

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.

Jim Owen, Larry & Mimi Darrah, Howard Hull, Chase Cowles, Vesta Hawkins, Vera Zammito, Alexis Massa, Sharon Bail, Chester Brake, Ruby Carpenter, Jody Flores, Melvin Gadberry, Kenneth Gault, Refugia Flores, Cora My Allen, Brett Stanton, Kim Reinhold, Dolores Drury, Tom Fogarty, Sharon Rohrbach, Doug Stewart, Helen Gordon, Ruth Ann Omohundro, Sam Crawford, Helen Guzinski, Gene Wohldmann, Jim Jordan, Frank Davis, Tyson James, Fran Garver, Janet Wagner, Norb Freebourn, Jr., Ed Hanlon, Bea Greco, Aven Everett, 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, Lorraine Hishon, Nadine Howard, Helen McMahan, Helen Noonan, Virginia Savage, Lucy Throgmorton, Pearl Von Behren

BY OUR PRESENCE

Worship Attendance

Saturday, February 16 - 40
Sunday, February 17 - 181
Saturday, February 23 - 36
Sunday, February 24 - 167
Saturday, March 1 - 28
Sunday, March 2 - 216

Sunday school Attendance

Sunday, February 17 - 74
Sunday, February 24 - 82
Sunday, March 2 - 94

BY OUR GIFTS

Income

February 16/17 - \$4,464.51
February 23/24 - \$5,593.90
March 1/2 - \$\$9,646.50

Apportionments for 2008: \$245.00

Shine the Light Capital Campaign Update:

132 pledges \$475,073

Total received to date \$481,612.65

Have YOU remembered the church in your will?

SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Chris Gaston and her family in the death of her mother Kay Gulick. Kay, also a member of Arlington, passed away Tuesday, February 26. Our sympathy is also extended to Pat Watts and her family in the death of her mother Gen Fox who passed away Sunday, March 2.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Arlington for all the kindness of prayers, words, gifts and thoughts upon my Mother's death. She will be greatly missed. Memorials may be given to the Building Fund in her Honor. Chris, Jim and Kate Gaston, Sarah and Jeff Nix and Paul and Diane Hollis

Thank you for your prayers for Cara Busenhart during her pregnancy. Maxwell Truman Busenhart was successfully delivered Thursday, February 28.

—Sally & Charlie Busenhart

Metro Homeless Center Thanks You

It was quite cold the day Allan and I delivered two fully packed cars of gifts and food baskets for the families Arlington adopted for Christmas. However, the warmth of your Christmas spirit made this task a beautiful one. Thank you for providing a wonderful Christmas for these families who otherwise would have gone without! Esther Sheppard

BAPTISMS

Saturday, February 23, **Elizabeth Marie Bequette** received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Elizabeth is the daughter of Laura & Mike Bequette, sister of Dylan Bequette, and the granddaughter of Barbara Bergmann.

HAPPY WANDERS

We will meet at the church Wednesday, March 19 at 11:00 AM to car pool to the Lustron House for lunch (note the change in time). Lunch is \$13.00, also must have reservations before that date. To join us, please call Jane Hettig at 314-739-5080, or Vera Zammito at 314-739-8845.

Newsletter Deadline

Articles must be received by noon,

Monday, March 24, 2008

Mailing Date: Thursday, March 27, 2008

CONGRATULATIONS

Charlie Busenhart became a member of the Inaugural Class of the St. Louis Amateur Hockey Hall of Fame and was inducted Sunday, March 2.

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!

ARLINGTON FISH FRIES

With only a couple more Fish Fries left, we just want to take a minute to thank everyone who has been working so hard to make the dinners a success! We have had great help with preparation, set up, cooking, serving, and cleaning!!! Please plan to join us as for the last two fish fries of the season! We will begin serving at 5:30 pm and end at 6:45 pm. Cost for the dinner is still a great deal at \$5 a plate with our child's plate for \$1 that will include a hot dog, mac and cheese, applesauce, and of course a choice of drink and dessert. Look for our "make and take" art table for the kids.

