

## OUR PRAYERS

### Camden Rehab

Gabe Colosia

### At Home

Becky Matlock

### Hospice Care

Valerie Porterfield

Bill Scott

Royce Rutherford

Bill Coffman

### Our Sympathy

love and prayers go out to  
...family and friends of Nathan Nichols

### We are thankful

...Mitch Graves PET scan shows him in remis-  
sion

...Barbara Oeding is in new treatment that is  
helping

## OUR PRESENCE

### November 6

Church School	54
Worship	90
Visitors	10

## OUR GIFTS

### November 6

Total Rec'd	\$ 7,025
MTD	\$ 7,025
Apportionments TD	\$ 24,700

## OUR SERVICE

### Assisting November 13

<b>Greeters</b>	Marcelle Farrow Margaret Ann Ligon
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Judy Stanley
<b>Children's Time</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Lock-up</b>	Tom Lockhart

## OUR WITNESS

November Scripture Readers  
20 Happy Gbeneneh  
27 Dean Tutor

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week.

Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest.' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy ...' 'Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?' 'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest (surely goodness) and Marcy (mercy) shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 123

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Sermon Title

"A Servant Unequaled"



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Sun. 11/13 **Commitment Sunday**  
 9:45a Church School  
 10:55a Worship  
**12:15p Harvest Dinner** 

Mon. 11/14 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 11/15 No Activities

Wed. 11/16 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 11/17 10:00a Bible Study

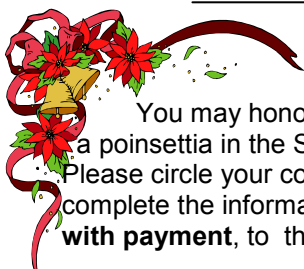
Fri. 11/18 Offices Closed

Sat. 11/19 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 11/20 Christ the King Sunday  
 9:45a Church School  
 10:55a Worship  
 12:15p Finance Committee

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Give thanks that you are loved  
 by those around you and God above you.



**POINSETTIAS**

You may honor loved ones by placing  
 a poinsettia in the Sanctuary this Christmas.  
 Please circle your color choice: red or white,  
 complete the information below and return,  
**with payment,** to the church office.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

#\_\_\_\_\_ ordered at \$12.00 each.  
 Order deadline is November 27.

**THANK YOU**

...to the Oxford Class for the wonderful spread of  
 breakfast foods for our Fellowship Time. Every-  
 one enjoyed the great food and fellowship.



**OUR HARVEST DINNER**

If you have not made your reservations yet  
 please call the church office, 683-8861, by  
 Thursday, Nov. 10. The cost is \$8 for adults and  
 \$5 for 12 and under. If you have not paid, you  
 may pay at the door, but we need your reserva-  
 tions NOW! This will be a wonderful catered  
 dinner of Ham, Turkey & Dressing, Giblet Gravy,  
 Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit  
 Salad, Cranberry Sauce, home made Rolls and  
 Pies. We hope all of our church family will at-  
 tend and enjoy this Thanksgiving meal together.  
**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CANNED  
 GOODS** for Neighborhood Center this Sunday,  
 as we will decorate the tables with these items.

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY - November 13**



**THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR UMNC**

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers will pro-  
 vide 300 Thanksgiving Baskets this year for the  
 less fortunate among us. You may help in sev-  
 eral ways:

- ~ You could fill a laundry basket (found at the Dollar Store) with the needed items
- ~ You could give \$45 to fill a basket or any part of that amount
- ~ you could give one or more items to complete a basket.

A list of needed items is available in the hall out-  
 side the Sanctuary. Please place donations in  
 the "blue bin" near the church entry no later than  
 Nov. 13.

**UMW NEWS**

Ladies, remember! November is World Thank  
 Offering month.

Listed below are several new books we have  
 received for the UMW Reading Program for  
 2011-2012. Some are or have been on the best  
 seller's list. Please feel free to check them out.  
 You don't have to be a UMW member to read  
 from our library.

<i>Faith</i>	<i>The Death of Josseline</i>
<i>Sold</i>	<i>Women Lead the Way</i>
<i>Nuyood: 10 Years Old and Divorced</i>	
<i>Why Women Should Rule the World</i>	
<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i>	
<i>Allow God to Wear Your Face</i>	
<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>	

...which was written by a Memphian, and has  
 been on the NY Times Best Seller List, in both  
 hard cover and paperback, for a couple of years.  
 We will be receiving more over the next month.

**GIFT-BUYING OPPORTUNITY**

You're invited to the Mullins United Methodist  
 Women's 34th Annual Crafts Fair on Saturday,  
 Nov. 12, from 9 to 4, at 4 N. Mendenhall Rd.  
 Over 100 exhibitors in 3 buildings offering hand-  
 crafted items for your shopping pleasure. Baked  
 goods and food concessions will be on site.  
 Free admission, free parking and free shuttle. A  
 great place to start (or finish) your Christmas list.

**OXFORD CLASS  
 CHRISTMAS CARD**



The Oxford Class is continuing the tradition  
 of our Church-wide Christmas Card. This  
 offers you the chance to give twice with one  
 gift - wishing your Aldersgate family Merry  
 Christmas **and** helping buy toys for children  
 who might not have a Christmas otherwise.  
 Give what you would spend on cards and  
 postage for your church friends or any  
 amount you choose. Donors will be  
 listed on our giant Christmas Card.  
 Please see Terry Williamson to donate.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

**Memorial Fund**

In memory of Kathryn Clark by

Gwinn Basye  
 Elsie Andreuccetti  
 Doris Bellott  
 Neil & Jean DeLong  
 Tamara Lambdin  
 Doris June Burton  
 The Fidelis Class  
 Mary Robbins  
 Betty Smithmier  
 Louise Wheeler  
 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Podgorski  
 Mr. & Mrs. D.S. Rook, Sr.  
 Linda Burk

**Pew Cushions**

In memory of Kathryn Clark by

Joyce Kernodle  
 Jeanette Leslie  
 Keith & Frances Coffman

In memory of LJ Hall by

Joyce Kernodle

**Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Kathryn Clark by

Carolyn McDougal  
 Marcelle Farrow

In memory of LJ Hall by

Marcelle Farrow

**Music Ministry**

In memory of Juanita Galloway by

Marjorie Ferguson



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Current Events Class is creating shoe box  
 gifts for Operation Christmas Child and encour-  
 age everyone to help with these gifts for children  
 in need. Each shoe box will be filled with school  
 supplies, toys and hygiene items. Boxes and  
 information are located outside the Sanctuary.