

OUR PRAYERS

HealthSouth North **Camden Rehab**
Nancy Blankenship Gabe Colosia

Senior Care, Midland, TX

Rev. Gladys Dennis

Hospice Care

Valerie Porterfield Bill Scott
Nathan Nichols Royce Rutherford

OUR PRESENCE

October 23
Church School 43
Worship 72
Visitors 7

OUR GIFTS

October 23
Total Rec'd \$ 6,330
MTD \$ 18,128
Apportionments TD \$ 24,700

OUR SERVICE

Assisting October 30

Greeters Ginny Lawrence
 Wayne Lawrence
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Richard Hall
Lock-up Wayne Lawrence

OUR WITNESS

November Scripture Readers
6 Brother Paul
13 Judy Stanley
20 Dean Tutor
27 Happy Birah

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sunday, Nov. 6
Join us for coffee and conversation, food and fellowship, hosted by the Oxford Class.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

We hear a lot today about the state of the economy, about how many people are out of work and how businesses must downsize. We hear about how and where to invest our resources so that we will be able to enjoy life as we grow older. Many of us watch the stock market, listen to the financial news and worry that what we have will dwindle away or disappear much too soon. While it is true that we are meant to look after ourselves and to be good stewards of what God has provided, the best investment for all of us is in heavenly real estate...territory set aside by God specifically for each of us. What a treasure chest that must be! As Matthew 6:20-21 tells us:...store up your treasure in heaven...for where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Oct. 30
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon
"Together in Service"



LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 10/30 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p Church Council
4 to 5p Trick or Trunk
- Mon. 10/31 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 11/1 All Saints Day
- Wed. 11/2 6:00p Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 11/3 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 11/4 Offices Closed
- Sat. 11/5 9:00a UMW Officers' Training @ Emmanuel
9:00a AFLS
12:00p TAAUMCUMMGT
Cherokee Golf Club
Olive Branch, MS
Set Clocks Back Tonight
- Sun. 11/6 All Saints Sunday
9:15a Fellowship Time
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p Outreach Committee
- Mon. 11/7 **6:30p Charge Conference**



TAAUMCUMMGT IS ON NOV. 5

Call Dean Tutor, 301-2819, to sign up for our **Thirty-second Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament** on Saturday, November 5, at Cherokee Golf Club in Olive Branch. A 12 noon shot-gun start will see us off. Greens fee, golf cart and prizes are included in the \$50 registration fee.



**TRICK OR TRUNK
4 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 30**

Volunteers needed for trunks and simple games. Candy donations appreciated and may be left in the box outside the church office. Call Rebeca with any questions, 484-7384. The children are always SO EXCITED!

THE UPPER ROOM

...for November/December is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick up your copy of this great daily devotional guide.



**OUR HARVEST DINNER
Is November 13th**

We will again enjoy Mary Proctor's delicious food as she serves Turkey & Dressing or Ham, Giblet Gravy, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Home-made Rolls and Pies. All this for only \$8 per person. You may sign up on the office window or call the office, 683-8861, to make your reservations no later than Nov. 10. If you need a children's menu, please call the office.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Blessed be the name of God... for power and wisdom are His.

UMW NEWS

We now have tentative programs, goals and budget set for 2012. As soon as we get the District dates, we will complete our 2012 Yearbook.

Remember:

- ~ November: Groups' program is World Thank Offering
- ~ December 11th we will install our 2012 officers at the Unit Meeting

Thank You

Many thanks to all for participating in our "celebration of children". Through your generosity we are sending \$86.35 to Hannah's Hope, 32 Teddy bears and 1 elephant to the Child Advocacy Center and a "host" of much needed items to our United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. Thank you so much for your kindness.

The UMW Social Action Committee

UMW Mission Outreach Retreat

(Formerly the Feminine Fall Fling)

...is November 12-13, 2011, at Lakeshore, with a new format, new focus and new friends! Retreat begins with check-in at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Sessions begin at 11. Christy Smith, of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, is the keynote speaker for this event. Activities are scheduled through noon on Sunday. Saturday lunch and dinner as well as Sunday breakfast and brunch are provided. The canteen and the UMW Bookroom will be open. Registration deadline is October 31. Forms are available in the church office.

If you have a portable sewing machine, or a laptop or iPad with wireless capability, please plan to bring it with you.

It's going to be a GREAT weekend!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

In memory of LJ Hall by
Keith & Frances Coffman

Pew Cushions

In memory of LJ Hall by
Dean & Aleita Tutor

THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and kind words of support during the illness and loss of Richard's father. Words cannot express our heart-felt appreciation for everything you, our church family, has done for us both during Karen's surgery and recovery and during Dad's struggle. We love all of you, our "extended" family.

