

OUR PRAYERS

Signature at St. Francis

Martha Wallace 225

LeBonheur

Logan Singer

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...disaster victims

At Home

Lindsay Crowell
Marcelle Farrow
Virginia Jones
Wayne Lawrence
Dean Tutor
Terry Williamson

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Carolyn Escue
Ray Escue	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Doris Hight	Marie Hughes
Virginia Jones	Margaret Kenley	Ted Lewis
Betty Ray	Elmer Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Betty Smithmier

OUR PRESENCE - November 6

Sunday School	48
Worship	76
Visitors	10

OUR GIFTS - November 6

Offering	\$ 3,377
Month to Date	\$ 3,377
Apportionments to Date	\$ 6,776

OUR SERVICE - November 13

Greeters	Peggy Brightwell Aleita Tutor
Scripture	Rebeca Ernst
Children's Time	13 Happy Gbeneneh
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

November Scripture Readers

20 Lana Solomon
27 Jay Finzel

We are Thankful that Miriam Davis is now Cancer FREE!

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OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile	Phil Cannon
Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis	Miriam Davis
Doug Dennis	Corella Edwards	John Elkins
Jeanne Gillis	Gordillo Family	Andrew Hamilton
Diane Harrison	John Hight	Mildred Hight
Jeff Irwin	Mark Jones	Freda Lipford
Ursula Lewis	Carla Martin	G. Martin Family
Bill McClain	Jesse McClerkin	Lillian McDonald
Glenn Moore	Lou Ella Morris	Joe Moseley
Warren Petty	Moira Pomije	Claire Rainey
Wade Reeves	Stephanie Roberts	Marie Souder
Cindy Stanfil	Everett Tutor	David Weaver
Shannon Weaver	John Williams	Margie Williamson

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Thoughts of Rev. Keith Tonkel, pastor of Wells UMC, Jackson, MS

Be kind, be kind, be kind.

Be true, be wise, be kind.

Ways that make all life better, ways that will touch and bless us on this day before our national elections; ways of being and doing which have survived many elections, good and evil heads of state, times of great calamity; and words which seem in line with the one 'universal' in all religious systems: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Luke 6:31, or in other world religions, a very close equivalent thereof.)

As I write this on Sunday afternoon, the day darkens, and night stands close to coming, Henri Nouwen comes to mind, "As we are involved in unceasing thinking, so we are called to unceasing prayer."

A column in today's newspaper suggests that as a people, we "are 110 per cent ready to have this election over."

Amen to that!

But now the 'what' that comes after the election is even more important than the election itself. It appears that we have candidates who are not willing to even 'shake hands' before the voting, let's pray they can after it's done. At any point that we don't close our gaps, and work on healing our wounds, we open the way for our enemies to capitalize on our differences, and make light of our talk of 'unity.'

We have been overrun with conspiracy theories that cover just about all the candidates for everything, and have accepted as fact claims and statements made before we really know what is so and what is not.

In much of this, the Internet has not helped us. The simple act of passing on information or mean-spirited statements---simply because they reflect what we might be feeling at the moment rather than what turns out to be true---is quick and easy to do.

If I am going to 'name names', then I want to be as sure as can be that what I'm passing on is informed and accurate.

It would be nice if we had all wisdom and knowledge, if we could say what was needed for us to not only vote as heads and heart direct, but to respond after the votes are in, as a people who truly believe that our nation is larger than any candidate or party.

What and who we are as a nation is being severely tested.

"I've been driven to my knees many times by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

My wisdom, and all that around me seemed insufficient for the day."

Those words from Abraham Lincoln seem to speak across space and time to our day.

In this, as in all else, "Where can I (we) go, but to the Lord?"

Always love, always,

Keith

May we all say amen to that!

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 11/13 **Commitment Sunday
Veteran's Sunday**
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Harvest Dinner

Mon. 11/4 Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 11/15 No Activities

Wed. 11/16 10:00a Bible Study -**Asbury**
6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 11/17 9:00a Food Pantry-**Asbury**
10:00a Bible Study-Join us!
5:00p Girl Scouts
6:30p UM Men-**Asbury**

Fri. 11/18 5:45p Girl Scouts
Offices Closed

Sat. 11/19 No Activities

Sun. 11/20 **Christ the King Sunday**
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship



THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCH - NOV. 24th

As we will once again be sharing our blessings at a Thanksgiving Day lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those in our community, we are asking for your help in set-up, serving, greeting, transportation, clean-up. Assistants should be at church by 10:30 a.m. on the 24th. We also need pies (or what ever you would like to make) for dessert. Please prepare your favorites desserts and have them at the church between Sunday, Nov. 20th and any time before 10:30a on Thursday, Nov. 24th. Helpers will be needed on Wednesday night and on Thanksgiving Day. You may sign-up on the office window or contact Barry Mathis at 901-299-2746 or bamathis@att.net. You can help us fill lonely hearts as well as empty tummies by volunteering your assistance. Thanks so much!

