

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis

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At Home

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OUR PRESENCE

August 29 Church School 47
Worship 85
Visitors 7

OUR GIFTS

August 29
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 2080
Church School \$ 20
Total Rec'd \$ 2100

MTD \$ 15630
YTD apportionments \$ 22946

OUR SERVICE

Assisting September 5

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

September Scripture Readers

12 Renee Little
19 UMW Sunday
26 Warren Petty

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FROM THE PASTOR

A hospital volunteer shares the following story:

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked him if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks... Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away".

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her. This story reminds me of Romans 5:7-8. Thanks be to God.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Sept. 5

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon Title

"The Human Sculptor"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Sept. 5 - Saturday, Sept. 11

Sun. 9/5	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 6:00p Women of Zion
Mon. 9/6	Labor Day Offices Closed
Tue. 9/7	4:30p Confirmation Class 6:30p Girl Scouts
Wed. 9/8	6:00p Fellowship & Study 6:00p Angelfood Orders 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/9	10:00a Adult Bible Study 6:30p Lay Leadership/ Nominations Cmte.
Fri. 9/10	Offices Closed
Sat. 9/11	9:00a AFLS



FELLOWSHIP TIME RESUMES

...Sept. 12. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15 to 9:45 for a light breakfast with plenty of coffee, juice and milk furnished by the Fellowship Class.

THE UPPER ROOM

.Don't forget your current issue of the Upper Room, now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up a copy today and share it with a friend!



YOU ARE INVITED

...to an Organ Hymn Festival presented by the American Guild of Organists in partnership with Memphis Theological Seminary, on Monday, Sept. 13, 7:30 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3245 Central Ave. The event is FREE and open to the public.

THANK YOU NOTES

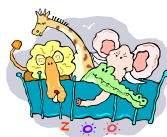
The goodness and generosity you share so happily are wonderful reminders of the true meaning of God's love. Our sincere appreciation to the Choir of Aldersgate for the beautiful music provided for our revival. You were such a blessing!

Lana Johnson, Music Dept.
Macedonia UMC

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Dear Aldersgate Friends,
Thank you for your prayers, calls and beautiful cards. Thanks also to Brother Paul for his visits and prayers. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Your love and support mean so much to me during this trying time at home and in the hospital.

In Christian Love,
Martha Burford



SENIOR DAY AT THE ZOO

Free admission - Free Parking - Free tram ride - Live entertainment and dancing
Wednesday, October 6. Mark the date on your calendar now!

OUR EMPHASIS FOR UMNC NEEDS

During the month of September, our emphasis for UMNC will be on these items:

Detergent and cleaning supplies
Paper products (napkins, towels, TP)
Lipstick, Nail Polish, Shampoo
Feminine hygiene prod. (pads only, please)
Please place your gifts in the blue bin in the hall by the kitchen. Thanks so much!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Giving and receiving should be experienced together, as with a hug.

UMW NEWS

Words are inadequate to express my gratitude to all who attended and helped in any way to make the study of the Epistles of John an unforgettable occasion. Local members laid the foundation for the study with a panel and our guests followed suit with a variety of ways to make the study come alive. We have taken an offering for UMCOR as an outreach and experienced the real meaning of the word Koinonia.

Everyone contributed but we want to especially thank our guest pianist, Nancy Blanks, from St. Matthews, and Marcelle Farrow, co-leader, and ever present in spite of her physical condition. The "Wailing Wall" was her design.

And don't forget Brother Paul, who, at the very last minute, led the first session. Paul is truly a United Methodist (Wo)man!

Again, many thanks to all who took part. The study is over but we can't rest. Our scrapbook must be ready for District Annual Meeting, we must prepare for UMW Sunday and election of officers. All officers should plan to attend Officers Training Day on November 6.

If you are interested in being our new "camera lady" please let Judy Stanley, Chair of our Nominating Committee, know.

UMW District Annual Meeting will be at St. Mark's UMC on September 12. Registration at 2:00 pm and program at 2:30. If you need a ride, be at church at 1:15.

Conference Annual Meeting: Sept. 20th at Union City First UMC, at 8:45am.

Aleda Kelly

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Correction to Sept. calendar:

Both the Koinonia/Rebecca and Love/Hope groups meet on Sept. 14th, not the 7th.

ANGELFOOD INFO

September orders for Angelfood will be taken on Wed., Sept. 8, from 6-7pm and Sun., Sept. 12, from 12:30-1:30pm. Distribution Day is Saturday, September 18. There are NO qualifications or requirements to be eligible. See the September calendar in The Flame for this month's menu.



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

...we need books for the used book sale at the Fall Festival. Bring them to the Health Room or call Barbara for pick-up, 746-8949.

SPEAKING OF THE FALL FESTIVAL

...its coming up on October 16. Are you making plans? Mark your calendar NOW!

GOING PLACES!

OOPS! Sorry! Please note corrections.

Charlene's on November 4

(Not September 4)

Lunch at Charlene's Tea Room in Halls, TN, and browse around her shoppes. Then on to Covington, TN and visit their restored town square and businesses. \$69 (not \$59) includes lunch and transportation.

Branson at Christmas

November 30 - December 3

See Debbie Boone, the Gatlin Brothers, the Platters, the Presleys, and take a lunch cruise on board the Branson Belle. "The Magic of Christmas" will be a special treat at the Sight & Sound Theater.

Check the bulletin board outside the kitchen or call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, for more information.