

**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. 4<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.umvitalcongregations.org)  
[www.memphis-umc.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.equalexchange.org) or [www.greenamerica.org](http://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!