NOVEMBER 13TH— COMMITMENT SUNDAY

We will celebrate our gifts from God by giving back a portion of what He has given us. Please bring your Estimate of Giving cards to the altar at the close of service.

NOVEMBER 13TH— VETERAN'S SUNDAY

Veteran's Day is Nov. 11. We will recognize our members and loved ones who have or are serving in the military on Sunday, Nov. 13th. In preparation for our Honor Roll of Veterans, please give us a hand. If you, or a family member are in or have been in the military, **please give the information to the church office by Nov. 10.** Rank and branch of service, please. If you prefer, you may call 683-8861 to give us the details.

NOVEMBER 13TH—HARVEST DINNER

What's for dinner? Turkey & dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, sweet potato casserole, fruit salad, rolls and pie is what's for dinner for adults and the children's choice is chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, with a brownie for dessert. **The reservations deadline is Nov. 9.** Won't you join us? Sign up on the office window or call the office, 683-8861, for reservations.



BASKETS FOR THANKSGIVING

Items are needed to fill baskets (or boxes) to be given out by United Methodist Neighborhood Centers in time for the holiday. The list for a complete basket is below and also available at church:

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| 2 bx. dressing mix | 2 cans cranberry sauce |
| 2 cans corn | 2 cans green beans |
| 40 oz. can yams | 26 oz. bx. Instant potatoes |
| 40 oz. biscuit mix | 1 bx. family size tea bags |
| 4/5 lbs. flour | 4/5 lbs. sugar |
| 1 cake mix | 1 can frosting |
| 24 oz. oil | 1 jar instant coffee |
| 1 bx. powdered milk | |

\$15 Kroger gift card or cash to purchase

Please have all baskets and/or items & cash to the church by Sunday, November 13, for delivery to UMNC.

THANK YOU NOTE

The entire Tutor family wants to thank "the Church of the Warm Heart" for your faithfulness and support as we mourn the loss of Sadie. Your prayers, cards, calls, visits and hugs have helped sustain us during this very difficult time. Dee said Sadie enjoyed attending Aldersgate because she knew that these were people that helped raise him and that she felt the love.



"SHOEBOX" DEADLINE EXTENDED

We now have another week to fill shoeboxes as the deadline has been extended to the 16th. Boxes and labels are available outside the Sanctuary, along with directions.

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

"October 6, 1774

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

~ John Wesley ~



**YOU WILL WANT TO BE THERE!
Mullins UMW 35th Annual Craft Fair
Nov. 12, 9 AM—4 PM**

Please join us Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 4 N. Mendenhall Rd. Over 100 crafters in 3 buildings will offer hand-crafted items, as well as there being baked goods and food concessions on site. Proceeds support local missions that Mullins United Methodist Women are involved with. See you then.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Peggy Baker by
The Fidelis Class
Henry & Nancy Blanks
Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Warren Petty

In memory of Doris Palazzini by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Keith Coffman

In memory of Sadie Tutor by
Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Carolyn McDougal
Keith Coffman
Jimmy & Jane Hight

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Sadie Tutor by
Peggy Brightwell
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold



TOUR TIME 2017

Listed below are some of our Collette Tours for the coming year:

May 11-19 Spotlight on Tuscany - Tour the beautiful sites of Italy. Montecatini, Terme, Florence, Lucca, Gothic Line, Siena, Winery Tour, Pisa, San Gimignano. Every night in the same hotel, so you only pack once!

August 7-17 Maritime Coastal Wonders – Halifax, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Anne of Green Gables House, Fundy Trail Lunenburg. Unreal scenery along the Atlantic Coast of Eastern Canada.

October 10-17 Colors of New England - Highlighting the beautiful New England scenery, visit Boston, Woodstock, Quiche Gorge, Stowe, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Rocks Estate, North Conway, a Lake Winnepesaukee cruise, Boothbay Harbor, and, enjoy a lobster dinner. Come see scenery you will never forget.

For additional information, contact Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841.