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Do you love to sing? Do you love to worship God in song? Choir is the place for you. Come visit the choir in rehearsal on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. There is always room for you.

DECKHANDS

The Deckhands will meet Sunday, March 16th at 700pm in the Great Hall. Bring snacks and a beverage and come for an evening of fun and fellowship. The Church will provide paper goods, ice and most important.....cards. Call Dixie Greer at 314-838-8743 if questions.

TRIBUTE FUND

Making a donation to the Arlington Tribute Fund is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a relative or friend. You can support one of the many ministries of Arlington as you remember your loved one. The family will receive an acknowledgement card indicating that a donation has been made in memory of the deceased, and you will receive a letter of thanks for your donation. Pick up an envelope in the Great Hall, fill it out, and give it to Rose or put it in the offering plate.

CURRENT NEEDS AT METRO

Paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products, pillows, twin-sized mattress covers, and women's pajamas (sizes L up to XXXL). Please put donations into the specified basket in the Missions Corner, and see Esther Sheppard if you wish to receive credit for your donation. Metro Homeless Center - Shalom House thanks you!

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Have you ever noticed that someone driving slower than you is an idiot...but someone driving faster than you is a maniac!

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

Angela Hernton, Interpreter for the Deaf

Rose Albrecht, Church Secretary

Ron Tegerdine, Building Manager

Ruth Clerkley, Arlington House Director

Sue McConnell, Care and Learn Director

Julie Horne, Parents Day Out Director

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Return Service Requested

NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2008

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT PROMISES FUN FOR ALL

Mark your calendars for the Family Council *Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 22nd*, at **9:00 am**, in **Fellowship Hall**. There will be a special visit by the Easter Bunny! Tickets are \$2.50 per person and may be purchased starting March 9th or by calling Loretta at 314-739-0434, ext. 24.

VOLUNTEER ANYONE?

Are you looking at volunteer options this summer at Arlington? Well look no further than the Arlington Lawn Care Team. We are looking for volunteers to help mow the church grounds this coming summer season. This is a 2-3 hour commitment per month and it helps save the church money each year. If you are interested in helping or would like additional information please contact Braun Mitchel at (314) 429-5627 or

braunmitchel@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Braun Mitchel

HOLY WEEK POSTCARDS

If you would like to help Pastor Mary, Shay Blackwell Circle and the Growth Team pass out postcards for Holy Week in some of the surrounding neighborhoods, meet us at **St. Louis Bread Company** on St. Charles Rock Road on **Saturday, March 15th at 10:30 am**. We can carpool from there, if needed, and we should be done by noon.

Save the date for our Spring Fling!

Mark your calendars now for our Spring Fling on **Friday, May 2nd at 7:30 pm**. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters. If you would like to help with this event, contact Pam Hawkins, 314-298-9728.

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Mary's Musings

Did you ever think about how every Sunday is a little Easter? Beginning with the first Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection has been the focus of Christian worship. Because the early disciples were Jews, they would have observed the Sabbath on Saturday. However, the first day of the week became the day for Christian worship. It was known as the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection. Our weekly Sunday worship is a celebration of Jesus' resurrected presence with us- a little Easter each week!

I invite each or you to join us as we continue the Lenten series.

On March 8 & 9, we will be on the road with Jesus to Jericho. We will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday and One Great Hour of Sharing. (Girl Scouts, don't forget to wear your uniform.) On March 15 & 16, we will be on the road with Jesus to Jerusalem and the triumphal procession of palms.

Join us for the drama of Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday, we will gather as a church family at 6 pm to share a pot-luck dinner and The Last Supper. On Good Friday, we will remember the passion and sacrifice of Christ at 7pm.

On Easter, the most joyous and celebrative day of the Christian year, we will share in the victory of the Lord's Resurrection at the special times of 8, 9:30, and 11:00. We'll actually begin the celebration on Easter Eve at 5pm. Easter is so much more than bunnies and eggs!

In Joy,

Mary