

OUR PRAYERS

Health South **At Home**
Otis McKee 104 Kevin Malone

Baptist Meml **Greenville Rehab**
Hugh Rhodes 2935 George Gildersleeve
Mary Williams 5356

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to Margaret and Bob Moseley and family in the loss of their husband and father, Roy B. Moseley, Jr.

OUR PRESENCE

December 5

Church School	56
Worship	99
Visitors	7

OUR GIFTS

December 5

Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 6762
Church School	\$ 21
Total Rec'd	\$ 6783
MTD	\$ 6783
YTD apportionments	\$ 22946

OUR SERVICE

Assisting December 12

Greeters	Marcelle Farrow Keith Coffman
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Barry Mathis
Children's Time	Renee Little
Lock-up	Jimmie Bedwell

December Scripture Readers

19 Earline Gabriel
26 Renee Little

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This past Saturday was the St. Jude Memphis Marathon. For the first time since 2002, I was not able to run in the race. Since being hospitalized this past spring for my heart arrhythmia, my ability to run long distances has been curtailed. Some of you know I have taken up bike riding to get my physical exercise, and the Memphis Greenline could not have been completed at a more opportune time. Yet, I miss the ability to run.

We all will face adjustments in our lives as we age, and many of you know this much better than I. The question is how we deal with these adjustments. We can deny them, get angry about them, get depressed about them, but sooner or later we must accept them. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we can also support each other as we deal with these changes, for we will all experience them in one form or another.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Dec. 12

James 5:7-10

Isaiah 35:1-10

Sermon Title

"The God Who Never Gives Up On Us"



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Dec, 12 - Sat., Dec. 18

- Sun. 12/12 9:00a Staff/Parish Cmte.
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p UMW Unit Mtg &
 Install 2011 Officers
- Mon. 12/13 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 12/14 10:00a Koinonia Grp.
 7:00p Love/Hope Grp.
- Wed. 12/15 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 12/16 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 12/17 Offices Closed
 6:00p Oxford Class Party @
 the Lockharts
- Sat. 12/18 9:00a AFLS
 10:00a AngelFood Distr.



WARMTH IN WINTER

...presents its 4th annual event for older adults, "A WORLD OF GOOD", to be held at Epworth by the Sea on beautiful St. Simons Island, GA, January 10-12, 2011. This year's program features Ed Kilbourne. Considered by many to be the Garrison Keillor of Methodism, Ed's moving music, quirky humor & inspiring teaching will bring you back year after year. Accommodations, prices and registration will be found on line at www.epworthbythesea.org.

THANK YOU

How do you say thank you when words don't seem to be enough? Though they are inadequate, they will have to do. We were SURPRISED by the reception given for us by our church family on Sunday and are warmed by your love.

Once again, thank you!
Norris & Earline Gabriel



BE A GREETER IN 2011

Help everyone feel right at home when they join us for worship. A sign-up sheet is on the office window for next year. Sign up now for the month you choose.

UMNC NEWS

With regret, it is announced that Chaplain Sonny Davis is retiring from United Methodist Neighborhood Centers as Executive Director on December 17. UMNC would not have made it the last 3 years without him at the helm.

Chaplain Davis will be replaced January 1, 2011, by Rev. Brent Porterfield, who has been the pastor at Union Grove UMC in Brownsville, TN. Brent has experience in writing grants and has been involved in building social services businesses, so he will be a good fit for the Executive Director's position.

Please keep UMNC in your prayers as they struggle financially and say a prayer of thanks for dedicated directors like Sonny and Brent.

UMW NEWS

This Sunday is our big day as Ellen Peete, district treasurer, installs 2011 officers, the president's pin is passed from Frances to Rebeca, and we light candles for the four members we lost in 2010. If you have a word to say about any of these friends, please be prepared to do so: Helen Hadaway, Betty McConnell, Katherine Henderson and Martha Burford.

We stress bringing light food for lunch, with so much eating going on this month. However, if you would bring a little extra, it would be appreciated. The Koinonia Group will be taking a meal to the Molnar family and would appreciate a little help. Food for about 10, according to Frances. Please keep her in your prayers. At this time, the results of the autopsy are still not in and the service will be for family only at the graveside.



BENEFIT CONCERT WILL DAZZLE

Pianist-singer Chris Nemec will add a little dazzle to your holiday season at his concert to benefit the Memphis Child Advocacy Center on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. For a \$10 admission donation, please join us at Lindenwood Christian Church, 2400 Union Ave., for an afternoon of "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer", "White Christmas" and much, much more. More details available at 458-1652 or on line at www.acteva.com/go/Lindenwood.

BIBLES FOR THE TOY STORE



Last year bibles were given to parents as they finished shopping and left the UMNC toy store. We want to do the same this year. If you have bibles you aren't using or care to purchase some, please put them in the UMNC collection bin in the hall. Our children are making book marks telling the Christmas story to be placed in the gift bibles.

Thank you for your help.
Sharon Lockhart

All Earth Is Waiting
Alberto Taule

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,"
For his name is "God with us",
our brother will be
With him hope will blossom
once more within our hearts.



GOING PLACES!

A great day trip to Reelfoot to see the eagles is planned for Feb. 8. Join us on "eagle watch" and for a delicious lunch at Boyette's. Payment is due by Jan. 8. Call Carolyn for all the details, 861-0841.