faith that nothing can destroy,  
the hope no disappointments can tire,  
the passion that will burn like fire.  
Let me not sink to be a clod.  
Make me thy fuel, flame of God!”

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for August 5<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 51:1-12

John 6:24-35

Sermon Title

“The Bread of Life”

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun. 8/5      9:45a Church School  
 10:55a Worship  
 12:15p Outreach Cmte.

Mon. 8/6      Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 8/7      No Activities

Wed. 8/8      7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/9      10:00a Bible Study  
 4:00p AFLS Board Mtg.

Fri. 8/10      Offices Closed

Sat. 8/11      No Activities

Sun. 8/12      9:45a Sunday School  
 10:55a Worship  
 12:15p 'Back to School'  
 Pot Luck Lunch with  
 Willow Oaks Teachers



**'BACK TO SCHOOL' POT LUCK**

We will continue to collect school supplies until August 12, when we will enjoy another GREAT Back to School potluck lunch with staff from our adopted school. Chicken will be provided. Our "best cooks in town" will feed us some favorite side dishes and other "yummy-ness" as we present the school staff with our gifts, lovingly collected, for the children of Willow Oaks.

**UMCOR SETS UP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR FIRE VICTIMS**

This summer's horrific wildfires have hit at least 3 United Methodist Conferences, causing profound damage and heartache. The United Methodist Committee on Relief consultant, Gordon Knuckey says, "after a fire, people have a very small chance of finding anything that is not destroyed". Experts say cash donations are best because they enable responders and survivors to purchase locally as needs change. UMCOR's special relief fund is Advance #901670, to aid in recovery efforts after these devastating fires.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

We are most grateful to Neil DeLong and Don Speraw for spraying the weeds in the parking lot. It was a HOT day and long job well done. Thank you, guys!

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We will all enjoy the Choir singing with lighter hearts, thanks to Barry & Perri, who painted the Choir Room. Its amazing what a coat of paint can do. Thanks Mathises!

The Trustees



**GOING MORE PLACES**

Israel, Here We Come!

You've always wanted to go to the Holy Land. It's been on your bucket list for years. You've told yourself you'll walk where Jesus walked when all the stars align, when the money's right, when...when...when? Perhaps NOW is the time. Visit Jericho and Qumran, pray at the Western Wall and Gethsemane, walk the ruins of Capernaum, journey the Via Dolorosa. Realize spiritual growth and renewal and return home with a new understanding of Jesus' land and life. An 8 day excursion is being planned for December 5-12, 2012. Price will include airfare, tours, deluxe motor coaches, first class hotels, entrance fees, buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Brochures & details? Call Cathi Johnson, VP of Advancement at Memphis Theological Seminary, 901-334-5811 or 901-481-9840.

**VOLUNTEER HOSPICE TRAINING**

...at Crossroads Hospice is on August 18th, from 9 am to 2 pm. Just an hour or two a week can help ease the fear and isolation of people with terminal illnesses. You only have to be able to listen, hold a hand, read, bake cookies or simply want to help. Please call 901-382-9292, or email sandy.wilson@crossroadshospice.com to sign up.



**UMW NEWS**

Aldersgate UMW gratefully acknowledges gifts to the Candle Burning Program amounting to \$1240. Once again, you've outdone yourselves. Your generous gifts will help continue the UMW's love in action, giving help and hope around the world. Those honored and memorialized will be lifted up on UMW Sunday in September. Thank you so much! Margaret Ann

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Congratulations to all of our readers in the UMW Reading Program. I am delighted that we gained 3 new readers and almost doubled the books read last year. Our 15 readers read a total of 102 books. Thanks everyone! Sharon

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The Memphis Conference UMW is hosting (its first) Social Action Workshop on Saturday, August 18, at St. Paul UMC in Lakeland. Topics include Healthcare, Battered Women and Human Trafficking. The program will be from 10a to 3p; registration begins at 9:30a. A box lunch is included in the \$10 registration cost. The registration form is posted on the UMW board. Hope to see you there!

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Our Mission Study, *Immigration and the Bible*, is coming up on August 21 & 28, from 10a to 12p. We are inviting other churches to join us for this annual event. The session on the 28th will be followed by a pot luck lunch. This year, our study will be presented in loving remembrance of Aleda Kelly, who was the leader for so many years. Though she can't be here in person, she surely will be with us in spirit.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

It is not the brains that matter most, but that which guides them—the character, the heart, generous qualities, progressive ideas. Fyodor Dostoyevsky

**FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA ENDORSED BY SENATE**

The U.S. Senate approved a resolution on July 11 supporting World Malaria Day and efforts to end malaria deaths by 2015. The resolution also commended the recent progress made in this area. The United Methodist Church's "Imagine No Malaria" campaign has distributed almost a million bed nets to ward off malaria-carrying mosquitoes and raised more than \$20 million to help fight the disease.

Excerpt from UMNS



**AT THE BROOKS Operas in Cinema**

Considered to be Bellini's greatest tragic opera, and the most demanding roll ever created for a soprano in a title role, *Norma* will be presented on August 12 at 2 p.m. in the Brooks Auditorium. Ticket price is \$12 for seniors. For reservations, call Andria Lisle, 544-6208.

**FOR THE FOOD PANTRY THIS MONTH**

Crackers    Vienna Sausages    Dry Milk  
Please place your gifts in the box in the hall. Thanks!



**CREATION CARE Every Drop Counts**

It is hard to imagine ever running out of water, but it could happen. When our population doubles, our water consumption triples! The good news is there are many small things you can do to help avert a future water shortage. **Cook Smart:** Peel and clean vegetables in a bowl of water instead of under running water. **Mow Smart:** Raise you mower blade to at least 3 inches. Longer grass retains moisture better.