

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Mark Lewis
 Bill McMullin
 Cathy McCollum
 James Baker
 Lillian McDonald
 Tom Lockhart

Hospice Care

Earline Gabriel
 Mary Stanley

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to ...Lorelle & Tilford Woodard and family in the loss of her cousin, Wymond Moore.

OUR PRESENCE

Sept. 1

Church School	41
Worship	63
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS

Sept. 1

This Week's Offering	\$ 3,691
MTD	\$ 3,691
Apportionments TD	\$ 3,809

OUR SERVICE

September 8

Greeters	Barine Deekae Fortune Gbeneneh
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Diana Bedwell
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

15 UMW/UMM Sunday
 22 Barry Mathis
 29 Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Having just celebrated Labor Day, it reminded me of some scriptures about laboring.

I Corinthians 9 reminds us, "For we are God's servants, laboring together; you are God's field, God's building". In I Corinthians 15:58, the epistle tells us, "Therefore my beloved, be steadfast, unmovable, always excelling in the labor of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain". And, of course, Matthew and Luke both state, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest".

These three, and many others, emphasize that we, the church—the body of Christ—are to labor together, to reach beyond ourselves to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world. I pray we keep that in mind on our journeys of faith.

Peace and Grace,
 Brother Paul

Scripture for September 8:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-20

Sermon:

"The Gift of Encouragement"

LÖÖKING AHEAD



Sun 9/8	9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 2:00p UMW District Annual Mtg. & Celebration Crossroads UMC
Mon. 9/9	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 9/10	10:00a Koinonia Group 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 9/11	7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/12	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 9/13	Offices Closed
Sat. 9/14	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 9/15	UMW/UMM Sunday 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Reception followed by UMW Unit Mtg.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

How did you do?

employee paradigm intercom parallel
strategy convulse alphabet attendee



BIRTHDAY BASH COMING UP

We will all celebrate our birthdays Sept. 29 at our Annual Birthday Bash. Look for the sign-up sheet on the office window for the month of your birthday to bake a cake or decorate a table. Fun and surprises are in store, so mark your calendar now.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's love opens the path to peace, comfort and hope. Don't keep it a secret.

THANK YOU NOTES

Friends,
Thank you for your gifts to 20/20. You have enabled a child to learn to read and write or an adult to sew, read or even hold a job. With your help over the past 20 years, thousands of needy persons have had eye care otherwise unavailable to them. With your continued support we are committed to helping many more in the future.

Gratefully,
Mary Hensley
And the 20/20 volunteers

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Dear Friends,
Your generous and loving donation to Golden Cross enables us to make life better for our many elderly residents. Thank you for being our partner in ministry

Blessings,
David Kabakoff, President
Wesley Senior Ministries



EPWORTH BY THE SEA OFFERS LAYCOCK STUDY

"Beginning...and Beginning Again: Studies in Genesis and Acts", an Evelyn Laycock Bible Study Series, is being offered at Epworth October 13-16. Leaders for the event are Dr. William H. Willimon, Rev. Gina Campbell and Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas, all renowned for their Christian leadership. For complete information or to register, visit www.epworthbythesea.org or call 912-638-8688.

TRAVEL SHOW OF 2014 TOURS

...September 17 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Come see what's in store in the Canadian Rockies by Rail, Hawaii by Land & Sea, and Autumn in New England. Also available will be 2014 Crown Coach Tours. Please RSVP to Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841

UMW NEWS

Gear up, Ladies! Its September!

- Sept. 8** 2:00p District Annual Meeting and Celebration at Crossroads UMC
- Sept. 10** 10:00a Koinonia
7:00p Love/Hope
- Sept. 11** 10:30a Methodist Hospital Auxiliary
- Sept. 15** 10:55a UMW/UMM Sunday
- Sept. 18** 10:00a Key Women's Mtg. at UMNC
- Sept. 21** 8:45a Conference Annual Meeting & Officers Training at Lone Oak UMC in Paducah, KY.

Questions about any of these activities? Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385; Frances Morris, 386-6424 or Lana Solomon, 662-890-8958.

The Reading Program is always active and has begun a new year. Read at least one book from each category: *Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, and Leadership Development*, to qualify. A reading list is available on-line or from Sharon Lockhart. Many of the books are in the church library.

UMW/UMM SUNDAY

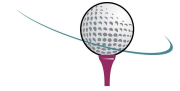
...on September 15th is shaping up. Rev. DeAndre Brown, founder of Lifeline to Success, and his congregation, will be joining us. Rev. Brown will be our speaker for the day.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception to follow our service. Our United Methodist Men will cook hamburgers and hotdogs and our United Methodist Women are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

The UMW Unit meeting normally held on UMW Sunday is being postponed until October 13th.

COOPER YOUNG FESTIVAL

Celebrating local & regional artisans, the Cooper Young Festival, September 14th, at the corner of Cooper St. & Young Ave., will keep you entertained with 10 bands on various stages and over 400 artisans will be there to share their handiwork. One of the largest Arts Festivals in the area, it helps support our local arts community with 100% of the proceeds going to the artists.



GOLF! GOLF! GOLF!

Polished those clubs? Have your gloves, balls and tees at the ready? Join us on September 28 for our **TAAUMCUMMGT** (Thirty-fourth Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament). Tee time is 12 Noon at Cherokee Valley Golf Club in Olive Branch, MS. The fee is \$55 per person and includes greens fee, cart, awards and prizes. Call Dean Tutor, 274-0089, to sign up individually or for your team.

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN The Mid South Fair

...runs from Sept. 20th thru 29th at the Landers Center (formerly the DeSoto Civic Center) in Southaven. Exhibits in agriculture, industry, crafts and more are awarded ribbons at this annual exposition. Concerts and the Midway are always favorites for fair-goers.



FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER

Sugar Cake Mixes Flour



DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Our Distinctive Heritage as United Methodists Distinctive Wesleyan Emphases

Although Wesley shared with many other Christians a belief in grace, justification, assurance and sanctification, he combined them in a powerful manner to create distinctive emphases for living a full Christian life. The Evangelical Brethren tradition, particularly as expressed by Phillip William Otterbein from a Reformed background, gave similar distinctive emphases.

Grace pervades our understanding of Christian faith and life. By grace we mean the undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit. While the grace of God is undivided, it precedes salvation as "prevenient grace", continues in "justifying grace", and is brought to fruition in "sanctifying grace".