

**OUR PRAYERS
Camden Rehab**

Gabe Colosia 508A

At Home

Rev Gladys "Punky" Dennis

Hospice Care

Bea Harris L.J. (Lucien) Hall
Valerie Porterfield Bill Scott

OUR PRESENCE

August 21

Church School 40
Worship 65
Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS

August 21

Total Rec'd \$ 3,231
MTD \$ 11,404
Apportionments TD \$ 18,100

OUR SERVICE

Assisting August 28

Greeters Peggy Brightwell
Sharon Lockhart
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Lisa Hughes
Children's Time Rebeca Ernst
Lock-up Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

4 Brother Paul
11 Tom Lockhart
18 UMW Sunday
25 Barry Mathis



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Have you ever watched a water bug? They're amazing creatures. They have long legs that spread out to support the weight of their body. The bugs never get wet as they skate back and forth searching for whatever it is they are looking for. Water bugs don't live in the water, they live on it. Their world is the shimmering, glassy water surface. Beneath them are the depths, of which they likely have no awareness.

In the helter-skelter of our lives, we are like water bugs. We race to and fro, busy with one errand or another—oblivious, all the while, to the deeper dimensions of life. We spend so much of life gliding along the surface. Seldom do we plumb the depths.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for August 28th

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26
Exodus 3:1-15

Sermon Title

"Is God Calling?"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. 8/28	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 8/29	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 8/30	No Activities
Wed. 8/31	7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/1	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 9/2	Offices Closed
Sat. 9/3	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 9/4	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 9/5	Labor Day Offices Closed



WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE BESTOWS PEACE AWARD

Rosalind Colwill, a mission partner from the British Methodist Church on assignment with the Methodist Church of Nigeria was honored with the World Methodist Peace Award on August 5, in Durban, So. Africa.

A trained social worker, Colwill learned from working with leprosy patients of a myriad of problems with poverty, mental health and learning disabilities. In response to this suffering, she established a pioneer project called Amaudo (Village of Peace) in 1990, creating a holistic and community-based approach to care. To date, the project has treated and supported hundreds of adults and children in their own homes, developing education, training and awareness, reducing stigma and ultimately preventing destitution and homelessness.

It is even more inspiring to acknowledge Ms. Colwill as this year's recipient as she has a partial disability following a stroke.

By being honored with this award, Ms. Colwill joins the ranks of peace ambassadors such as former So. African President Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

A BIG THANK YOU

...to Wanda Tabor for her hard work, helping clean up the church yard before the Mathis/Bierbrodt wedding. Helping hands do make the work much easier. Thanks Wanda!



GOING PLACES

Let's Go to Branson

...Christmas Tour November 29 - December 2. This is a great time to enjoy the holiday season with the beautiful decorations and Christmas shows. Brochures are available on the kitchen bulletin board. Make your reservations early to secure your space.

SUNDAY EVENING FALL STUDY TO BE HELD AT COLONIAL PARK

"A Wesleyan Way of Living"

You are invited to take part in "three simple rules that will change your world" at Colonial Park UMC on Sunday evenings, Sept, 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2. Dr. Lee Ramsey of Memphis Theological Seminary will lead the session on Sept. 11. Rev. Billy Vaughn from School of Servant Leadership will lead on Sept. 18 and Dr. Ramsey will return on Sept. 25. An exciting visit from "The Man From Aldersgate", as portrayed by B.J. Johnston, is scheduled for Oct. 2, along with a potluck supper with hotdogs for the kids. Children and youth programs will be available each evening. The book, "Three Simple Rules" by Rueben Job, is available by calling the church office, 683-5286. All sessions begin at 5:30.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A hurtful word cannot be unspoken.

UMW NEWS

UMW Ladies, Please plan to stay after church next Sunday, 8/28, so Renee can take a group photo, as required by the District. Also, PLEASE plan to attend our study, The Journey. This is not just for women only. Several men are participating, including Brother Paul.

The Conference UMW is asking for Layette Kits which will be sent to UMCOR. If you are interested in this project, check the UMW bulletin board or ask Margaret Ann Ligon for details. The kits will be taken to the UMW Conference meeting in Jackson on Sept. 24.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...resumes September 11, hosted by the Fellowship Class



THE NATURAL WORLD

All creation is the Lord's and we are responsible for the way in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect.

(Excerpt from the Book of Discipline, Paragraph 160)

Going Green tips for this week:

- ◆ Use non-toxic dish & laundry detergent and cleaning products.
- ◆ Run full loads in dishwasher, washer and dryer.
- ◆ Repair faucet leaks and toilet runs immediately.
- ◆ Use recycled, post-consumer paper products for kitchen, bathroom and cleaning.

UMW Social Action Committee



BAR-B-QUE & BINGO

...is coming up on Sept. 22 at 11:15, following Bible Study. There will be a sign up sheet outside the office and one on the kitchen bulletin board. Come join the fun and fellowship!



SAVE THE DATE ~ OCTOBER 15, 2011 Making Strides for Breast Cancer 5K Walk

...to begin at Laurelwood Shopping Center at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. Contact Barbara Scheirer for more info and to sign up for the walk.



MUSIC @ NOON

The Marguerite Francis Concert Series at Bartlett UMC

...resumes on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7th. The fall series begins with the Memphis Brass Quintet, the professional Brass Ensemble in residence at the University of Memphis. All concerts begin at 12:10 and end at 12:40. A light lunch will be available for purchase following each concert.

Sept. 14th will feature bluegrass musicians Bill Yearwood & Richard Ford, members of "2 Mule Plow". Sept. 21st's soloist is Benjamin Kolodziej, chapel organist at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. The Sept. 28th offering is Prism Ensemble members Carina & Lecolion Washington in bassoon and clarinet duets.