

OUR PRAYERS
Methodist North
Charles Kicklighter 463

Camden Rehab
Gabe Colosia 508A

We Are Thankful
and congratulate
Fortune & Happy Gbeneneh
on receiving their US citizenship

OUR PRESENCE

July 31

Church School 58
Worship 84
Visitors 4

OUR GIFTS

July 31

Total Rec'd \$ 2,891
MTD \$ 21,525
Apportionments TD \$ 11,600

OUR SERVICE

Assisting August 7

Greeters Peggy Brightwell
Sharon Lockhart
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Brother Paul
Lock-up Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

14 Happy Birah
21 Jane Hight
28 Lisa Hughes

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

What is your favorite hymn? Is it one that tells of the love of God, or of the glory we'll find in heaven? Does it give you peace of mind or transport you to a better place? No matter which one you claim as the best hymn ever, the music stirs your soul!

One of the all time favorites is "Amazing Grace". Written for the common people in the 18th century by poet and clergyman, John Newton, it has universal appeal. Its promise of forgiveness and redemption is found reassuring across Christendom. The words can be traced to many Bible passages, including the Prodigal Son and the healing of the blind man.

"Amazing Grace" can be sung. It can be prayed. It can be written on the heart. It inspires hope in the aftermath of tragedy and assures us that patience and forbearance through the trials of life will be rewarded in the glory of the hereafter. To that I say AMEN!

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for August 7

Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Title

"If It Is You?"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. 8/7 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship

Mon. 8/8 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 8/9 11:00a Clergy Mtg./Germantown

Wed. 8/10 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/11 10:00a Bible Study
Wedding Rehearsal

Fri. 8/12 Offices Closed
6:00p Mathis/Bierbrodt
Wedding

Sat. 8/613 No Activities

Sun. 8/14 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:30p Willow Oaks Potluck
12:30p Angelfood Orders



METHODIST LEBONHEUR TO PRESENT 'LIVING AWARDS' AT THE PEABODY

The Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare Foundation will honor outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of "faith & health" at the 2011 Living Awards presentation on August 11, at the Peabody Hotel.

Congratulations to these honorees: for Individual Inspiration—Rev. Jerry F. Corlew; for Physician Inspiration—Bill C. Weber, M.D. and S. Terry Canale, M.D.; for Community Inspiration—the Church Health Center, and the Lifetime Achievement honoree will be Bob Waller, M.D., former president and CEO of Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Tickets to this benefit are available at \$100 per person and may be purchased at the Foundation by calling 901-516-0500.

THANK YOU

To My Church Home Family,
It's hard to believe another school year is approaching and I am thrilled to say, for the first time in my school-age years, I will not be enrolled this school year! Yippee...I graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Pre-school and Child-care Administration. By the grace of God and many prayers and support from my church home, I'm DONE!

How fortunate I have been to have received the Margaret Craft Plant Scholarship during my college career. Her love of education has benefited many students through the years and I am honored and blessed to be among them.

Much love to you, Aldersgate!
Courtney Mathis

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:
Memorial Fund

In memory of Maisie Smith in remembrance of the anniversary of her passing by
Emmett Smith

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake?



ITS TIME FOR 'NAME THAT TUNE'!

...aka "**name your favorite hymns**". You get to choose the hymns we sing in worship. You may call the office, 683-8861, or email us at office@agumc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate to let us know what your favorites are. You could even come by in person and give us a list. Let us know right away so they may be included in our August services.



UMW NEWS

Marcelle and Aleda have finished all the parts of our study, *The Journey*, writing each chapter in the forms of skits, panels and discussion groups. Now we need all of you to agree to take a part so lecturing will be at a minimum. Let either one of them know soon that you will help! Our first session will focus on the story of Jacob and Esau. Attention men! This is not just a women's study - in fact, men will be our registrars. All our men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendars now for Tuesdays, Aug. 23rd and 30th, from 10am to 12noon, with a pot luck lunch on the 30th following the study.



NAME THE e-NEWSPAPER AND WIN A GIFT CARD

The first issue of the new, bi-monthly, electronic Memphis Conference newspaper is available FREE on line at memphisumc.net/news with the working title "eNEWS". The Conference Action Team is inviting readers to submit one or more suggestions for a title for this new publication. Submissions must be made by August 31 via email to communications.mcumc@eplus.net or by mail to: Communications, Memphis Conference, 24 Corporate Blvd., Jackson, TN 38305. Be sure to include your contact information. If your title is chosen you will receive a \$50 gift card to Cokesbury Book Store.



CREATION CARE

The Methodist and Quaker founders of Duke University in Durham, NC, would be proud to know that Duke has 21 LEED-certified buildings on campus and recently cut campus coal consumption by 70% with plans to eliminate it completely in 2011. Their alternative transportation options, including a free bike-share program, incentives for bike and carpool commuters, and free buses around campus and into downtown Durham, are also reducing their carbon footprint.

LAKESHORE HONORED WITH GIFTS



PeyBack Foundation Awards Grant to Lakeshore

Peyton Manning is known for football...and for his PeyBack Foundation. The PeyBack Foundation, dedicated to helping children, has awarded a grant of \$10,500 to Lakeshore's Camp Hope. This camp serves children and teens affected by drugs, alcohol, anger issues and sexual abuse. In its 16th year, Camp Hope has made a major difference in the lives of thousands of young people, who attend the camp at no charge.

Inspired Author Donates Proceeds

Mrs. Lois Pugh, author of *Lakeshore Ponderings*, is donating the proceeds of the book's sales to Lakeshore. Inspired by her many years at the Memphis Conference's camping and retreat center, Mrs. Pugh's book of 29 poems pays tribute to Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly. You may purchase a copy for \$5 by emailing Bill Walker at Lakeshore: bill@lakeshoreuma.com.