

OUR PRAYERS
Methodist University
Norris Gabriel 907 Thomas
Maxine Mason 603 Tower

Hospice Care
Tina Gift

At Home
Pat Tully Gene Finger

OUR PRESENCE

January 27
Church School 41
Worship 74
Visitors 10

OUR GIFTS

January 27
This Week's Offering \$ 2,135
MTD \$ 12,414

OUR SERVICE
Assisting February 3

Greeters Margie Williamson
Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time
Lock-up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS
February Scripture Readers

10 Lisa Hughes
17 Tom Lockhart
24 Barry Mathis

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Daniel H. Pink shares the following:

“There are two kinds of people in the world...Those who make your life easier...and those who make it harder. Those concerned about doing the work—and those concerned about getting the credit. Those who leave you feeling up—and those who leave you feeling down. Those who simplify—and those who complicate. Those who listen when others are talking—and those who wait when others are talking. Those who give—and those who take. Those who last—and those who fade.”

Which of these characteristics do you display in your life?

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb.3rd

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon Title

“The Essential Gift”



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 2/3	9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Staff/Parish Cmte.
Mon. 2/4	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline
Tue. 2/5	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 2/6	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 2/7	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 2/8	Offices Closed
Sat. 2/9	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 2/10	Sunglasses Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Valentine Luncheon

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME
at 9:15 on Feb. 3 as the Fidelis Class hosts.



SUNGLASSES SUNDAY IS FEB. 10

Transform discards into miracles! Only because of the donations you give can we provide free vision care to the poor in underdeveloped countries. Eyeglasses will improve vision. Sunglasses will prevent blindness caused by intense sunlight, wind and dust. Also, every \$10 donated will pay the cost of a professional eye exam and glasses.

Although we do collect eyeglasses and sunglasses throughout the year, we will have a special emphasis on collection and cash donations during February, beginning Feb. 10.

Thank you for your continued support in bringing joy to those around the world who are suffering from impaired vision.



FOR THE FOOD PANTRY IN FEBRUARY Canned Meats

Suggestions: Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Salmon, Vienna Sausage, Spam and Hash. Also products containing meat, such as Beef Stew, Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken & Dumplings, etc.

Thank you for your help. The tub for your gifts is in the hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

...will be on Wednesday, February 13. We will have two Services of Ashes, one at 12 Noon and one at 6:30. There will a pot luck Fellowship time at 6:00, prior to the evening service.

'CHUCK KNOWS CHURCH' IS FUN AND INFORMATIVE

This new, weekly online video service interpreting the objects, symbols and terms used in church is for everyone, youth to older adults.

The series features "Chuck", a witty, fount of knowledge about all things church. Produced by the General Board of Discipleship, each episode is presented in a simple, brief and fun way.

Fun, quirky and solidly informative, *Chuck Knows Church* is for anyone who wonders about the meaning of symbols, rituals and practices of Christian worship generally and United Methodist worship in particular.

The series is available on YouTube at

www.YouTube.com/ChuckKnowsChurch

and on Facebook at

www.Facebook.com/ChuckKnowsChurch,

as well as on [Twitter@ChuckKnows](https://twitter.com/ChuckKnows) and the website ChuckKnowsChurch.com. Check it out!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Make the most of yourself,
for that is all there is of you.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

UMW NEWS

Ladies, remember - make your reservations for our District Mission Study Day Apart by Feb. 11, with Phyllis Gay, at phyllispgay@yahoo.com or by phone at 901-485-8416. Registration for this study on Feb. 23 begins at 9:30 a.m., program begins at 10 at Emmanuel UMC.

LENTEN LUNCH AND PREACHING AT CLAVARY

Sign up now on the office window for our trip to Calvary's Noonday Preaching and Waffle Shop lunch on Feb. 28. A bus will transport us from Aldersgate, leaving the church at 10:30 a.m.



'CARING FOR CREATION' EVENT TO BE HELD IN APRIL

Make plans now to attend the *Caring for Creation* event at Lake Junaluska, April 4-7. Be informed about the call for all of us to tend God's creation. This event will offer educational and networking opportunities to get congregations started in ministry to the earth or enhance programs already begun.

The environmental issues we face are so extensive that our grandchildren and great grandchildren will bear the brunt of the consequences.

Caring for Creation will challenge us and help us improve our stewardship of God's world.

You may contact www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation/, and learn more about the event.

VALENTINE LUNCH AT ALDERSGATE

Bring your sweetheart or come alone to our Valentine Lunch on Sunday, February 10, right after the worship service, sponsored by the United Methodist Men.



KABAKOFF NAMED TO WESLEY SENIOR MINISTRIES

The WSM Foundation announced that David Kabakoff was named president of the Foundation, as of Nov. 1, 2012. Mr. Kabakoff comes to the Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation with more than 30 years experience in marketing, sales, management, training and public speaking. This includes more than 15 years of work with non-profits.

Wesley Senior Ministries provides resources to enhance the quality of daily living and well-being for residents of Wesley Communities and administers the Golden Cross Senior Residents Fund. Kabakoff grew up in Memphis. He and his wife Carol now live in Collierville.



WORLD HUNGER OFFERING ENCOURAGED DURING LENT

Hunger is a real problem in today's world. There are 925 million people suffering and 16,000 children die each DAY from hunger-related causes. That's one every 5 seconds.

The world grows enough food to feed every person on our planet but we seem to lack the spiritual and political will to see the people of God's creation sustained in a humane manner.

We are asking for your support and commitment to help alleviate the suffering caused by hunger.

Lenten calendars and can/jar wraps are available outside the Sanctuary to assist you with your World Hunger offering.

There will be a special time during our service on Easter Sunday for you to present your gifts.