


BY OUR PRAYERS

I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it with my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service.



Nellie Spitzer, Tony Gallagher, Chris Gaston, Braun Mitchel & Beth Usher, Terry Daniel, Adam Novak, Jim Owen, Alexis Massa, Sharon Bail, Kenneth Gault, Tom Fogarty, Doug Stewart, Jim Jordan, Fran Garver, Ed Hanlon, John Huesling, Sue Geisler, Rose Calacci, Colleen Hagan, Richard Summa, MD, Lori Nelson, Chase Cowles, Chester Brake, Melvin Gadberry, Refugia Flores, Cora My Allen, Brett Stanton, Dolores Drury, Helen Gordon, Ruth Ann Omohundro, Sam Crawford, Helen Guzinski, Gene Wohldmann, Frank Davis, Tyson James, Janet Wagner, Norb Freebourn, Jr., Bea Greco, Rose Summers, Carter Fortman, Susan Hirsch, Karen Duncan, Debbie Belcher, Ruth Transou, Frances Morris, Cheryl Bullock, Evan Goldberg
Member Shut-ins: Mary Anderson, Maxine Brown, Eleanor Calhoun, William Giddings, Fern Grammer, Helen McMahan, Helen Noonan, Virginia Savage, Lucy Throgmorton, Pearl Von Behren

BY OUR PRESENCE

Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 12 - 45

Sunday, April 13 - 175

Saturday, April 19 - 30

Sunday, April 20 - 198

Sunday school Attendance

Sunday, April 13 - 68

Sunday, April 20 - 92

BY OUR GIFTS

Income

April 12/13 - \$5,053.77

April 19/20 - \$4,781.00

Apportionments for 2008: \$780.00

Shine the Light Capital Campaign Update:

132 pledges \$475,073

Total received to date \$493, 436.15

Have YOU remembered the church in your will?

SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Fay Edwards and her family in the death of her great-grandson, Aven Everett, who passed away Thursday, April 10, and to Sherry Leonard and her family in the recent death of her uncle.

GRADUATES WILL BE RECOGNIZED

MAY 17TH AND 18TH

Youth or adults in the Arlington Church family who are graduating from **high school, tech school, college, or graduate school** this year are asked to contact the church office at 314-739-0434, ext. 10. We will need the graduate's name, school and degree obtained. All graduates will be recognized during the worship services Saturday and Sunday, May 17th and 18th.

DON'T SHOP FOR A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT THIS YEAR

Simply make a contribution and Epworth Children and Family Services will send that special mom a beautiful card to let her know you're thinking of her. All donations will be used to enrich the lives of local children in need, many of whom do not have the unconditional love of a mother.

Epworth has been caring for children and families since 1864. Epworth provides a wide array of services including residential and intensive treatment, special education, transitional and independent living, foster family licensing and case management, crisis shelter care, family focused home based therapy and assistance to children aging out of the foster care system. Our goal is to strengthen the capability of each child and family to thrive in society.

Your gift helps children and is fully tax-deductible. Gift recipients will each receive a mother's day card. The inside will read, "In celebration of you on Mother's Day, a very special gift has been made to Epworth by (your name)."

Call 314.918.3350 or visit www.epworth.org

Newsletter Deadline

Articles must be received by noon,

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mailing Date: Thursday, May 8, 2008

LOCK THE DOORS!

Our building is used extensively by many groups. If you unlock a door, please be sure to lock it when you leave. Thank you!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Arlington's Prayer Shawl Ministry has joined forces with an organization called "Prayer Shawls 4 Fallen Soldiers". It is dedicated to the ultimate sacrifice made by our soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world and for the grief and loss felt by their families and friends. They present these families with a prayer shawl in remembrance of their loved one as a small token of compassion and appreciation. If you know of any families in the area that have lost a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, etc. please provide me (Shirley Cantriel, 838-9123 or cantris@sbcglobal.net) with the name and address of one of their loved ones. We will contact them with an opportunity to receive a Prayer Shawl.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Metro Homeless Center - Shalom House has just started a young professionals group to assist Metro in fundraising and volunteering. The group meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at Metro. To learn more about this group and/or to become a member, please contact Megan Green at 314-534-1010, ext. 226, or

megan@metrohomelesscenter.org.

MINATURE SALE

Arlington Adult Day Care will have a sale June 7 at 9AM. For sale will be items including supplies, dolls and furniture for those who are interested in doll houses, shadow boxes, etc. The items were donated by a former client. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. More details to follow in the next newsletter. Please call call Dixie Greer at 314-838-8743 if questions.

