

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist G'town **Meth. North**
Frances Coffman 311N David Weaver 350

HealthSouth North **Hospice Care**
Elizabeth Smith 107B Tina Gift

At Home

Carolyn McDougal Peggy Brightwell

OUR PRESENCE

August 26
Church School 40
Worship 50
Visitors 4

OUR GIFTS

August 26
This Week's Offering \$ 3,008
MTD \$ 12,309
Apportionments YD \$ 11,400

OUR SERVICE

Assisting September 2

Greeters Ginny Lawrence
Wayne Lawrence
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Brother Paul
Lock-up Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

9 Judy Stanley
16 UMW Sunday
23 Dean Tutor
30 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

In the 2011 film *The Iron Lady*, Meryl Streep says the following words as she portrays Margaret Thatcher: "Watch your thoughts for they become words. Watch your words for they become actions. Watch your actions for they become your character. And watch your character, for it becomes your destiny! What we think we become."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Sept. 2nd

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Sermon Title

"Poetry of God's Love for Us"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 9/2 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship

Mon. 9/3 Labor Day
Offices Closed

Tue. 9/4 NO Cub Scouts

Wed. 9/5 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 9/6 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 9/7 Offices Closed

Sat. 9/8 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 9/9 9:15a Fellowship Time
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship

THE UPPER ROOM

...for Sept/Oct is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up your copy now and don't miss a day of great devotionals.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3— Labor Day, Offices closed

Sept. 9— 9:15a Fellowship Time
2:00p Registration—UMW District Annual Meeting
2:30p Annual Meeting sessions begin at Covenant UMC

Sept. 11—10:00a Koinonia Group
7:00p Love/Hope Group

Sept. 16—10:55a UMW Sunday at Worship
12:15p UMW Unit Meeting

Sept. 22— 8:45a UMW Conference Annual Meeting at Collierville UMC

Sept. 23—12:15p Church-wide Birthday Party

Sept. 27— 6:30p Nomination/Leadership Cmte.

Sept. 30—12:15p Staff/Parish Relations Cmte.

Sept. 30—Oct. 6 Conference UMW Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you, Aldersgate Family!
Kathy, David, Andy, Brad, Lindsay and I are so overwhelmed by your caring love and support shown to all of us during Phil's hospital stay and after he passed away. All the food brought to us, your cards—they keep coming every day—and all the memorials given in memory of Phil. All of these things mean so much to us and are very appreciated.

Our thanks, also, to Brother Paul and Barbara for their many visits and the wonderful service. Choir, you'll never know how much your beautiful anthem meant to us. You are truly the "church of the warm heart", and we all thank you so very much.

Love in Christ,
Audrey Weaver

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Thank you to all who provided school supplies, monetary donations and side dishes. The Back-to-School potluck and school supply drive was a wonderful fellowship and outreach. We provided \$250 in gift cards to be used as teacher "gifts" throughout the year. Other monetary donations were used to purchase socks, underwears and belts. Thanks to all who helped!

Rebeca Ernst

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sing to the Lord a joyful tune
and give to your neighbors earplugs.



CALLING ALL WWII VETERANS

Take a Sentimental Journey with the Big Band Show featuring Glenn Miller, the Andrews Sisters and Tommy Dorsey on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at First Assembly Church, 8650 Walnut Grove Rd. in Cordova. All WWII veterans and a guest will be admitted free. Please call 901-854-6238 or visit www.WWIIAmerica.com for reservations and information. Everyone is invited. Tickets for non-WWII vets are \$15.

UMW NEWS

Rebeca Ernst to Serve on PAG

Congratulations to Rebeca Ernst on being elected to the national organization's Program Advisory Group. Rebeca is the representative from our South East Jurisdiction. Designed to focus on program aspects of the UMW, the PAG will have input directly from membership into the working programs and initiatives of the organization. This is part of the UMW's new governance model approved at General Conference.

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Many thanks and much appreciation to Lana Solomon and all who helped with our UMW mission study, *Immigration and the Bible*. We learned a great deal about providing safety, sanctuary and sustenance and were reminded that following Jesus leads us into lives of service with and for others. Ladies from several other churches joined us for this presentation.

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McKendree District's UMW Annual Day celebration is Sunday, Sept 9. Registration at 2:00p, sessions begins at 2:30 at Covenant UMC, 8350 Walnut Grove Road. At this important meeting we will celebrate our accomplishments, remember those whom we've lost, learn about what is to come next and elect officers for the next term.

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The Koinonia Sub-group will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 11th at 10:00a.m. If you would like to stay and have lunch, please bring a sandwich. Visitors are welcome to come and fellowship with us.

