

OUR PRAYERS
Methodist Germantown
Frances Coffman - surg. 11/14

Hospice Care
Tina Gift

Please remember our home-bound and those in assisted care:

Doris Babb	Joan Clark	Gerri Colosia
Mava Dell Fry	Helen Griffin	Margaret Kenley
James Matlock	Martha Meyer	Lorene Nance
Jane Pifer	Bernice Shelby	Emmett Smith
Harold & Joye Smith	Betty Smithmier	

OUR PRESENCE

November 11

Church School	41
Worship	97
Visitors	28

OUR GIFTS

November 11

This Week's Offering	\$	N/A
MTD	\$	N/A
Apportionments TD	\$	11,400

OUR SERVICE

Assisting November 18

Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Barry Mathis
Children's Time	Richard Hall
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart


OUR WITNESS

November Scripture Readers
25 Earline Gabriel

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dr. Walter Brueggemann will be at Memphis Theological Seminary for one of the seminary's annual lecture series next week and here is a quote from him that I believe challenges us as we approach this time of Thanksgiving.

"We who are not the richest nation are today's main coveters. We never feel that we have enough; we have to have more and more, and this insatiable desire destroys us. Whether we are liberal or conservative Christians, we must confess that the central problem of our lives is that we are torn apart by the conflict between our attraction to the good news of God's abundance and the power of our belief in scarcity—a belief that makes us greedy, mean and un-neighborly. We spend our lives trying to sort out that ambiguity."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Nov. 18

Psalm 126

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Sermon Title

"I Have Asked Him of the Lord"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 11/18	9:00a Trustees Mtg. 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 3:00p Consecration Service @ Collierville UMC
Mon. 11/19	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 11/20	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 11/21	NO Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 11/22	Happy Thanksgiving Offices Closed
Fri. 11/23	Offices Closed
Sat. 11/24	9:00a AFLS 2:00p Lockhart Reception
Sun. 11/25	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship



THE DEADLINE IS VERY SOON!

Please have all December event dates on the office calendar ASAP. The December calendar will go out on Nov. 28. And while you're there, add your January dates as well. Planning ahead makes everyone's life easier.



COMING UP DECEMBER 2

Fellowship Time at 9:15a will be hosted by the Current Events Class followed by the **Hanging of the Green** at our traditional worship service at 10:55.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Disbelief is a hurdle
that hinders our progress.



SUNDAY WAS A WONDERFUL, SPECIAL DAY AT ALDERSGATE

How blessed we were to begin the Thanksgiving season by honoring our veterans and giving thanks for all they have done for our country.

Then we were privileged to show our love for our Lord and His work by making our commitments to our church through our finances, prayers and service.

And then, a big highlight of the season—our Harvest Dinner. We enjoyed a wonderful meal together with our families, friends and special guests and shared our love and concern for those in need by heaping donations to Thanksgiving baskets for United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. Thank you to all who contributed. A very special thank you to the Adult & Family Ministries Committee who set up our tables and decorations, assisted with food and drinks, and especially for clean up after our meal. You are truly a great group who works behind the scene.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

... and thank you to those who serve the Lord by assisting in providing emergency food for our neighbors in need and the distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets.

Also, in His name, applications are now available to parents who would like to "shop" for Christmas toys for their children at UMNC headquarters at 3000 Walnut Grove Rd.

Another way to help is by giving fruit juice and canned fruit, which are always needed on our shelves. Individual bottles of juice are ideal.

God's blessing are not seasonal. He gives them every day.

With a heart full of gratitude,
Floy Pike

UMW NEWS

Read any good books lately? Let us help! Try reading *Laugh Your Way to Grace*, one of the books on the UMW Reading List. Laughter is the gift that you received at birth, one thing you were able to do freely as a child. It's a gift that may fade but never fully disappears. *Laugh Your Way to Grace* is intended to give you permission to reconnect with your own sense of joy and hope.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

A BIG SALUTE to Alyssa Little for being elected President of the Student Council at Riverdale Middle School. Make it a banner year, Alyssa!

AND



Christopher Little's football team has made it to the 3rd round of high school football play-offs. Christopher is the kicker for Germantown High. Go Team!!!

DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Our Theological Task

Theology is our effort to reflect upon God's gracious action in our lives. In response to the love of Christ, we desire to be drawn into a deeper relationship with the 'author and perfecter of our faith.' Our theological explorations seek to give expression to the mysterious reality of God's presence, peace and power in the world. By so doing, we attempt to articulate more clearly our understanding of the divine/human encounter and are thereby more fully prepared to participate in God's work in the world.

The Book of Discipline of the
United Methodist Church, pg 74, ¶104 §4



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD SIGN UP TIME

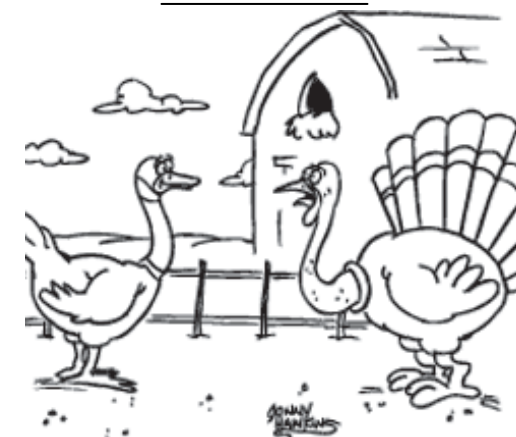
Wish your friends at Aldersgate a Merry Christmas by donating to the Christmas Card. By doing this, you will be giving some children toys at Christmas. See Terry Williamson and sign the card, sponsored by the Oxford Class.

FOR THE FOOD PANTRY IN NOVEMBER

Fruit Juice Canned fruit

FREE CONCERT AT LINDENWOOD

You are invited to "A Grand Night for Singing" featuring Mark Diamond and the Gary Beard Chorale, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m. Mark is the winner of numerous musical awards and we welcome this magnificent talent back to Lindenwood, as he is joined by the Gary Beard Chorale, for an afternoon of favorite music. Included will be "The Impossible Dream", "I, Don Quixote", and "This Nearly Was Mine". You won't want to miss hearing this rising "super star". This concert is free. No tickets are required. Lindenwood is at 2400 Union Ave. Their phone is 458-1652.



"I'm praying they opt for fast food...
or that they pray and fast."