

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**St. Francis**  
Zita Jean McCarty 510

**Baptist Rehab**  
Hugh Rhodes 222

**Allenbrooke Rehab**  
Merwin Gene Meyer

**At Home**  
Kathryn Clark Roger Umnuss  
Marie Hughes Gerry & Gabe Colosia

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to the family and friends of Robert F. Wilson, Sr.

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### OUR PRESENCE

**January 16**  
Church School 46  
Worship 69  
Visitors 7

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### OUR GIFTS

**January 16**  
This Week's Offering \$ 3,473  
MTD \$ 11,081

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### OUR SERVICE

#### Assisting January 23

**Greeters** Jean DeLong  
Audrey Weaver  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Dean Tutor  
**Children's Time** Judy Stanley  
**Lock-up** Neil DeLong

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**January Scripture Readers**  
30 Brother Paul

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## *Information for the Family and Friends of Aldersgate U.M.C.*

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

For those of you unable to be with us at church this past Sunday, I thought I'd share the information contained in "All I really need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark":

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Don't forget we're in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead – it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit—when you're 600 years old someone might ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with what has to be done.
6. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
7. Two heads are better than one.
8. Build your future on high ground.
9. Speed isn't always an advantage; after all, the snails were on the same ark as the cheetahs.
10. When you're stressed, float awhile.
11. Remember, amateurs (given instructions by the master builder and teacher) built the ark; professionals built the Titanic.
12. The woodpeckers inside the ark were a larger threat than the storm outside.
13. No matter what the storm, when God is with you, there's a rainbow waiting.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-17

Sermon Title  
"A Light in the Midst of Darkness"



## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Jan. 23 - Sat., Jan. 29

Sun. 1/23 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p UMW Executive Mtg.

Mon. 1/24 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 1/25 No Activities

Wed. 1/26 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 1/27 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 1/28 Offices Closed

Sat. 1/29 9:00a AFLS  
10:00a Angelfood Distribution

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### FYI

For your information, assistance and convenience, we now have a Notary Public on staff.



### BEANS & BINGO

Thursday, January 20, is your chance to win those "mega" prizes at our White Elephant Bingo. Bible Study starts at 10:00, lunch and bingo at 11:30. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the kitchen to bring a pot of white beans, cornbread, relish & onions and/or cookies. Drinks will be furnished. And don't forget those bingo prizes, beautifully wrapped. You may bring as many prizes as you like!



### YOU'RE INVITED

Gospel singer, Mike Rebich, will be in concert on Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., at Colonial Baptist Church, 1503 Colonial Road. Mike was born and raised in Memphis. After some years away from the music scene, his wife, family and friends have encouraged him to follow his heart and return to gospel music. His CD will be available at the concert.

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

From the smallest step to the longest journey, God will guide each of us.



### WE NEED YOUR INFO, PLEASE!!!

In the recent past we had the need to contact a loved one of a member but did not have the information required. If you have not given the church office emergency contact information for you and your family, please do so. There are forms available on the table outside the Sanctuary or you may call the office, 683-8861, with your information. We appreciate your assistance.

## UMW NEWS

UMW Officers - please be prepared to share your responsibilities at our Executive Meeting this Sunday, Jan. 23, following worship service. We will also hear information from Presidents/VP's Day last Saturday at Colonial Park. If you have any questions about your office, please see the President or a Nominating Committee member. If your group has not taken an offering for Call to Prayer and Self-denial, please do so now, and be sure your pledge card is returned to your treasurer.

Earline reminds us that it is also time to start the drive for Methodist Hospital Auxiliary, so we can be 100%.



### HOSPICE TRAINING COMING UP

Just a few hours a month can help ease the loneliness, fear and isolation of a person with a terminal illness. You may hold a hand, read, sing, play an instrument or simply listen. There's someone who needs your friendship. Crossroads Hospice will provide training on Saturday, March 5, from 9 am to 2 pm. You may call Emily or Sandy, at 382-9292 or email them at [Emily.stuart@crossroadshospice.com](mailto:Emily.stuart@crossroadshospice.com) or [Sandy.wilson@crossroadshospice.com](mailto:Sandy.wilson@crossroadshospice.com), to register. Individual training is also available on request.



### ANGELFOOD CHANGE

#### Please Note!

Due to winter weather across the country, Angelfood distribution will be on Sat., Jan. 29, from 10 to 11am. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, for information or to volunteer.

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### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jan. 18-25, actually an octave of 8 days, is set aside by churches around the world, to pray for our journey of faith. This year's theme, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers", is from Acts 2:42.

In your prayers during these 8 days, please envision:

- ...justice for all
- ...that we can learn to embrace our differences,
- ...that we can devote ourselves in love to each other
- ...that we will learn to share our goods and burdens with glad hearts
- ...that we will develop a right attitude toward ethical living
- ...that we will draw strength from daily prayer
- ...that joy and hope will fill our hearts with the promise of the Resurrection
- ...that we can meet the challenge for Christians world-wide to overcome evil.