

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Nov. 7 - Sat., Nov. 13

Sun. 11/07 **All Saint's Sunday**
9:15a Fellowship Time
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship

Finance Committee Meeting Moved to Dec. 5
12:30p Reception for Wanda
 12:30p Angelfood Orders
 6:00p Women of Zion

Mon. 11/08 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 11/09 10:00a Koinonia Group
 7:00p Love/Hope Group

Wed. 11/10 6:00p Angelfood Orders
 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 11/11 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 11/12 Offices Closed

Sat. 11/13 9:00a AFLS
 UMW Feminine Fall Fling
 @Lakeshore

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...Nov. 7, 9:15. The Oxford Class will host and provide donuts, coffee, juice and milk. Join us for this special time of fellowship.



POINSETTIAS

Order now for only \$12.00 each. Choose: Red, Marble, Frosted or White. Please complete the info below and return, **with payment**, to the office.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

_____ ordered at \$12.00 each.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back into our church family Richard & Karen Hall, who have been away for a while. Their son, Matt, is also a member here. Give them a big hug when you see them!



DIRECTORY PHOTOS - ANOTHER CHANCE!

If you missed the first two sessions of directory photos, you have another chance on Thursday, November 4, from 2:30 to 9 p.m. Sign up on the table near the office or call us, 683-8861, for an appointment time.

THANK YOU

We know about falling leaves this time of year but we had a ton of "fallen" limbs to be removed. Many thanks to Rick & Rebeca Ernst for their considerable effort and several trips to the recycling center to clean up our grounds.

LITTLE ONES

The twins arrived five weeks early but are doing well. Benjamin Owen, 17 inches long, and Nova Bell, 18 1/2 inches, were born Oct. 19, weighing in at 4lbs, 5 oz. and 4lbs, 15oz. Proud parents, Matt & Beth, are also doing well. The proud grandparents are Jimmie & Diana Bedwell.



The family thanks you for your support, prayers and gifts in preparation for this blessed event.

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Briarcrest HS Marching Band on being invited to play at the U of M Men's soccer game on Nov., 5. The game will be nationally televised on the Fox Soccer Channel. Daniel Boice is a member of the band and plays the clarinet.

Commitment Sunday - Nov. 14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Give from the heart, receive nourishment for the soul.

UMW NEWS

Renee says that no one has let her know that they want their Yearbooks by email. PLEASE, PLEASE give both Renee and Aleda your email addresses for the Yearbook and for the email page we're including this year.

Please plan to attend the Officers Training at Capleville this Saturday, Nov. 6. Our new president would like all of us to be aware of our responsibilities. Registration begins at 9. If you cannot attend or if you hold more than one office, try to get someone to sit in for you. If you need a ride, be at church by 8:30 a.m.

Our January executive meeting will be focused on sharing our responsibilities as officers.

The UMW Reading Program

...has received 26 new books. Two especially good ones are Same Kind of Different As Me, a real-life story of a present day slave, an art dealer and the woman who brought them together, and Listen to the Wind, a children's story about the idea behind 3 Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortensen. This season's selections are interesting, inspirational and offer a new category: Leadership Development.

Thanksgiving Baskets for UMNC

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers will provide Thanksgiving Baskets for around 275 families this year. If you can fill a basket, that would be great! If not, any of the following items would be welcome:



- 2 bx. Dressing mix
- 2 cans cranberry sce
- 40 oz can yams
- 1 canister KoolAid
- 4 to 5 lb bag sugar
- 24 oz oil
- 1 can frosting
- 1 bx. family-size tea bags
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 26 oz instant potatoes
- 4 to 5lb bag flour
- 40 oz biscuit mix
- 1 cake mix
- 1 jar instant coffee

Cash donations will be used for gift cards for a turkey or ham (make checks out to Aldersgate with "UMNC Basket" in memo line).

All items may be left at **Aldersgate** (not UMNC) to be displayed at our Harvest Dinner, Nov. 14.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to...

Honorarium Fund

In honor of Earl & Juanita Galloway by Bruce & Lisa Hughes

Memorial Fund

In memory of Dorothy Hyatt by Jean Leslie
Charles & Evelyn Goddard
The Fellowship Class

Pew Cushions

In memory of Dorothy Hyatt by Jimmy & Jane Hight

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Dorothy Hyatt by Bruce & Lisa Hughes
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

OUR HARVEST DINNER

...is Sunday, Nov, 14, right after worship service. **Reservations are REQUIRED.** The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. Reservations and **payment must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 9.** You may sign up on the office window or call the church office for reservations. Make checks out to Aldersgate with "Harvest Dinner" in memo line. The menu: ham, turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, green beans, sweet potato casserole, hot rolls and home-made pies, coffee or tea. The dinner is being catered by Mary Proctor so you know it will be delicious.



Gifts for

Operation Christmas Child

Bring a smile to a child's face! Shoeboxes are available on the table outside the Sanctuary with a list of suggestions inside for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child". Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. Please make checks out to Samaritan's Purse and note "OCC" (Operation Christmas Child), on the memo line. You may leave filled boxes and donations at the church.



OUR PRAYERS
St. Francis **VA**
 Otis McKee ICU 383 Manny Lim ICU

In Florida **At Home**
 Annette Brasfield Mary Stanley
 (terminal)

OUR PRESENCE

October 31
 Church School 54
 Worship 80
 Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS

October 31
 Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 2542
 Church School \$ 37
 Total Rec'd \$ 2579

 MTD \$ 21991

 YTD apportionments \$ 22946

OUR SERVICE

Assisting November 7

Greeters Sharon Lockhart
 Barbara Scheirer

Liturgist Bruce Hughes

Scripture Brother Paul

Children's Time Brother Paul

Lock-up Margie Williamson

November Scripture Readers

14 Jane Hight
 21 Lisa Hughes
 28 Tom Lockhart

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This story is being sent around on the internet. I don't know if its true, but it is revealing. In Mt. Vernon, Texas, Drummond's Bar began construction on an expansion of their building to increase their business. In response, a local church (denomination to remain unnamed) started a campaign to block the bar from expanding with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up until the week before the grand reopening when lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground. After the bar burning the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, bragging about "the power of prayer," until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church "was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means". In its reply to the court, the church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise. The judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply and at the opening hearing, commented, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire congregation that now does not. This leads me to the conclusion that I don't know if God will be answering many more prayers for this congregation any time soon!"

Peace and Grace,
 Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Nov. 7

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 Luke 20:27-38

Sermon Title

"The God of the Living"

