

OUR PRAYERS

Signature @ St. Francis

Evelyn Goddard 308A

Methodist G'town

Linda Park 303 North

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Mary Robbins
Tom Lockhart
Betty Ray
Jordan Hight

OUR PRESENCE

November 3

Church School	43
Worship	66
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS

November 3

This Week's Offering	\$ 4,221
MTD	\$ 4,221
Apportionments TD	\$ 7,618

OUR SERVICE

November 10

Greeters	Margaret Ann Ligon Barbara Scheirer
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Happy Gbeneneh
Children's Time	Frances Morris
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

November Scripture Readers

17 Jane Hight
24 Lisa Hughes



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

There's an old saying that goes all the way back to Ignatius of Antioch in the first century: "Where Christ is, there is the church."

Notice Ignatius doesn't say, "Where the church is, there is Christ." Christ is wherever there are hungry, thirsty, rejected or imprisoned people. He is at the dinner table of a family who's having a hard time making ends meet. He's with a mother who's the victim of domestic violence. He's with frightened, homeless, and displaced people during their first night in a shelter.

This doesn't mean that people cannot find Christ at church, but if we want to seek Him, these are the places we are most likely to find Him.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Nov. 10th

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Sermon Title

"Standing Firm"

Sun 11/10	LÖÖKING AHEAD Commitment Sunday Veterans' Sunday 9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 11/11	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 11/12	6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 11/13	10:00a Hospital Auxiliary Mtg. 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 11/14	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 11/15	Offices Closed
Sat. 11/16	9:00a UMW Officers Training @ St. Paul UMC 9:00a AFLS
Sun. 11/17	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Harvest Dinner



GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD TIME

Join us on Nov. 17th, right after worship, for turkey & dressing and all the trimmings catered by Mary Proctor. Cost: Adults \$8, 12 and under \$4. Harvest Dinner Reservations are **required** by Nov. 14. Call the office or sign up on the window or the bulletin board by the kitchen. Checks may be made out to Aldersgate UMC with Harvest Dinner in the memo line or you may pay at the door as long as you have reservations. If you make a reservation but do not attend, you will still be responsible for paying for your dinner!

**FINDING BETHLEHEM
IN THE MIDST OF BEDLAM**

...our Advent study books, are now available—\$9 each, if not prepaid. See Carolyn to get your copy. Checks may be made out to Aldersgate with 'Advent' in the memo line.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,
Your calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers, are getting me through this trying time. With the help of Anna Deekae and her excellent care, I'm working hard to get back in church by December. Please continue praying and know that I love you...

Evelyn Goddard

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There are no words to express my appreciation except to say thank you for all of your prayers, calls, and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Brother Paul & Barbara for their visits and prayers. Our church is truly the church of the warm heart.

Mary Robbins & Family



FOOD PANTRY FOR NOVEMBER
Items for or complete
Thanksgiving Baskets for UMNC

Flour, Sugar, Dressing Mix, Instant Potatoes, Biscuit Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Oil, Cake Mix, Frosting, Instant Coffee, Kool-Aid, Tea Bags, \$10 Kroger Gift Cards. A complete list is available at the church.

THANKSGIVING DAY MISSION MEAL
11 to 1 — November 28 — At Aldersgate

The Committee members and Volunteers from the Aldersgate Fall Festival will host invited guests less fortunate than ourselves and others who would otherwise be alone for dinner this Thanksgiving. We will be serving our guests at table so helpers will be needed for that as well as to provide desserts, help set-up, clean up, bake a big sweet potato or green bean casserole, donate a bag of rolls or serve drinks and much more. If you have only an hour or the whole day, we need you, either Wednesday night or on Thursday. Your assistance will be most appreciated. You may contact Barry, 299-2746; Perri, 831-2217; Ed, 428-6243; or Judy, 652-4821, for all the details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's love is freely given. Live in its divine flow.

UMW NEWS

- Ladies, please remember to bring your World Thank Offering to your November meeting or give to Joyce before November 20th. If not received by then, it will be sent in March 2014. Thank you.
- Our Mission Outreach Retreat at Lakeshore is Nov. 9-10. We are to bring/send items for sewing kits for UMCOR as one of our projects.
3 continuous yds. cotton or cotton blend fabric only. NO heavy duty, corduroy or knits. NO patriotic, religions, holiday, camouflage or military patterns.
1 pair fabric scissors only
1 pkg. hand needles in original package
1 spool of thread
5-8 buttons in original pkg. or fastened together
1 gal. size, sealable plastic bag
All items must be new. Do not wash fabric. Do not include personal notes, money or other materials. Completed kits or individual items are welcome. Please give all items to Rebeca Ernst. Anyone who wishes may contribute. You don't have to be a UM Woman.

UM Neighborhood Centers NEWS

Volunteers are needed to work the UMNC Christmas Store on Mon., Dec. 16 through Thur., Dec. 19, from 10 to 4. You may sign up at our November UMNC meeting.

Our 'thank you for your service' lunch will be on Dec. 20, from 11 to 1. Volunteers are also need for this event and may also sign up at the November meeting.

A new President for our Key Women is being sought as Sharon Cornelius, our very capable and appreciated current President, is rotating off the board.

As you can see, the November meeting will be an important one. Key Women and interested volunteers are urged to make every effort to attend. You may contact Sharon Lockhart, 754-3429, for further details or to volunteer.

MY HOPE AMERICA

Billy Graham will celebrate his 95th birthday on My Hope America on Nov. 7, presented by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Check your local listings for time and channel.



**HOLIDAY TURKEY & HAM SALE
TO BENEFIT TROOP/PACK 240**

Save yourself time and work by ordering your turkey or ham from our Boy Scout Troop/Cub Scout Pack 240 this holiday. Fried or Smoked Turkeys (12-14 lbs) are \$35 and spiral-sliced hams (7-9 lbs) are \$40. Order forms are available at the church. Pick up day is Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Faith Christian Church, 4965 Willow Road, between 4 & 6 p.m. You may also contact Scoutmaster, Don Dodson, 230-0087, to place an order.



**SIGN-UP NOW FOR
THE OXFORD CLASS CHRISTMAS CARD**

Terry Williamson will again take your donation and your signature on the giant Christmas Card for 2013. Proceeds will benefit the UM Neighborhood Centers Christmas Store, helping families who cannot provide gifts for their children. A great way to show your Christmas spirit.



BBQ & BINGO

...is Thurs. Nov. 7, right after Bible Study. No need to bring anything but yourself and join the fun.

Commitment Sunday — Veteran's Sunday
November 10

Veterans—please dress for the occasion

A BIG THANK YOU

...to the Oxford Class for the delicious delectables at Fellowship Time.

**A NEW CHURCH FAMILY
CALENDAR IS COMING**

What better way to preserve precious memories than a photo calendar of all our big events. Order forms to be available soon!