

## OUR PRAYERS

### At Home

Renee Little      Sonny Davis

### Hospice Care

Tina Gift

### Homebound & Assisted Care

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

## OUR PRESENCE

### November 25

Church School	41
Worship	72
Visitors	3

## OUR GIFTS

### November 25

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,615
MTD	\$ 13,705
Apportionments TD	\$ 11,400

## OUR SERVICE

### Assisting December 2

<b>Greeters</b>	Frances Coffman Keith Coffman
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Children's Time</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Lock-up</b>	Jimmie Bedwell

## OUR WITNESS

### December Scripture Readers

9	Renee Little
16	Warren Petty
23	Judy Stanley
30	Happy Gbeneneh



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

On Sunday I spoke about King David, and part of his memoir that is recorded for us in 2 Samuel. In addition, he perhaps is best known by the most famous poem in history. Something we call the Twenty-Third Psalm. And in the end, he predicts how his story will end.

It can also be the way our story can find its most wonderful conclusion: "Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

### Scripture Reading for Dec.2

Luke 21:25-36

### Sermon Title

"Take Heart—Redemption is Drawing Near!"

**LÖÖKING AHEAD**

- Sun. 12/2      9:15a Fellowship Time  
                   9:45a Church School  
                   10:55a Worship/Hanging of  
                   the Green  
                   12:15p Chili Lunch Sponsored  
                   by the Current Events Class
- Mon. 12/3      10:00a Church Women United  
                                   @ Buntyn Pres.  
                   Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 12/4      6:00p Cub Scouts
- Wed. 12/5      7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 12/6      10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 12/7      Offices Closed
- Sat. 12/8      9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 12/9      9:45a Church School  
                   10:55a Worship  
                   12:15p Fellowship Class Party

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA - DECEMBER 16**

Join us on Sunday night, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. for *Born a Savior, Born a King*. It promises to be a great evening!

**POINSETTIAS**

You may honor loved ones by placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary this Christmas. Please complete the information below and return, **with payment**, to the church office.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ ordered at \$14.00 each.  
 (Order deadline is December 2.)

**THANK YOU**

...to Neil DeLong, Tom Lockhart and Zack for trimming the bushes at the circle drive They've been busy around the church in other ways, as well—leaves have been removed, and com-modes have been installed in 2 restrooms. Thanks, guys!

The Trustees

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Join us on Dec. 2, at 9:15a for Fellowship Time hosted by the Current Events Class.



**CHILI LOVERS UNITE!!**

The Current Events Class invites one and all to come, eat and judge who, in their class, makes the best chili. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 2, right after church, for our annual Chili Lunch and vote for your favorite recipe. Proceeds will benefit our seasonal projects.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The only person I must be better than is the person I was yesterday.

**The President, Faculty and Graduating Class**

of

**The University of Memphis  
 Proudly Announce the Graduation of**

**Jennifer Ruth Weaver**

**With a Master's of Science Degree in  
 Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

**December 16, 2012**

**5 O'Clock in the Afternoon**

**FedEx Forum  
 191 Beale Street**

**UMW NEWS**

Our last Sub-group meetings of the year will be on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Koinonia will meet at 10 a.m. with Ginny Lawrence and Love/Hope will meet at 7 p.m. with Jane Hight. The December Unit Meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 16, right after church with installation of 2013 officers and a pot luck lunch.



**Hanging of the Green Service**

December 2                      10:55 a.m.  
 First Sunday of Advent



**CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS**

**NOW** is the time to order your 2013 Church Family Calendars! This will be a very special edition! Order forms are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary.



**THE OXFORD CLASS  
 'MERRY CHRISTMAS CARD'**

Time is almost up to send your good wishes to all your friends at church AND give Santa a helping hand. December 2 will be your last chance. Give what you would spend on cards and postage for church friends or any amount you choose. Donors will be listed on our giant Christmas Card. Please see Terry Williamson to donate.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for

**Honorarium Fund**

In honor of Tom & Sharon Lockhart in celebration of their 50th anniversary by Joyce Kernodle

**Memorial Fund**

In memory of Mary Tutor by The Oxford Class

**Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Mary Tutor by Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold



**SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2013**

The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

**DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES**

God's world is one world. The unity now being thrust upon us by technological revolution has far outrun our moral and spiritual capacity to achieve a stable world. The enforced unity of humanity, increasingly evident on all levels of life, presents the Church as well as all people with problems that will not wait for answer: injustice, war, exploitation, privilege, population, international ecological crisis, proliferation of arsenals of nuclear weapons, development of transitional business organizations that operate beyond the effective control of any governmental structure, and the increase of tyranny in all its forms. This generation must find viable answers to these and related questions if humanity is to continue on this earth. We commit ourselves as a Church to the achievement of a world community that is a fellowship of persons who honestly love one another. We pledge ourselves to seek the meaning of the gospel in all issues that divide people and threaten the growth of world community.

