

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Marcelle Farrow
Virginia Jones
Wayne Lawrence
Terry Williamson

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...disaster victims

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Carolyn Escue
Ray Escue	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Doris Hight	Marie Hughes
Virginia Jones	Margaret Kenley	Ted Lewis
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Emmett Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to

...David & Shannon Weaver and family in the loss of her step-mother, Peggy Hearn (Dec. 9), and her father, Billy Hearn (Dec. 14)

...Former members Tom & April Lawrence in the loss of her father, Ronald Stull (Dec. 13)

...Becky Elkins and family in the loss of her husband, John Elkins (Dec. 15)

OUR PRESENCE - December 18

Sunday School	45
Worship	115
Visitors	21

OUR GIFTS - December 18

Offering	\$ 4,297
Month to Date	\$ 19,421
March to the Manger	\$ 3,217
Apportionments Paid to Date	\$ 6,776
2017 Pledges to Date	\$134,780

OUR SERVICE - December 25

There will be a Joint service at 10:00 a.m. at Asbury UMC

ONE SERVICE ONLY

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers
25 Tom Lockhart ??

ALDERSGATE United Methodist Church
4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917



OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile	Melissa Cole
Jaunay Davis	Doug Dennis	Corella Edwards
Gordillo Family	Andrew Hamilton	Diane Harrison
John Hight	Mildred Hight	Jeff Irwin
Mark Jones	Freda Lipford	Ursula Lewis
G. Martin Family	Bill McClain	Jesse McClerkin
Lillian McDonald	Glenn Moore	Lou Ella Morris
Joe Moseley	Warren Petty	Boyd Pilkinton
Moira Pomije	Claire Rainey	Wade Reeves
Stephanie Roberts	Marie Souder	Cindy Stanfil
David Weaver	Shannon Weaver	John Williams
Margie Williamson		

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Jesus Came Anyway

Oliver B. Greene

Sherwood Wirt captured the mood of that first Christmas in this description, which he wrote in a Christmas card:

“The people of that time were being heavily taxed, and faced every prospect of a sharp increase to cover expanding military expenses. The threat of world domination by a cruel, ungodly, power-intoxicated band of men was ever just below the threshold of consciousness. Moral deterioration had corrupted the upper levels of society and was moving rapidly into the broad base of the populace. Intense nationalistic feeling was clashing openly with new and sinister forms of imperialism. Conformity was the spirit of the age. Government handouts were being used with increasing lavishness to keep the population from rising up and throwing out the leaders.

Interest rates were spiraling upward in the midst of an inflated economy. External religious observances were considered a political asset, and abnormal emphasis was being placed upon sports and athletic competition. Racial tensions were at the breaking point.”

In such a time, and amid such a people, a child was born to a couple who had just signed up for a fresh round of taxation, and who were soon to become political exiles.

The child who was born was called, among other things, Immanuel, God with us.

Does any of this sound familiar? Jesus is coming anyway!

To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

Scriptures for December 25:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

John 1:1-14





LOOKING AHEAD

December 23 thru January 2

Memphis Conference Offices will be closed for the Holidays

Sat. 12/24 **Christmas Eve**
5:00p Candlelight Communion
Service at Aldersgate

Sun. 12/25 **Christmas Blessings**
NO Sunday School
10:00a Worship @ **Asbury**
One Service only

Mon. 12/26 Offices Closed

Tue. 12/27 Noon Newsletter Deadline

Wed. 12/28 No Activities

Thu. 12/29 No Activities

Fri. 12/30 Offices Closed

Sat. 12/31 No Activities

Sun. 1/1/2017 **Epiphany Sunday**
10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship & Cantata
Happy New Year

Mon. 1/2 Offices Closed in Observance of the New Year



ORDER YOUR 2017 CHURCH PHOTO CALENDARS NOW

Order forms are available outside the Sanctuary, in your Sunday School room and in the church office. If you prefer, you may call the church office, 683-8861, to place an order. Calendars are \$15 each.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Jean, Mac & Dennis McCarty

By Michael & MaryAnn McCarty

In memory of Harriet Kicklighter by

Jimmy & Jane Hight

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Harriet Kicklighter by

Tom & Sharon Lockhart

In memory of Chris Simmons by

Tom & Sharon Lockhart



Commissioning our Officials

NOTE JANUARY 8th ON YOUR CALENDARS

At our 11:30 service on January 8, 2017, we will commission our church's new and continuing officials for 2017-2019. If you will be holding an office during that time, please plan to join us. If you are not holding an office, please join us as we pray for and encourage these members who will be serving us for 1 to 3 years or longer.

Our prayer for you and yours:

Joy

Hope

Peace and

Love this Christmas

and throughout the New Year!



Virginia & Jay

Lana

Cathy

Lynn

Goyo & Luz

Lisa & Bruce

Kathy & Tom