DECKHANDS

The Deckhands will meet May 18th, at 7 pm in the Great Hall. The church will furnish cards, paper goods and ice. Please bring snacks and beverages. Call Dixie Greer at 314-838-8743 if questions.

SUMMER CAMP SIGN UPS!

It's not too early to start thinking about summer church camp! There are camps available for all ages, from 5 years to Sr. high students. There is nothing quite like a church camp experience! It is a wonderful opportunity for youth to meet other students from all over the state and share their faith in a fun and safe environment. For more information check the bulletin board outside Loretta's office or call Loretta at the church, 314-739-0434.

"GRACE" IS MORE THAN A WORD IN A HYMN!"

Pastor Mary invites you to a group study of "Opening Ourselves to Grace." Using a DVD and discussions, we will explore the basic practices of faith and life from a Wesleyan tradition. We will look at the power of grace in its different dimensions and practices through which we can grow in love of God and neighbor. We will meet in the **Library Thursday nights, May 8, 15, 22, & 29, from 7:00-8:15 pm**

Arlington Church Staff

Mary F. Harvey, Pastor

Loretta Brandon, Director of Children and Youth

Jonathan Owen, Director of Music/Organist

Tim Schultz, Saturday Service Musician & Coordinator of Evangelism

Angela Hernton, Interpreter for the Deaf

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Worship Services

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00

Return Service Requested

NEWSLETTER

April 24, 2008

May Worship Highlights

- May 3 & 4 -** Ascension Day
With Holy Communion
- May 10 & 11 -** Pentecost and Mother's Day
With Kids' Music
- May 17 & 18 -** Graduates will be honored.
There will be two infant Baptisms
at 11:00.
- May 24 & 25 -** United Methodist Women's
Candleburning for Mission

Worship Services - Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am.

Find a time EACH WEEK that fits your schedule to
Worship God!

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH US! JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING FLING DANCE!



Arlington is planning a *Spring Fling Dance* on **Friday, May 2 at 7:30 pm** in the **Great Hall**. Cost is just \$3.00 at the door and includes snacks and refreshments. This event is open to all at Arlington and includes the Youth, grades 6 and up. The attire for the evening is casual. Keith Brown will be the DJ for the evening, providing music to dance to from the 1920's to present day. Child care will be available by reservation. Please call the church office, 314-739-0434, ext. 10, to make child care reservations. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Pam Hawkins, 314-298-9728. So, bring your friends, wear comfortable dancing shoes and let's celebrate Spring!

ARLINGTON UMC 2008 GOALS

The Administrative Council adopted the following as goals for our church in 2008.

1. Add 25 new disciples to our membership.
2. Invite new people through personal contact and monthly public relations such as newspaper articles, door hangers, flyers and signs.
3. Offer 4 new study/spiritual formation opportunities.

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A 30 HOUR EXPERIENCE

“Our children are our future”. You have probably heard this statement made countless times. But I am here to tell you that if you believe that sentence with your heart, Arlington is in wonderful shape. I want to tell you about the amazing weekend I spent with many of our youth. These young Christians entered into covenant with each other, promising to not eat after lunch on Friday while they were still at school. Their fast would last 30 hours. This was so that they might know first hand what it is like to truly be hungry.

After meeting at the church that evening and enjoying some activities together, we headed to Schnucks in groups. Each group was charged with buying dinner for a family of 4 with just \$5. And as they experienced, this was not an easy task. After talking about what it must be like to not know how you were going to feed your family, or where your next meal would come from, we decided to donate what we had purchased to CHM in hopes that it would help someone in need.

Then we were off to our prayer walk in the sanctuary with probably 100 candles and 6 stations of prayer. Watching teenagers praying at the altar is one of the most spiritual experiences of my life.

After some fun game time it was lights out until 6:30 a.m. when we were up and started working. We spend the day cleaning the sanctuary, washing some windows, delivering some items to Tom Fogarty, cleaning and organizing the mission/UMW room, organizing the kid's library books, working at the parsonage, cleaning the library and middle high Sunday school room, and ended the day with attending and singing at the 5:00 worship service.

The kids were amazing! I know they were hungry because I was so hungry I could hardly function! If you have never fasted for 30 hours, try it sometime, it is a life changing experience. The kids worked so hard, never complaining or even getting crabby, which made 30 hour famine a truly amazing event.

KUDOS TO **MEGAN TEGERDINE** FOR HER AWESOME PLANNING AND LEADERSHIP IN THIS EVENT! THANKS, MEG!

Loretta