Margaret Ann Ligon

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Remember! Conference Annual Meeting is coming up on Saturday, September 22, at Collierville UMC. Registration at 8:45a. The \$15 fee includes lunch, materials and mission donation. Forms are available in the office or on line. Registration deadline is Sept. 13.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...is coming up on September 9, hosted by the Fellowship Class. Come enjoy this special time

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Phil Weaver by
Bob & Ann Owens
Tracy & Harriet Norville
IBEW, Local 474
Doris Buton
Joy & Johnny Mitchell
Joyce Price

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Phil Weaver by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Music Fund

In memory of Phil Weaver by
Rodney & Janet Van Housen



SCARVES & TIES FOR 'THE TIES THAT BIND'

Join the UMW and Outreach Committee as they clean out closets and drawers looking for those old or unworn ties and scarves (in good condition, please). They will be sent to *The Ties That Bind* for Kenya Bible College to be used as gifts for graduates. Such a simple gift that gives great pleasure. Please place your gifts in the basket outside the office. Thanks!



FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

In our effort to help keep the shelves at the Food Pantry stocked, we will collect Boxed Mac & Cheese and Dry Cereal and/or Grits for the month of September. Please place your gifts in the UMNC Box in the hall. Thank you.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 Pastor: Rev. Paul Scheirer Music Director: Perry Wilson Organist: Lana Solomon		Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374 Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org		 For the Food Pantry in September Boxed Macaroni & Cheese Dry Cereal & Grits Cash donations also gratefully accepted.			1
2 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	3  LABOR DAY Offices Closed	4	5 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00a Bible Study	7  Offices Closed	8 7:30a Miles for Meals 5K at Overton Park sponsored by the Mid-South Food Bank 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake	
9 Grandparents Day 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 2:30p UMW District Annual Meeting @ Covenant UMC 4:00p Meet & Greet our new Bishop @ Jackson 1st UMC	10 Noon News Deadline	11 Patriot Day 10:00a Koinonia 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope	12  6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	13 10:00a Bible Study	14 Offices Closed	15 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake	
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23 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Church-wide Birthday Party 	24 Noon News Deadline	25 6:00p Cub Scouts	26 Stuff-a-Bus with Food & Funds at Poplar Plaza Sponsored by Mid-South Food Bank 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	27 10:00a Bible Study 	28 Offices Closed	29 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake	
30 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Staff/Parish Relations Committee. 2:00p Non-member Reception	UMW Mission Trip to Kentucky 9/30—10/6 			September is Hunger Action Month. The Mid-South Food Bank, a member of Feeding America, and where the UMNK Food Pantries purchase food at low cost, joins with partner hunger relief agencies in asking everyone to help raise awareness and take action against hunger. At the "Miles for Meals 5K - Walk - Run - Feed" on Sept. 8, walkers and runners may sign up for \$25 per person or, if you have a group of 10 or more, \$20. Every dollar raised equals 2 meals, every mile equals 16 meals. You may also help "Stuff a MATA Bus with Food & Funds" at Poplar Plaza Shopping Center on Sept. 26. To learn other ways of helping, visit www.HungerActionMonth.org and www.midsouthfoodbank.org .			



Happy Birth-

Sep 1	Lana Solomon
2	Cathy Boice Jason King
4	Margie Williamson
6	Julie Gilbert Laura Schneider
7	Will Gabriel Robert G. Graham Millie Washington
9	Carolyn Escue Marcia Schmidt
10	Rebeca Ernst Jimmy Hight
12	Diana Bedwell
13	Butch Shipley
15	Cindy Pilkinton
17	Jan Cason
18	Devin Bradsher
19	Harold Smith
20	Lisa Hughes
23	Pat Carr
24	Ginny Lawrence
27	Justin Barber
28	Rick Ernst
29	Nell Clarke



Happy Anniversary

Sep 4	Paul & Barbara Scheirer
16	Glenn & Renee Little

ASSISTING IN SEPTEMBER

Greeters	Ginny Lawrence Wayne Lawrence
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul Judy Stanley UMW Sunday Dean Tutor Brother Paul
Children's Time	
Lock-up	Neil DeLong

To Autumn
John Keats

Seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.
Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while they hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.
Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music, too,
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red breast whistles from a garden croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.




WHAT TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

September is:



Hunger Action Month
Classical Music Month
Blueberry Popsicle Month
Better Breakfast Month



- Sept. 1-2 is the Memphis Music & Heritage Festival downtown. Family friendly and free.
- Sept. 2 celebrates VJ Day, the formal end to WWII. 
- Sept. 2-11 is the Delta Fair and Music Festival at the Agricenter.
- Sept. 5 is Be Late For Something Day.
- Sept. 8 is Miles for Meals 5K Walk-Run-Feed at Overton Park.
- Sept. 8-9 is the Germantown Festival. Family friendly and free.
- Sept. 13 is National Peanut Day.
- Sept. 15 the Corn Maze at the Agricenter opens.
- Sept. 17 is Apple Dumpling Day.
- Sept. 22 is Elephant Appreciation Day. 
- Sept. 23 the Mid South Fair opens at the Desoto Civic Center.
- Sept. 26 is Stuff a MATA Bus with Food & Funds at Poplar Plaza Shopping Center
- Sept. 28 is Ask a Stupid Question Day???
- Sept. 30 is National Mud Pack Day. 

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861 or email office@agumc.org. Thank you.