

OUR PRAYERS
Baptist in NC

Mary Stanley ICU

At Home

Marie Hughes Rev. Jerry Corlew

Hospice Care

Valerie Porterfield Bill Scott
Bill Coffman Jimmy Mellard

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Lisa Matlock and family in the loss of her mother, Becky Matlock
...Marcelle Farrow and family in the loss of her sister-in-law, Dellie Wiseman
...Family & friends of Rev. Steve Elder
...Family & friends of Gary Kolb

OUR PRESENCE

November 27

Church School 43
Worship 64
Visitors 6

OUR GIFTS

November 27

Total Rec'd \$ 1,100
MTD \$ 14,435
Apportionments TD \$ 31,296

OUR SERVICE

Assisting December 4

Greeters Frances Coffman
Keith Coffman
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Brother Paul
Lock-up Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers
11 Jane Hight
18 Lisa Hughes
24 Tom Lockhart

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving Holiday! Barbara and I spent our time away with Dan and Lane Camp at their home in Bradford, TN. I had the honor for the second time of deep frying the turkey. This is about as close as I get to reliving my days as a chemical engineer, since turkey frying can be a bit dangerous if not done correctly!!

Before we left for Dan and Lane's, I had a chance to read the morning newspaper, which seems to get larger and larger with all the ads for Black Friday. It reminded me of the upcoming Sunday school lesson which focused on trusting God and not worrying about the necessities of life. During the holiday season this can be extremely difficult, given the bombardment of ads for things manufacturers seem to think we need to possess.

May we all stay focused on the true reason for the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Dec. 4th

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon Title

"Words of Hope in the Midst of a Crisis"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. 12/4	9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Fellowship Class Party
Mon. 12/5	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Noon News Deadline
Tue. 12/6	No Activities
Wed. 12/7	7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 12/8	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 12/9	Offices Closed
Sat. 12/10	Extra Choir Rehearsal Today 9:00a AFLS 5:30p Fidelis Class Party @ The Hight's
Sun. 12/11	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Unit Mtg., Pot Luck & Installation of Officers 6:00p Christmas Cantata "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...next Sunday, Dec. 4. Be sure to set your clock in time to be at church by 9:15. This last Fellowship Time of 2011 will be hosted by the Current Events Class.



"A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER" December 11, 2011 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Christmas story prompts a sense of awe and wonder - a love story conceived by a great and mighty God before the creation of time. To this day, the story continues to stir the hearts and minds of people who hear it afresh each year. Come with us again to Bethlehem to experience the fulfillment of God's plan in a humble manger. Inspiring texts and melodies are blended as we celebrate the great and mighty wonder of God's love.

THANK YOU

The green is hung and the Chrismon trees are decorated and lit as we prepare for Emmanuel's coming. Thanks so much to our helpers Brother Paul, Aleita Tutor, Lorelle Woodard and Mary Robbins for decking our halls with these lovely adornments.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Inspire someone.



CHRISTMAS GIVING ALTERNATIVES

Gift Giving Made Easy at Lakeshore Christmas Cottage

...offering one-of-a-kind creations from drift wood and other items perfect for gift giving. Lakeshore gift certificates are also available for everything from a few dollars to spend at the Camp Store to the cost of a week at Camp to any amount you would care to give. You may call them at (731) 584-6102 or email them at office@lakeshoreuma.com for details and to arrange your gift giving.



The Oxford Class Christmas Card

...benefits the Toy Store at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, making Christmas special for many children. Have you signed the Christmas Card yet wishing your Aldersgate family Merry Christmas and helping buy toys for these children? Please see Terry Williamson to donate.

UMW NEWS

The month of December is full of activities but we MUST attend our December 11th meeting as our District Vice President will install our 2012 officers and have a short program.

We will have a short but meaningful remembrance of our deceased members, Jean McCarty, Juanita Galloway, Carol Bosi, Bea Harris and Kathryn Clark, where you may share your fond memories of them. Please plan to attend. Women of Zion are in charge of set-up for our pot luck lunch. If you have table decorations to share, please bring them.



