

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist Univ.	At Home
C.B. Lockhart 531Twr	Aleita Tutor
	Betty Ray
	Brother Paul

Signature HC	Hospice Care
Martha Wallace 323B	Mary Stanley
	Lynda Park

OUR PRESENCE

January 12

Church School	41
Worship	66
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS

January 12

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,832
MTD	\$ 5,731

Apportionments for 2013 were paid in full. It should be noted that, in order to do this and have sufficient funds in our checking account to start 2014, we transferred \$20,000 from our savings.

OUR SERVICE

January 19

Greeters	Barbara Scheirer Audrey Weaver
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Judy Stanley
Children's Time	Barbara Scheirer
Lock-up	Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers
26 Dean Tutor

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I'd like to thank all those who attended our church council meeting this past Sunday. I know the issues we talked about concerning the future of our church are very difficult and emotional issues. I'd also like to apologize for my insensitivity concerning some things I said. As you know I am often overly passionate, and sometimes don't think before I speak.

For those who did not attend the meeting, I would encourage you to talk to me, or anyone else who was at the meeting, so, as we move forward with these issues, they do not catch you unaware. Our next meeting is scheduled for the last Sunday in February, and like our last meeting, all are invited, those who are members of the council as well any others who want to share their input with the council.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Jan. 19th

Psalm 40:1-11

John 1:29-42

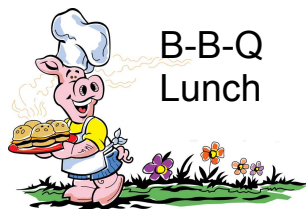
Sermon Title

"Becoming a Follower"



LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 1/19	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Executive Mtg. 3:00p McKendree Dist. Leadership Training (open to all) @ Emmanuel UMC
Mon. 1/20	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 1/21	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 1/22	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/23	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 1/24	Offices Closed
Sat. 1/25	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 1/26	Boy Scout Sunday 9:00a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p BBQ Lunch sponsored by Troop/Pack 240 12:30p Adult/Family Ministries Team Meeting



B-B-Q Lunch

LUNCH BEING SERVED ON SCOUT SUNDAY
Please plan to be the guests of Scout Troop/Pack 240 on Sunday, January 26, right after worship, given in appreciation for our support of their group. Bar-b-que with all the trimmings will be served and you will get to meet some of our Scouting families.
Please sign up on the list on the office window to give them a count of how many to prepare for.

THANK YOU NOTE

The Heart of Christmas at UMNC

The Church of the Warm Heart helped put smiles on the faces of parents shopping for toys in the UMNC Toy Store just before Christmas. There were many heart-warming experiences shared between shoppers and volunteers. Patricia missed our sign-up deadline, but was still able to shop for her 5 grandchildren. She was so thankful that she cried during the entire shopping. Since we had a few Thanksgiving Baskets left, we were able to give her one, as well as a bag of groceries. There wasn't a dry eye in the place when she left after bestowing hugs on every one of us. We served over 750 children and we hope it brightens your day to know that you and Aldersgate made Christmas special for so many children and their parents. We volunteers receive blessings by being able to assist in the shopping and I thank you for the opportunity to serve UMNC.

Sharon Lockhart

ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM

...to meet on Sunday, Jan. 26, right after the lunch provided by Scout Troop/Pack 240.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Joy is only a thought away. Think!



SUNGLASSES SUNDAY Coming up on February 9th

Project 20/20 protects and improves the sight of persons of all faiths in underdeveloped areas of the world where medical care is extremely limited. This non-profit all-volunteer program is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Please place your donations of used or new eyeglasses or sunglasses in the box outside the office and we will have them delivered to the 20/20 program.

UMW NEWS

Do you know that you may read books from the 2010 through the 2014 reading list and have them count for this year (as long as you have not counted them in prior years).

Try this one from the 2010 list, *Living With Purpose in a Worn-Out Body*, a big dose of encouragement for older adults. *The Noticer* from the 2011 list will certainly give you a better perspective on things and *The Boy Who Harnesses the Wind* from the 2012 list will amaze you with what one boy accomplished. The children's book, *Violet*, from the 2013 list, may help you answer the universal question "why?". Check them out!



CHURCH WORK DAY Saturday, Feb. 1

Bring your gloves and a great big smile.
We'll start at 8 and make big pile
Of junk and dust bunnies disappear.
We'll work till noon now, y'all hear?



FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY

Canned Soups Canned Pasta



WHITE BEANS & WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO January 30 - 11:30 a.m.

A sign-up sheet is by the office and by the kitchen. Please sign up for white beans, cornbread, slaw or relish tray. Wrap your "white elephant" prizes beautifully so everyone will be tempted. Join us for Bible Study at 10 a.m. and stay for the fun!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Doris Babb by
Joy Mitchell



LEND A HAND

What better way to mark Martin Luther King, Jr. Day than to join together in service to those in need. Crossroads Hospice invites you to participate in a group project benefitting patients with life-limiting conditions.

Join us in making a variety of craft items to give to our patients to brighten their day. This activity is great for all ages. Snacks will be provided.

Monday, January 20
Crossroads Hospice
1669 Shelby Oaks Drive
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Contact Linda or Sandy if you plan to attend or have any questions. Phone: 901-382-9292
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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.