

OUR PRAYERS

The Med	Baptist Memorial
Evelyn Goddard 455	Edward Isen ICU

At Home

Joyce Price	Mark Lewis
Bill McMullin	Betty Ray

Homebound & Assisted Care

Martha Ruth Allen	Doris Babb
Doris June Burton	Joan Clark
Gerri Colosia	Mava Dell Fry
Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes
Donnie Jones	James Matlock
Martha Meyer	Lorene Nance
Doris Palazzini	Bernice Shelby
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	

OUR PRESENCE

Sept. 29

Church School	45
Worship	75
Visitors	12

OUR GIFTS

Sept. 29

This Week's Offering	\$ 3,358
MTD	\$ 17,734
Apportionments TD	\$ 7,618

OUR SERVICE

October 6

Greeters	Sharon Lockhart Barbara Scheirer
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Brother Paul
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

October Scripture Readers

13	Warren Petty
20	Judy Stanley
27	Dean Tutor



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Many of you in Sunday school have been looking at the early chapters of the book of Genesis, including the first two chapters that talk about God's creation of our world and all that is in it.

As we begin the month of October, we really begin to experience the season of fall, a time of changing leaf colors, shorter daylight hours, and cooler weather.

When I was on Katy's Café's radio show last week, she was bemoaning the end of summer. What season of the year is your favorite? I think all of them have something unique and special to offer. As we read in the book of Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Oct. 6th

Lamentations 1:1-6
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon Title

"No Fear"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun 10/6 **World Communion Sunday**
 9:15a Fellowship Time w/the Fidelis Class hosting
 9:45a Sunday School
 10:55a Worship
12:15p Church Council

Mon. 10/7 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian
 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 10/8 10:00a Koinonia Group
 6:00p Cub Scouts
 7:00p Love Hope Group

Wed. 10/9 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 10/10 10:00a Bible Study
 Set-up for Festival

Fri. 10/11 Offices Closed
 Set-up for Festival

Sat. 10/12 **8:00a Aldersgate Community Fall Festival**
 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 10/13 **Children's Sabbath**
 9:45a Sunday School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p UMW Executive Mtg.



FOOD PANTRY FOR OCTOBER

Cans of Corn, Sweet Potatoes & Green Beans

TRAVEL TIME

Here's a reminder of two tours available this year:
 Nov. 12 - Charlene's Tea Room & Veteran's Museum in Halls, TN
 Dec. 3-6 - An Ozark Christmas, Branson, MO, featuring 5 great Christmas shows.
 Brochures are available on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Pray at the start of your day—you will find strength.
 Pray at the end of your day—you will find peace.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

...for a wonderful Birthday Party to each of you who decorated a table, baked a cake, brought food and cleaned up afterward. Another special THANK YOU to Arts for Life's Sake students who performed so beautifully. We were so happy to have them and their parents join us for worship and lunch. Another big THANK YOU to Perri Mathis and her committee for planning and organizing our event.

CHURCH COUNCIL
 ...to meet Sunday, October 6, 12:15 p.m., in preparation for Charge Conference.

ARE YOU READY FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE?

THURSDAY, October 17, 6:00 p.m.
 All members of the Church Council are expected and any one interested is invited.

ALDERSGATE COMMUNITY



...Saturday, October 12—a big day for everyone! Don't forget the **Bake Sale**. Get out those favorite recipes and bake, bake, bake! The more the better.



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.

You still have time to sign up as a vendor or a helper by contacting:

- Judy Stanley, 652-4821 or email her at judy@crumpmortgage.com
- Perri Mathis, 831-2217, or email her at bamathis@att.net

They will tell you how you may help and/or sign you up as a vendor...or sign up on the office window or the kitchen bulletin board.

UMW NEWS

Children's Sabbath—October 13

United Methodist Women sponsor The Children's Sabbath as a time to share with you our concern for children and ask for a common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. As United Methodists, our roots rest in the care of those who are vulnerable, especially children. What must we do to replace need, harm, and hate with justice, peace, and love?

It will require the hearts and hands, voices and minds of every person of faith to help achieve care for all children. Join us as we draw guidance, strength and courage from our faith to discern what God would have us do to show children that there is justice, peace and love in our world.

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The Reading Program

...Book List for 2013-2014 is here. If you would like to look at it and select a book to purchase for our library, let Sharon Lockhart know. The following books have been purchased so far: *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*, under Education for Mission; *Embraced by God*, under Spiritual Growth; *Break the Cycle* and *Finding Higher Ground*, under Social Action.

If you haven't read *The Invisible Line*, you are encouraged to do so. It is the true story of a female Wall Street stockbroker who is accosted on the street by a 10 year old pan-handler for money for food. At first, she ignores him but ends up going back and taking him to McDonald's, which started a decades long friendship that changed both their lives. It falls under the Social Action category.



TRICK OR TRUNK ~ OCT. 27

Aldersgate's annual candy-and-games-and-costumes-and-fun event is coming. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 27. Candy and monetary donations are appreciated and may be left in the box outside the office. Make plans to dress up and have a great time at this annual neighborhood event.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Memorial Fund**
In memory of Earline Gabriel by
 Mike Bosi
 Dr. & Mrs. W. Jerry Deaton
 Larry & Sarah Hughes
 D.L. & Norma Park
 Lou Pennington
 Sharon Welch

In memory of Frances Coffman by
 D.L. & Norma Park



ADVENT STUDY PLANNED FOR ADULTS

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam will be very meaningful in our lives this Advent season. All adult classes will meet at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, beginning Dec. 1.

The study book by James W. Moore is about "Christmas or confusion, Bethlehem or bedlam...which will you choose this year?" The truth is—we don't have to choose, because Christmas always happens in the midst of confusion. God breaks into the confusion and is made known in Jesus Christ.

Study books will be ordered from Cokesbury for \$9. We need a minimum of 25 orders to get this price. Sign-up sheets will be in each classroom for all who wish to order. If you have questions about the study or the book, please contact your class president.

**DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES
 Preventive Grace**

We acknowledge God's preventive grace, the divine love that surrounds all humanity and precedes any and all of our conscious impulses. This grace prompts our first wish to please God, our first glimmer of understanding concerning God's will, and our "first slight transient conviction" of having sinned against God. God's grace also awakens in us an earnest longing for deliverance from sin and death and moves us toward repentance and faith.