Richard & Karen Hall

ALDERSGATE FALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 29



Come join the fun! The BIG DAY is this Saturday! Be prepared to enjoy everything, from the bake sale to the book sale, the games to the gadgets, the entertainment to the elephant rides! (Just kidding about the elephant rides.)

Invite your family, friends and neighbors. A good time will be had by all! We open to the public at 8 a.m. on October 29th!

Set-up will be Wednesday, the 26th, starting at 6pm and Friday, the 28th, starting at 9am. There is much to do. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!



Aldersgate UMC

November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 All Saints Day	2  6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	3 NO Adult Bible Study	4 Offices Closed	5 9:00a UMW Officers Training @ Emmanuel UMC 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 12 Noon Golf Tourn. @ Cherokee Olive Branch  Set Clocks Back
6 All Saints Sunday 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Outreach Committee Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m.	7 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Pres. Noon News Deadline 6:30p Charge Conference	8 10:00a Koinonia Group 7:00p Love/Hope Group	9 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00a Adult Bible Study	 Veteran's Day Offices Closed	12 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake ← UMW Mission Outreach
13 Commitment Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Harvest Dinner 6:00p Women of Zion  Retreat @ Lakeshore →	14 Noon News Deadline	15 	16 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	17 10:00a Adult Bible Study	18 Offices Closed	19 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 
20 Christ the King Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Finance Committee	Noon News Deadline	22	23 NO Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	 Happy Thanksgiving Offices Closed	25 Offices Closed 	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service and Hanging of the Green  	28 Noon News Deadline 	29	30 NO Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	Aldersgate United Methodist Church 4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 Pastor: Rev. Paul Scheirer Director of Music: Perry Wilson Organist: Lana Solomon		Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374 Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org



Happy Birthday

- Nov. 1 Hayden Bond
Alyssa Little
- 2 Cathy Barrie
Emmett Parrish
- 4 Eric Wheat
- 6 Brandon Bellott
- 11 Karen Hall
- 12 Happy Birah
- 13 Bill Turner
- 14 Carolyn McDougal
Perry Wilson
- 15 Alan McMullin
Lorene Nance
Lou Pennington
- 16 Catherine McCollum
- 19 Martha Ruth Allen
- 20 Bruce Hughes
- 21 Phil Weaver
- 24 Stanley Gallimore
- 27 Lauren Smith
Pat Tully
- 27 Wayne Lawrence
- 30 Tony Cason



Happy Anniversary

- Nov. 8 Charles & Evelyn Goddard
- 11 Richard & Karen Hall
- 30 Norris & Earline Gabriel

ASSISTING IN NOVEMBER

- Greeters Margaret Ann Ligon
Marcelle Farrow
- Liturgist Bruce Hughes
- Scripture Brother Paul
Judy Stanley
Dean Tutor
Happy Birah
- Children's Time.....
- Lock-up Tom Lockhart

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office.

THE PUMPKIN By John Greenleaf Whittier

Oh, greenly and fair in the lands of the sun,
The vines of the gourd and the rich melon run,
And the rock and the tree and the cottage enfold,
With braid leaves all greenness and blossoms all gold,
Like that which o'er Nineveh's prophet once grew,
While he waited to know that his warning was true,
And longed for the storm-cloud, and listened in vain
For the rush of the whirlwind and red fire-rain.



On the banks of the Xenil the dark Spanish maiden
Comes up with the fruit of the tangled vine laden;
And the Creole of Cuba laughs out to behold
Through orange-leaves shining the broad spheres of gold;
Yet with dearer delight from his home in the North,
On the fields of his harvest the Yankee looks forth,
Where crook-necks are coiling and yellow fruit shines,
And the sun of September melts down on his vines.

Ah! on Thanksgiving Day, when from East and from West,
From North and from South comes the pilgrim and guest;
When the gray-haired New Englander sees round his board
The old broken links of affection restored,
When the care-wearied man seeks his mother once more,
And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before,
What moistens the lip and what brightens the eye?
What calls back the past, like the rich Pumpkin Pie?

Oh, fruit loved of boyhood! The old days recalling
When wood-grapes were purpling and brown nuts were falling!
When wild, ugly faces we carved in its skin,
Glaring out through the dark with a candle within!
When we laughed round the corn-heap, with hearts all in tune,
Our chair a broad pumpkin, our lantern the moon,
Telling tales of the fairy who travelled like steam
In a pumpkin-shell coach, with two rats for her team!

Then thanks for thy present! None sweeter or better
E'er smoked from an oven or circled a platter!
Fairer hands never wrought at a pastry more fine.
Brighter eyes never watched o'er its baking, than thine!
And the prayer, which my mouth is too full to express,
Swells my heart that thy shadow may never be less,
That the days of thy lot may be lengthened below,
And the fame of thy worth like a pumpkin vine grow,
And thy life be as sweet and its last sunset sky
Golden tinted and fair as thy own pumpkin pie!