2004 The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church pg 122 ¶165

**FOR THE FOOD PANTRY  
 THRU DECEMBER**

Fruit Juice & Canned Fruit



# Aldersgate UMC

# December 2012

SUNDAY			MONDAY			TUESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY					
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117			Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374												1 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake					
Pastor: Dr. Paul Scheirer Music Director: Perry Wilson Organist: Lana Solomon			Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org																	
<b>2 First Sunday of Advent</b> 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Hanging of the Green Service 12:15p Chili Lunch Sponsored by Current Events Class			<b>3</b> 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline 			<b>4</b> 6:00p Cub Scouts			<b>5</b> 7:30p Choir Rehearsal			<b>6</b> 10:00a Bible Study			<b>7 Pearl Harbor Day</b> Offices Closed			<b>8</b> 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake		
<b>9 Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Fellowship Class Party			<b>10</b> Noon News Deadline 			<b>11</b> 10:00a Koinonia 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope			<b>12</b>  7:30p Choir Rehearsal			<b>13</b> 10:00a Bible Study			<b>14</b> 5:30p Fidelis Class Party @ the Hights Offices Closed			<b>15</b>  9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 2:00p AFLS Christmas Program		
<b>16 Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting 6:00p Christmas Cantata—"Born a Savior, Born a King"			<b>7</b> Noon News Deadline			<b>18</b> 6:00p Cub Scouts			<b>19</b> <b>News deadline for next week's newsletter</b> No Activities			<b>20</b> 10:00a Bible Study 			<b>21</b> Offices Closed			<b>22</b> 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake Current Events Class Party		
<b>23 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service			<b>24</b>  6:30p Offices Closed			<b>25 Christmas Day</b>  Offices Closed			<b>26</b> No Activities			<b>27</b> 10:00a Bible Study			<b>28</b> Offices Closed			<b>29</b> No Activities		
<b>30</b> 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 			<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> Noon News Deadline																	



# Happy Birth-



# Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 1 Milton Craft  
Alison Metler  
Rebecca Williamson
- 2 Barry Mathis
- 4 Kathy Earl  
Doris Palazzini
- 5 Matt Hall  
D.L. Park
- 6 Robin Bellott  
Marcelle Farrow  
Martha Wallace
- 9 Kevin Matthews
- 10 Warren Petty
- 11 Judy Stanley
- 13 Miki Craft  
Lorilee Griffin  
Mary Hicks
- 14 Jean Leslie  
Gloria McCollough  
Jake Tschume  
Bill Whitaker
- 15 Carmelina Lopez
- 23 Mava Dell Fry
- 25 Elizabeth Godbold
- 26 Faith Gbeneneh
- 28 Robert King  
Renee Little
- 30 David Weaver
- 31 Mickey Lopez, Jr.

- Dec. 2 Keith & Frances Coffman
- 21 Richard & Frances Morris
- 25 Jimmy & Jane Hight
- 28 Gary & Becky Graves

## ASSISTING IN DECEMBER

- Greeters** ..... Frances Coffman  
Keith Coffman
- Liturgist** ..... Bruce Hughes
- Scripture** ..... 2nd - Brother Paul  
9th - Renee Little  
16th - Warren Petty  
23rd - Judy Stanley  
30th - Happy Gbeneneh
- Children's Time**..... 2nd - Brother Paul  
9th -  
16th -  
23rd -  
30th -
- Lock-up** ..... Jimmie Bedwell

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861 or email [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org). Thank you.

## DIG IT IN DECEMBER

December is:  
Bingo Month  
Write a Friend Month



- Dec. 1 is Eat a Red Apple Day. The science of raising apples is called pomology.
- Dec. 7 is National Cotton Candy Day. Cotton Candy was first tasted at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904
- Dec. 8 is National Brownie Day celebrating the oh so-o-o-o chocolaty, chewy treat.
- Dec. 12 is National Ding-a-ling Day. Watch out for the whackos, lunatics and others who are off their rockers!
- Dec. 16 is Chocolate Covered Anything Day. In the spirit of the holidays, be sure to share some of your favorite chocolate covered treats.
- Dec. 19 is Oatmeal Muffin Day. Enjoy the cholesterol-lowering benefits of oatmeal while eating something that tastes good and is good for you.
- Dec. 21 the Mayan Calendar ends! Is it the end of the world?
- Dec. 24 is National Eggnog Day. This holiday favorite appears just before Thanksgiving and disappears by the New Year. Get it while it lasts!
- Dec. 25 Christmas blessings to one and all!
- Dec. 28 is Card Playing Day. Now "go fish", "4 clubs", "double" and "hit me".
- Dec. 31 is Make Up Your Mind Day. If you're going to make up your mind about anything this year, today is the day!

