

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**Hospice Care/Covington**

Dorothy Hyatt

**At Home**

Margaret Maddox

**Nashville, TN**

Kristina Young

**Charleston, SC**

George Gildersleeve

**OUR PRESENCE**

|                   |               |    |
|-------------------|---------------|----|
| <b>October 10</b> | Church School | 48 |
|                   | Worship       | 79 |
|                   | Visitors      | 5  |

**OUR GIFTS**

|                   |                         |          |
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| <b>October 10</b> |                         |          |
|                   | Tithes & Plate Offering | \$ 2273  |
|                   | Church School           | \$ 28    |
|                   | Total Rec'd             | \$ 2301  |
|                   | MTD                     | \$ 8309  |
|                   | YTD apportionments      | \$ 22946 |

**OUR SERVICE**

**Assisting October 17**

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Frances Coffman<br>Jean McCarty |
| <b>Liturgist</b>       | Bruce Hughes                    |
| <b>Scripture</b>       |                                 |
| <b>Children's Time</b> | Ed Stanley                      |
| <b>Lock-up</b>         | Emmett Parrish                  |

**Scripture Readers**

24 Dean Tutor  
31 Brother Paul



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**ITS NOT TOO LATE  
TO SET YOUR DATE**

Photo dates are Oct. 19th and 26th from 2:30 to 9:00pm. Several time slots are already filled so sign up ASAP. You will get to choose your photos at the time of your sitting. Sign up at the table in the hall at the entrance or call the office for available times.

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

How do you use your Bible? The culture in which we live, while honoring the Bible in all kinds of superficial ways – like swearing in presidents with their right hand resting on it – would really rather have the Bible remain closed.

A closed Bible has certain advantages.

You can place your hand on a closed Bible and swear to tell the truth, so help you God.

You can position a closed Bible in the center of the coffee table as a token of God's presence in your life – and as you dust around it, you can feel like you have something to believe in.

A closed Bible will never challenge you, nor cause you to ask questions, nor make you think. It will confirm your prejudices. It will allow you to believe pretty much whatever you want.

I, for one, am glad I chose to open one many years ago and allow God's Spirit amongst those pages the opportunity to remold and remake me in the image of God. How about you?

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Oct. 17  
Matthew 18:1-5  
Matthew 28:16-20

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Oct. 17 - Sat., Oct. 23

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Sun. 10/17 | Children's Sabbath<br>9:45a Church School<br>10:55a Worship<br>12:15p Festival Planning<br>12:30p Angelfood Orders                                  |
| Mon. 10/18 | Noon News Deadline  |
| Tue. 10/19 | 2:30-9:00p Directory Photos   |
| Wed. 10/20 | 6:00p Fellowship & Study<br>7:30p Choir Rehearsal   |
| Thu. 10/21 | 10:00a Bible Study  |
| Fri. 10/22 | Offices Closed  |
| Sat. 10/23 | 9:00a AFLS<br>10:00a Angelfood Distribution<br>1:00p UMW Executive & Planning Mtg. @ Aleda Kelly's<br>1:00p TAAUMCUMM Golf Tournament @ North Creek |

## THE FALL FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 30



There will be something for everyone at our Fall Festival so remember to invite all your family and friends.

Join us at the planning session on Oct. 17, at 12:15pm. Lunch will be provided. All are invited to offer their ideas and assistance.

Don't forget to bring your used books to the Health Room at the church or call Barbara for pick-up, 746-8949.

Everyone loves home made goodies so warm up those ovens and bake, bake, bake for the Bake Sale. The more, the better.

Have something for the Rummage Sale? Please have items at the church by Oct. 27.



## THANK YOU

Our magic wands accomplished a lot on clean-up day! Many thanks to Tommy, Sharon, Barry, Perri, Neil, Lynn, Cathy & Mary for all their hard work. However, there is still more magic to perform. So, if you couldn't make it this time, you'll get another chance. We'll let you know the date. Everyone is invited!



## CHILDREN'S SABBATH



United Methodist Women have encouraged the use of Children's Sabbath since promoting it as part of their Campaign for Children in 1988, to highlight the needs of children within their local congregations and communities. This Sunday, our own Christopher Little will share with us his experiences on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Join us to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine.

## TRICK OR TRUNK

...will be Sunday, Oct. 24, from 2:30-3:30. Candy donations appreciated. Get those costumes and trunks ready! Please call Rebeca with any questions, 484-7385.

## ??? DO YOU KNOW ME ???

In preparing for our new directory, we would like to have current information on all our members. If you know any of these people and how we could reach them, please call the church office.  
Betty Blythe Leslie Blythe Doug Bradsher  
Joey Burton Leslie Chandler Becky Elkins  
Ruth Knowles Kyle Kramer Jimmy Lee  
Nadine Smith Dan Starling  
Kathy Surbaugh John Wilburn



## UMW NEWS

In addition to the very important church activities, October is UMW Planning Month. On Oct. 17, Social Action chair, Aleita Tutor, will be in charge of Children's Sabbath, one of two required services UMW must have. Following the service, we will have a very short meeting to set 2011 goals and budget. On Oct. 23, we will have our 2011 Program Planning Meeting at Aleda Kelly's at 1 p.m. (Note change of time.) Those who have the new program book, please be familiar with the programs. We need to get started on our 2011 Yearbook soon, so please give Aleda the material for your sub-group and at large page. We can assemble our yearbooks ONLY IF YOU GIVE US THE INFORMATION. If there are changes from last year's book, please let us know. Coming up in November is The Feminine Fall Fling at Lakeshore the 13th & 14th. Registration forms are on the website [www.umwclarion.com](http://www.umwclarion.com).

## New UMW Reading List Now Available

If you would like to purchase a book for the reading program library, please let either Sharon Lockhart or Margaret Ann Ligon know. It's a nice way to honor or memorialize someone. There are now 5 categories - the newest is Leadership Development. There are some very good youth and children's books on the list, also. Greg Mortensen's latest, Stones into Schools, is one of the newest additions to Education for Mission and one of Paul's favorite authors, Adam Hamilton, has Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White available under Social Action. Come check us out!



## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to **Memorial Fund** In memory of Thomas K. Kelley by Carolyn C. Hall



## CHURCH HEALTH CENTER'S 14TH ANNUAL "RACE FOR GRACE" SET FOR NOV. 6

For information or to sign up for this annual fund-raising event, call 272-7170 or visit [www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com](http://www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com). The race begins at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, 5530 Shady Grove Rd., at 9:00 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 6.

## THE UPPER ROOM

...for November/December is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up today. A devotional is the best way to start each day!

## ITS TIME FOR THE TAAUMCUMMGT

The Thirty-first Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament is October 23 at North Creek Golf Course in Southaven, MS. Tee time is 1:00pm. For information or to sign up, call Dean Tutor, 274-0089 or 301-2819. You may call 662-280-4653 for directions to the links.



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For one day, each day,  
I will live in the light of love.