

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Bill Whitaker Michael Solomon
Marie Hughes

Hospice Care

Tina Gift

Please remember our home-bound and those in assisted care.

Doris Babb Joan Clark Gerri Colosia
Mava Dell Fry Helen Griffin Margaret Kenley
James Matlock Martha Meyer Lorene Nance
Jane Pifer Bernice Shelby Mavis Shettles
Emmett Smith Harold & Joye Smith
Betty Smithmier

OUR PRESENCE

November 4

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| Church School | 44 |
| Worship | 77 |
| Visitors | 11 |

OUR GIFTS

November 4

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| This Week's Offering | \$ 5,448 |
| MTD | \$ 5,448 |
| Apportionments TD | \$ 11,400 |

OUR SERVICE

Assisting November 11

Greeters

Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Tom Lockhart
Children's Time Richard Hall
Lock-up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

November Scripture Readers

18 Barry Mathis
25 Earline Gabriel

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers during Hurricane Sandy which affected all of Barb's and my family in New Jersey. As I write this on Sunday afternoon, Barbara's mother and one of her sisters are still without power, as well as our friends Ken and Barb who were visiting with us last week in Memphis when the storm hit. Given the polarity in our country with regard to politics, it is a blessing to see people come together to help each other in times like this.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Nov. 11

Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28

Sermon Title

"The Value of Tragedy"

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| LÖÖKING AHEAD | |
| Sun. 11/11 | Commitment \$unday Veteran's Day 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Harvest Dinner |
| Mon. 11/12 | Noon Newsletter Deadline |
| Tue. 11/13 | 6:00p Cub Scouts 6:30p Charge Conference |
| Wed. 11/14 | 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal |
| Thu. 11/15 | 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Love/Hope-FH (NOTE CHANGE) |
| Fri. 11/16 | Offices Closed |
| Sat. 11/17 | 9:00a AFLS |
| Sun. 11/18 | 9:00a Trustees Mtg. 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 3:00p Consecration Service @ Collierville UMC |

**FOR THE FOOD PANTRY
Through November 11**

Please see the list for Thanksgiving baskets.



**'EXPECTING GREATER THINGS'
(From the Bishop's Blog)**

The Bishop has also set some goals to be reached by 2020:

1. We will be reaching one new disciple for every member in the Nashville Area annually.
2. (Will) have started two or more new congregations for every congregation we close.
3. (Will have) recruited 10 new young clergy persons per year above our current average.
4. (Will have) addressed ineffectiveness in clergy and congregations.
5. (Will have) raised the number of healthy congregations by 50%.

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RESPONDING TO HURRICANE SANDY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
You have no doubt been captured by the images in the news with regard to Hurricane Sandy and the devastation that is unfolding still. Some of you will want to respond quickly. Let me suggest that your first response is prayer. The second is to open your pocketbooks, checkbooks and your hearts and give. Your gifts will enable us to do the long-term recovery that will be on-going. It would also be appropriate to prepare cleaning buckets continually as those we have will be deployed immediately. We will listen to our leaders at UMCOR and VIM to offer assistance as requested.

As you consider your response, financial gifts are needed now to ensure our faithfulness can be sustained. You may donate directly to UMCOR, Advance #901670, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115. You may donate on the web at Face Book and Twitter or you may text the word RESPONSE to 80888 or you may text the word RESPONSE to 80888 to give an immediate \$10 donation. We in Tennessee are well acquainted with devastation from storms. May our response be strong!

Bishop William T. McAlilly

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For those who wish to give through Aldersgate, please make checks payable to Aldersgate and note "Hurricane" in the memo line.

UMW NEWS

2012-2012 books are arriving for the UMW Reading Program. One of our new ones is **Outcasts United**—Clarkston, Georgia was designated as a refugee settlement center in the 1990's and became the first American home for families from the worlds war zones. This is a real-life story of an inspiring group of refugees, and a woman who, with tough love and determination, changes an entire community for the better.

COKESBURY OPEN HOUSE NOV. 8-10

Come to the "new" Cokesbury store at 407 Grove Park Rd. November 8, 9 & 10 and get 25% off books, Bibles, gifts and more. You may know a special someone who would just love a John Wesley bobblehead for Christmas, available at the store. Info at 901-261-4367.

THANK YOU

...Oxford Class for the wonderful food at Fellowship Time.

MEMPHIS EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT

Nov. 11 - 5 to 7 p.m. - 1115 Union Ave.

For the cost of a \$20 ticket you will enjoy a dinner of soup (donated by local restaurants), and bread (donated by local bakeries), and take home a bowl, made and donated by a local artisan. There will also be a silent auction and sale of art by local artists. All proceeds benefit the Mid-South Food Bank, the food ministries of St. John's UMC and nutrition programs of the Church Health Center.

COMING SOON



2013 Church Family Calendars

HELP WANTED

Mike Kelly is looking for two helpers for an estate sale at his mother's house this weekend. They will act as "security" and will not be expected to do any selling. You may contact Mike at 604-6232, if you are interested.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Sue Swett by
Michael & Donna Moore

In memory of Wanda Tabor by
Cindy Curry
Janelle Tabor

In memory of Aileen Martin by
Her family



...IS NOVEMBER 13th

All are welcome to attend. Church Council members' presence is expected, as they are the voting body.

**NOVEMBER 11TH IS A BIG DAY
FOR ALDERSGATE**

We have a lot to celebrate on Sunday, Nov. 11, beginning with celebrating our gifts from God by bringing our Estimate of Giving cards to the altar for Commitment Sunday, followed by honoring our military family, past and present, with special recognition. And to top it all off, we will have our delicious Harvest Dinner following the worship service. **The reservations deadline has been extended until Wednesday, Nov. 7, so call NOW.** You won't want to miss it!!!

CALLING ALL VETERANS

On Sunday, November 11, you will be honored at our 10:55 service. Please be there to represent the branch of service in which you served. You are truly our HEROES!

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

- 10-11 UMW M.O.R. @ Lakeshore
- 11 Commitment Sunday
Veterans' Day Celebration
Harvest Dinner
- 13 Charge Conference
- 15 Love/Hope Group-Fellowship Hall
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving Day
- 24 Lockhart Reception-Fellowship Hall