

**OUR PRAYERS
Camden Rehab**

Gabe Colosia 508A

Hospice Care

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

OUR PRESENCE

August 28

Church School 46
Worship 81
Visitors 5

OUR GIFTS

August 28

Total Rec'd \$ 2,274
MTD \$ 13,678
Apportionments TD \$ 18,800

OUR SERVICE

Assisting September 4

Greeters Margie Williamson
Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Brother Paul
Lock-up Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

11 Tom Lockkhart
18 UMW Sunday
25 Barry Mathis

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I find this to be a very profound statement about spiritual formation written by Glandion Carney.

“Spiritual formation is not the end in itself, but is always focused on the advancement of His kingdom. God’s chosen strategy for the world is us—His faithful and obedient people. The task is profoundly beyond us but God’s invitation is to take what He gives us and return it to Him in simple obedience as we minister to others. As we follow Him in His risky and costly call, we become the aroma of His life to a broken and needy world and God works a miracle.”

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Sept. 4th

Psalm 148

Exodus 12:1-14

Sermon Title

“Chronos or Kairos?”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. 9/4 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship

Mon. 9/5 Labor Day - Offices Closed
11:00a Faith & Labor Picnic @
Trinity UMC

Tue. 9/6 No Activities

Wed. 9/7 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 9/8 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 9/9 Offices Closed

Sat. 9/10 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 9/11 9:00a UMW Nominating Cmte.
9:15a Fellowship Time
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
2:00p UMW District Annual
Meeting @ St. Luke's
5:30p "3 Simple Rules" @
Colonial Park UMC
6:00p Women of Zion Mtg.

I APOLOGIZE!!!

Barbeque & Bingo on Sept. 22 at 11:15 a.m. was accidently left off the Sept. calendar. Please be sure to add it to your copy! K



BARBEQUE & BINGO

Mark your calendar now for this special event for our adults. Thursday, September 22, following Bible Study, we will have lunch and play Bingo. The cost is \$4.00 per person which includes lunch of BBQ with all the fixing's, beverage, dessert and bingo prizes. Please sign up on the list by the office or across from the kitchen if you plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - SEPT. 11

Come join in the refreshments and fellowship with your friends hosted by the Fellowship Class.



CONGRATULATIONS

...to Leslie Godbold Ragan!!! She competed in the Ironman Triathlon in Louisville, KY, swimming 2.4 miles, riding a bicycle 112 miles and running a full marathon of 26.2 miles. Her total time was 13 hours, 26 minutes. She finished in the top third of her group among the 2200 contestants. Leslie is the daughter of Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold and grew up at Aldersgate.

**COUNCIL OF BISHOPS
ISSUES INVITE TO LAITY**

Lay leaders, volunteers, staff and all church members in the McKendree and Asbury Districts are encouraged to attend "A Call to Action", as expressed by the Council of Bishops. This session is to discuss and evaluate our calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Through this time of sharing we will strive to give God the best of our service. The outcome of these conversations will be presented to the General Conference in 2012.

Join us on Thursday evening, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Colonial Park UMC, 5330 Park Ave., 901-683-5286. Additional information is available at the following websites:

www.umvitalcongregations.org
www.memphis-umc.org

NEW UM WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Ministry with the poor is one of four current United Methodist priorities. The General Board of Global Ministry, in partnership with the United Methodist Women, has launched a new website called With*, which can be viewed at ministry-WITH.org, in conjunction with their emphasis on Ministry With the Poor. At the site, you may read news and articles, learn about development goals and find staggering facts about poverty. You will find volunteer and advocacy opportunities, mission videos and more. Readers are encouraged to participate by adding their comments and submitting resources.

UMW NEWS

The last two Tuesdays saw another successful mission study, *The Journey*, completed with ladies from across the District in attendance. Our grateful thanks to Aleda and Marcelle and all who helped.

Now we prepare for Sept. 18, which is UMW Sunday at worship and will be our first Unit Meeting of the autumn at 12:15p.

Also coming up is District Annual Meeting on September 11, 2:00p.m., at St. Luke's UMC, and Conference Annual Meeting is September 24, 8:45a.m. at First UMC in Jackson. We must have at least one voting delegate attend Annual Meeting.

Ladies, please do your best to attend church on the 18th. Our Unit picture will be taken immediately following worship service.



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 Tip

Buy Fair Trade Items - Coffee, tea, chocolate and bananas are commonly available through fair-trade organizations. These co-ops ensure that products are produced sustainably and the farmers/laborers are treated and paid fairly. You may pay a little more, but your purchase speaks volumes to those who take advantage of poor laborers. Go to www.equalexchange.org or www.greenamerica.org to learn more.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:
Honorarium Fund
In honor of Kathy Earl
by Aleda Kelly



**BLUE JEANS, BOOTS & BANJOS BENEFIT
Aids Reelfoot and Disaster Relief**

Come to the Strand Theater in Tiptonville, TN, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16th and hear Randy Wilson's remarkable banjo performance. Delighting everyone from 1 to 100, Randy traces the banjo from the African grasslands to Southern plantations to the mountains of eastern Kentucky. Tickets for this concert are \$20 adults and \$10 for 12 and under and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds from this performance will go to Reelfoot Rural Ministries and the Memphis Conference Disaster Relief Fund.



SEPTEMBER IS 'HUNGER ACTION MONTH'

Across the country, food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and feeding stations supplies are stretched to the breaking point. In Tennessee alone there are thousands still suffering from the aftermath of the spring storms and flooding who now must depend on others to feed their families.

Many local companies and organizations are offering ways to get involved in fighting hunger. September 3rd, Cordova Bowling Center is having a food drive; Sept. 5th the Airport FastPark will donate \$1 for each 1 lb. of food donated; Sept. 9th AARP is collecting food at Walgreens stores; Sept. 26th MATA's "Stuff the Bus" will be held at the Poplar Plaza parking lot and there is always a need at the UMNC Food Pantry. September: Hunger Action Month-Get Involved!