

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist Germantown

Michael Solomon 312 East
Doris Babb 327 South

Hospice Care

Tina Gift
Wanda Tabor

At Home

Richard Morris

OUR PRESENCE

September 16

Church School 45
Worship 64
Visitors 5

OUR GIFTS

September 16

This Week's Offering \$ 2,342
MTD \$ 14,979
Apportionments TD \$ 11,400

OUR SERVICE

Assisting September 23

Greeters Ginny Lawrence
Wayne Lawrence
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Dean Tutor
Children's Time Ed Stanley
Lock-up Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

30 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Oppressed by the noonday heat, a tired farmer sat under a walnut tree to rest. Relaxing, he looked at his pumpkin vines and said to himself, "How strange it is that God puts such big heavy pumpkins on a frail vine that has so little strength it has to trail on the ground!" And then looking up into the cool branches of the tree above him, he added, "How strange it is that God puts small walnuts on such a big tree with branches so strong they could hold a man!"

Just then a breeze dislodged a walnut from the tree. The tired farmer wondered no more, as he rubbed his head ruefully and said, "It is a good thing there wasn't a pumpkin up there instead of a walnut."

Hopefully, when the breezes of life blow, you will remember that God, Who is great and wise, makes no mistakes. God deserves our praise under any circumstance.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Sept. 23rd

Psalm 1
Mark 9:30-37

Sermon Title

"What's Important and What's Not?"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

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| Sun. 9/23 | 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Pot Luck Birthday Party |
| Mon. 9/24 | Noon News Deadline |
| Tue. 9/25 | 6:00p Cub Scouts |
| Wed. 9/26 | 8a-6p Stuff-a-Bus for Memphis Food Bank-Poplar Plaza Shopping Center 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal |
| Thu. 9/27 | 10:00a Bible Study |
| Fri. 9/28 | Offices Closed |
| Sat. 9/29 | 9:00a AFLS |
| Sun. 9/30 | 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Staff/Parish Relations 2:00p Non-member Reception |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 6 | Conference UMW Mission Trip to Kentucky |



LEGACY OF LAKESHORE DINNER IS OCTOBER 11

Help ensure the future of the Memphis Conference camp and retreat center on Oct. 11 at Covenant UMC, 8350 Walnut Grove Rd. The evening, which includes entertainment, will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizers, dinner at 6:30 and program at 6:45. For all the details and/or to reserve a ticket, \$50, or table, \$400, you may contact lakeshoreuma.com or call 731-584-6102 or email Bill Walker at bill@lakeshoreuma.com.

COKEsbury CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION

The Memphis Cokesbury Bookstore, now called 'Christ Church Bookstore - A Ministry of Cokesbury', is celebrating its grand opening in the new location on campus at Christ UMC, Sept. 17-22. Patrons are invited to visit and see the "new look" and join in special events. The address is 407 Grove Park Rd.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

For the Food Pantry at UMNC



Boxed Mac & Cheese
Dry Cereal and/or Grits



For the Mid-South Food Bank

Help Stuff-a-Bus for the Food Bank on Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Poplar Plaza Shopping Center. Non-perishables and cash donation, please. Every \$1 in cash equals \$4 in food.

The MSFB's **BackPack Program** makes Fridays special for children who participate. Instead of books & pencils, their Friday back packs carry enough good, wholesome food for six meals, enough to last through the weekend. 23% of children in this area are food insecure. That's more than 121,500 kids and we are only helping 1,350. A gift of only \$188 will fill a back-pack for one year. A gift of any amount will give hungry children nutritious food to help them through the weekend. Call 527-0841 or visit on line at: midsouthfoodbank.org for all the details.



SENIOR DAY AT THE ZOO Wednesday, October 3 from 9 to 2 Free for 55 and older

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A part-time Executive level position is open at Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation for a highly motivated and well organized person. Applicant must be knowledgeable about and active in the United Methodist Church and able to supervise all aspects of a non-profit office.

For a copy of the job description or to apply on line, contact kartha.stires@wesleyhousing.com no later than Sept. 21.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In any challenge, ask for help - turn your thoughts to prayer.

UMW NEWS

Our first-ever UMW/UMM Sunday was great! Many thanks to all who helped make it so!

- Remember! Memphis Conference UMW Annual Meeting is Saturday, Sept. 22 at Collierville UMC. Registration begins at 8:45a.
- Don't forget to register for MOR, our Mission Outreach Retreat, Nov. 10-11, at Lakeshore, planned by our own Rebeca Ernst. Forms are available in the church office.



GET READY FOR FALL FESTIVAL



...coming up on October 6. We will open to the community at 8 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help with greeting, watching, smiling, running, laughing, sales, set-up and clean-up, and various other projects. To sign up for a booth or to volunteer your help, please contact:

- Judy Stanley, 652-4821 or email her at judy@crumpmortgage.com
- Perri Mathis, 683-7050, or email her at bamathis@att.net
- The church office, 683-8861

...or volunteers may sign up on the office window or the kitchen bulletin board.

If you need items picked up for the Estate Sale or White Elephant Sale, please call Perri, 831-2217.

If you would like to donate water or soft drinks, please label them "Fall Festival" and put them in the kitchen.

Have books for the Book Sale? Bring them to the Health Room or call Barbara, 746-8949, for pick up.

And don't forget the Bake Sale. Get out those favorite recipes and bake, bake, bake! The more the better.



SUNDAY = BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our annual Pot Luck Birthday Party is September 23, at 12:15pm, right after worship. There will be fun, surprises and birthday cake for all, along with great food from our excellent "pot luck cooks"! **No desserts, please.** There will be birthday cake at each table.

CREATION CARE

- » Recycling protects and expands US manufacturing jobs and increases US competitiveness.
- » Recycling reduces the need for land-filling and incineration.



GOING PLACES

You are invited to a slide presentation of Collette Vacation Tours that are booked for 2013. Join us on October 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. These tours include Canyon Country, Canada's Atlantic Coast, Mackinac Island and California Coast. Please come and invite your friends who like to travel. RSVP to Carolyn, 861-0841.

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We still have a few spaces on the Ozark Fall Foliage Tour, Oct. 23-26 and the Christmas Tour to Pigeon Forge & Nashville to see the *Rockettes* and *Ice* at the Country Christmas at Opryland Nov. 27-30. Contact Carolyn at 861-0841.

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The Thirty-third Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament is coming up on October 20 at Cherokee Valley Golf Course in Olive Branch. Call Dean Tutor, 274-0089 or 301-2819 for all the details and to sign up.

