

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist G'town

Wanda Tabor 312 S

Hospice Care

Tina Gift

Remember in prayer our homebound and those convalescing at home.

Doris Babb	Martha Meyer
Joan Clark	Lorene Nance
Geri Colosia	Bernice Shelby
Mava Dell Fry	Mavis Shettles
Helen Griffin	Emmett Smith
Marie Hughes	Harold Smith
James Matlock	Joye Smith

OUR PRESENCE

September 9

Church School	48
Worship	71
Visitors	11

OUR GIFTS

September 9

This Week's Offering	\$ 7,609
MTD	\$ 12,637
Apportionments TD	\$ 11,400

OUR SERVICE

Assisting September 16

Greeters	Ginny Lawrence Neil DeLong
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Barry Mathis
Children's Time	Ed Stanley
Lock-up	Neil DeLong

September Scripture Readers

23	Dean Tutor
30	Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Unseen Yet Loved

A kind mother had one day been talking with her little girl about the duty of loving God. The child replied, "Mother, I have never seen God; how can I love God?" The mother made no answer then.

A few days after, she received a package from a friend who lived a great way off; and in the package was a beautiful book for the little girl. The child took the book and was for some time entirely engrossed in it, but soon she exclaimed, "Oh, mother! How I do love the good lady that sent me this book!" "But you never saw her, my dear," said the mother. "No," answered the child; "but I love her because she sent me this beautiful present." "My child," said the mother, "you told me the other day that you could not love God because you have never seen God. And yet you love this kind lady whom you have never seen, because she has given you a present. Now you have all around you the presents which God has given you. Why can't you love God for God's presents?"

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Sept. 16th

Psalm 19

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon Title

"The Cost of Discipleship"

LOOKING AHEAD	
Sun. 9/16	UMW—UMM Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting
Mon. 9/17	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 9/18	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 9/19	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/20	10:00a Bible Study 6:00p Nominating/Leadership Committee
Fri. 9/21	Offices Closed
Sat. 9/22	8:45a UMW Conference Annual Meeting @ Collierville UMC 9:00a AFLS
Sun. 9/23	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Church-wide Birthday Party



HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!!!

September 23 is our annual Pot Luck Birthday Party, 12:15pm, right after worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window for cakes and decorators for your favorite months or call Kathy to see if your choice is still open, 683-8861. And get out those favorite pot luck recipes to share. There will be food, fun, fellowship and birthday cake for all!



TAAUMCUMMGolf Tournament

October 20 is the date, 12 noon is the shotgun start time for the Thirty-third Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament at Cherokee Valley Golf Course in Olive Branch. Call Dean Tutor, 274-0089 or 301-2819 for info and to sign up.

FOR THE FOOD PANTRY September is Hunger Action Month



Boxed Mac & Cheese
Dry Cereal and/or Grits



THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support of Wesley Senior Ministries—Golden Cross Fund. Your gifts enable us to make life easier for the elderly residents of Wesley. Wesley Senior Ministries has been a part of the Memphis Annual Conference for 43 years. We receive no funding from the Conference, so totally rely on you, and others like you, to make a difference in the lives of this special group of people. We are honored by your support. Thank you for caring and for being our partner in ministry.

Kartha Stires, Admin. Assistant

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When prayers go up, blessings come down.



GOING PLACES

LAST CALL for the Pearl Tour, Sept. 18 and the Ozark Fall Foliage/Branson Tour, Oct. 23-26. Call Carolyn, 861-0841, for information.

2013 Slide Presentation—October 2

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. for an armchair visit to tours available for 2013. May 16~**Canyon Country** - Scottsdale, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon and Zion Nat'l. Park, Las Vegas

July 25~**Canada's Atlantic Coast**-Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Cabot Trail

Aug. 18~**Mackinac Island**-Chicago, Green Bay, Mackinac Island, Frankenmuth and Southfield
Sept. 1~**California Coast**-San Francisco, Yosemite Nat'l. Park, Monterey, Los Angeles and San Diego.

You and your friends are all invited. RSVP to Carolyn, 861-0841

UMW/UMM NEWS

Join us on UMW/UMM Sunday, Sept. 16, when its all about "turning faith, love and hope into action", as we celebrate United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men's presence here and throughout the world. Because of their dedication to faithful living and action by fostering spiritual growth, serving the poor, oppressed and marginalized, advocating for justice and by working to prevent egregious actions, protecting those in harms way and prosecuting offenders, the love of God and hope of freedom are felt around the globe.

Our very own Paul Scheirer will bring the message for the day. Worship service will be followed by the UMW Unit Meeting at 12:15.

EPWORTH BY THE SEA PRESENTS

"Just Breathe"

A Bible Study on Prayer

This Bible study is about what is vital to the spiritual life of every person: PRAYER. To be led by Rev. Joyce Payne, a UM minister since 1987, Joyce is passionate about God and committed to spreading the Good Word about Jesus.

Join us October 15-18, at Epworth, as we explore prayer and prayers in God's Word. Information, accommodations and agenda may be viewed on line at www.epworthbythesea.org. Register by September 24th.



LAKE JUNALUSKA OFFERS FALL TOURS

Two great reasons to come back to the mountains. With *Appalachian History*, Oct. 9-11, you will tour the dam and train depot, visit the Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts and attend the Appalachian Craft Fair. With *Song and Stage in the Mountains*, Oct. 12-14, attend the *Lake Junaluska Singers* concert and the play *Light in the Piazza* at the Hart Theater. Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/fall-12 for all the details or call 800-422-4930.

THANK YOU

...Fellowship Class for all the wonderful food.
Next Fellowship Time will be October 7.



3-STAR RATING AWARDED TO MIRIAM CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

WOW!!! Because of the HARD work of 15 staff members, the UMNC's Miriam Center has been awarded the coveted 3-star rating, the highest a childcare facility can receive. Due to their dedication to this huge accomplishment, the workers deserve to be recognized and a bonus is certainly deserved. If you would like to be part of a "love offering" for these women as a token of our appreciation for their loyalty and hard work, you may submit your gifts to Aldersgate UMC and note "UMNC Love Offering" in the memo line. The deadline for gifts is September 17. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

STEPHEN MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Germantown UMC will host a half-day workshop offering the opportunity to learn about Stephen Ministry and how to become trained to 'care in a distinctively Christian way'. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one, quality care to people experiencing various difficulties in life. The workshop will be on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9am to 1pm at 2331 S. Germantown Rd., with check-in and refreshments beginning at 8 a.m. A \$15 fee per person or \$50 per congregation (four or more) will be charged. You may call 314-428-2600 or visit www.stephenministry.org/workshop for registration.



2013 CALENDAR PLEASE NOTE!!!

The calendar for 2013 is now available on the office closet door UNDER the 2012 calendar. Planning ahead makes smooth sailing for all.