

## OUR PRAYERS

**Methodist Univ.**      **Signature HC**  
 C.B. Lockhart 531Twr    Martha Wallace 323B

**Baptist Mem'l.**      **Hospice Care**  
 Aleita Tutor 5109      Mary Stanley  
                                  Lynda Park

### At Home

Betty Ray  
 Mark Lewis

Please remember our homebound in your prayers.

## OUR PRESENCE

### January 5

Church School	42
Worship	63
Visitors	3

## OUR GIFTS

### January 5

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,899
MTD	\$ 2,899

## OUR SERVICE

### January 12

<b>Greeters</b>	Barbara Scheirer Audrey Weaver
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Warren Petty
<b>Children's Time</b>	Dean Tutor
<b>Lock-up</b>	Neil DeLong

## OUR WITNESS

### January Scripture Readers

19 Judy Stanley  
 26 Dean Tutor

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

“Everybody has a home team. It’s the people you call when you get a flat tire or when something terrible happens. It’s the people who, near or far, know everything that’s wrong with you and love you anyway. These are the ones who tell you their secrets, who get themselves a glass of water without asking when they’re at your house. These are the people who cry when you cry. These are your people, your middle-of-the-night, no-matter-what people”.

Shauna Niequist shared this in *Bittersweet: Thoughts on Change, Grace and Learning the Hard Way*. I hope we all have these people in our lives, but I hope we are also this person for someone else?

Peace and Grace,  
 Brother Paul

### Scripture Readings for Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 29  
 Isaiah 42:1-9

### Sermon Title

“Mercy for Me, Justice for Them”

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 1/12	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship <b>12:15p Church Council</b>
Mon. 1/13	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 1/14	10:00a Koinonia Group 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 1/15	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/16	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 1/17	Offices Closed
Sat. 1/18	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 1/19	9:00a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Executive Mtg. 3:00p District Church Leadership Training @ Emmanuel UMC
18—25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



### SUNGLASSES SUNDAY Coming up on February 9th

...in support of Project 20/20. Start saving up your old eyeglasses and sunglasses and ask family, friends and neighbors if they will help. All of you can make a difference in countries where eye care is more than a gift—it's a miracle. Please place your gifts in the box outside the office and we will have them delivered to the 20/20 program.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.  
It's about learning to dance in the rain!

## THANK YOU

... to the Fellowship Class for the delicious food you provided for Fellowship Time. Next month's Fellowship will be February 2nd with the Fidelis Class hosting.

### CARING FOR CREATION CONFERENCE 2014 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Conference will take place Feb. 6-9 in Atlanta, GA, with the theme: "24/6 Embracing the Sabbath: Mindfulness as a Sustainable Practice". During the Conference, participants will discuss how the United Methodist Church can preserve the Lord's creation. Also included will be workshops and field trips, as well as time for fun and fellowship. Day trips will be to Truly Living Well Urban Organic Farms, a tour of church sustainability efforts in the Decatur area and a tour of the Global Growers Network.

Contact Michael Black at [seawater@gsu.edu](mailto:seawater@gsu.edu) or Leslie Watkins at [lesliew@prumc.org](mailto:lesliew@prumc.org) or Pat Watkins at [caretakersofcreation@me.com](mailto:caretakersofcreation@me.com) for information and details.

### CHURCH LEADERS TRAINING COMING JANUARY 19th

The McKendree District will hold its annual Leadership Training event on Sunday, January 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Emmanuel UMC. This event is not limited to those holding leadership positions but is open to all church members. All are highly encouraged to attend as a way to get involved, learn what's going on in the church, and how things are done. For starters, Bishop McAlilly will be leading the Staff/Parish Relations Committee class. Other classes will include financial & insurance matters, working with volunteers, lay leadership, and communications, to name few. Mark this date on your calendar now!

### ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM TO MEET JANUARY 26th

Join us immediately after worship on the 26th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a pad and pencil, a 2014 calendar and lots of new ideas for activities for this year.

## UMW NEWS

2014 has begun and we are ready to face the new year with great expectations.

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**Remember— we are hosting Presidents/Vice Presidents Day at Aldersgate on January 11.** Registration begins at 9 a.m.—program 9:30-11. As host church, we need your help to be gracious hostesses. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window to help set-up coffee, etc., to bring or send juice, fruit, breads and sweets or you may call Rebeca, 484-7385, to volunteer.

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Our Group meetings will be on January 14th—Koinonia at 10 a.m. and Love/Hope at 7 p.m. If you haven't attended in a while, start the New Year right and join us. This would be the perfect time. The Executive Committee will meet on January 19 at 12:15p.m.

### SEJ Leadership Team Looking for Logos

The UMW Leadership Team of our Southeastern Jurisdiction invites you to submit a logo(s) for our quadrennial meeting. The theme is "A Fresh Wind Blowing", the scripture, John 3:8: "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Logo submissions must represent the theme and the scripture. Logos received will be submitted from our Jurisdiction and voted on in March 2014. The submission deadline is February 25 and may be emailed to Patty Stricklin at [pattystricklin@yahoo.com](mailto:pattystricklin@yahoo.com) or to Charlotte Smith at [charlottesmith@twc.com](mailto:charlottesmith@twc.com).



**WHITE BEANS & BINGO ON JANUARY 30th**  
We have a sign-up sheet by the office and the kitchen. Please bring white beans, cornbread, slaw or relish tray. We will have "white elephant" bingo, so please bring one or more gifts, beautifully wrapped, so everyone will want your prize.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for  
**Memorial Fund**

In memory of Doris Babb by

Doris Bellott  
Doris June Burton & family  
Mike Bosi  
Keith Coffman  
Lynn Coffman

### \* ADD THIS TO YOUR CALENDAR \* CHURCH WORK DAY COMING UP

Plan to join us on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 8 to noon, for a work day around the inside of the church. Bring your work gloves and a big smile to brighten up the dark corners.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY**  
Canned Soups                      Canned Pasta

### DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

General Rules and Social Principles  
Conclusion

These distinctive emphases of United Methodists provide the basis for "practical divinity", the experiential realization of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the lives of Christian people. These emphases have been preserved not so much through formal doctrinal declarations as through the vital movement of faith and practice as seen in converted lives and within the disciplined life of the Church. Devising formal definitions of doctrine has been less pressing for United Methodists than summoning people of faith and nurturing them in the knowledge and love of God. The core of Wesleyan doctrine that informed our past rightly belongs to our common heritage as Christians and remains a prime component within our continuing theological task.