"Imagine No Malaria" Campaign Gets A Boost

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in collaboration with the United Nations Foundation, has given a \$3 million grant to the Imagine No Malaria campaign of the United Methodist Church. Pittsburg Area Bishop Thomas Bickerton, the campaign's spokesperson, says the grant will provide support for fundraising to help the church reach its \$75 million goal. To date, more than \$18 million has been raised.



Dec. 11 is the deadline to order your Aldersgate photo calendar. Look for the red envelopes at church to place your orders. For \$12 you may purchase this "fond memory" and help support the Children & Youth ministries. Calendars will be available by the end of December.

DOLLARS & \$EN\$ From the Finance Committee

At our meeting on November 20, the Finance Committee approved the following:

- Honorariums for guest speakers - \$100
- March to the Manger money to be distributed \$1000 to Scholarship Fund and the balance to the Emergency Maintenance Fund
- A Book & Bake Sale to benefit Arts for Life's Sake to be held January 14th
- A Chili Lunch to benefit the Scholarship Fund to be held on January 15th



CONGRATULATIONS

...to Daniel Gabriel on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. After completing the many requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout, Daniel received his Eagle award on Nov. 27, with his proud parents, Brad & Linda Gabriel, and his very proud grandparents, Norris & Earline Gabriel, and other family and friends in attendance. Congratulations, Eagle Scout Daniel!

Aldersgate UMC

December 2011



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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1
10:00a Bible Study

2
Offices Closed

3
9:00a AFLS



4
9:15a Fellowship Time
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10:55a Worship Service
12:15p Fellowship Class Party



5
10:00a Church Women
United @ Buntyn Pres.
Noon News Deadline



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12:15p UMW Unit Mtg &
Installation of Officers

6:00p "A Great and Mighty
Wonder"
Christmas Cantata

12
Noon News Deadline

13
10:00a Koinonia
7:00p Love/Hope



14

15
10:00a Bible Study



16
Offices Closed
6:00p Current Events Pro-
gressive Dinner starts at the
Scheirer's



17
9:00a AFLS

18
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship Service

19
Noon News Deadline

20

21

22
10:00a Bible Study

23
Offices Closed

24
**Christmas Eve
Communion**
6:30 p.m.



25
Christmas Day

*Blessings from
the Prince of Peace*

9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship Service

26
Offices Closed in
Observance of Christmas

27
Noon News Deadline

28

29
10:00a Bible Study

30
Offices Closed

31
New Year's Eve





Happy Birth-

- Dec. 1 Milton Craft
Alison Metler
Rebecca Williamson
- 2 Barry Mathis
- 4 Kathy Earl
Doris Palazzini
- 5 Matt Hall
D.L. Park
- 6 Robin Bellott
Marcelle Farrow
Martha Wallace
- 9 Kevin Matthews
- 10 Warren Petty
- 11 Judy Stanley
- 13 Miki Craft
Lorilee Griffin
Mary Hicks
- 14 Jean Leslie
Gloria McCollough
Jake Tschume
Bill Whitaker
- 15 Carmelina Lopez
- 23 Marva Dell Fry
- 25 Elizabeth Godbold
- 28 Robert King
Renee Little
- 30 David Weaver
- 31 Mickey Lopez, Jr.



Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 2 Keith & Frances Coffman
- 21 Richard & Frances Morris
- 25 Jimmy & Jane Hight
- 28 Gary & Becky Graves

ASSISTING IN DECEMBER

- Greeters** Frances Coffman
Keith Coffman
- Liturgist** Bruce Hughes
- Scripture** Brother Paul
Jane Hight
Lisa Hughes
Tom Lockhart
- Children's Time**.....
- Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

All Earth Is Waiting
Alberto Tuale trans. Gertrude C. Suppe

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
And the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
It cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

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

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
Open new highways, new highways for the Lord.
He is now coming closer, so come all and see,
And open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,
Yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,
For he lives in all Christians and is with us now;
Again, with his coming he brings us liberty.