

LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 12/29 9:15a Prayer Time
10:00a Advent Study/Final Session led by Lisa & Bruce Hughes
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 12/30 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 12/31 New Year's Eve
- Wed. 1/1/14 Happy New Year!
Offices Closed
- Thu. 1/2 NO Bible Study
- Fri. 1/3 Offices Closed
- Sat. 1/4 No Activities
- Sun. 1/5 **9:00a Trustees Mtg.**
9:00a Prayer Time
9:45a Sunday School
10:55a Worship



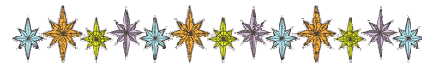
HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by Earl Griffin

In memory of Jean, Mac & Dennis McCarty by Michael & Mary Ann McCarty



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to God's people on earth.



CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINE

Please have all 2013 contributions in the office no later than December 31. Gifts arriving after that date will be credited to 2014.



To all of you from all of us
*Many wishes for peace and joy
at Christmas
and throughout the New year!*

Lisa

Jo Ann

Brother Paul & Barbara

Lana

Kathy

Christ the Savior is Born!



**DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES
General Rules and Social Principles**

Upon such evangelical premises, Methodists in every age have sought to exercise their responsibility for the moral and spiritual quality of society. In asserting the connection between doctrine and ethics, the General Rules provide an early signal of Methodist social consciousness. The Social Principles (¶¶ 160-166) provide our most recent official summary of stated convictions that seek to apply the Christian vision of righteousness to social, economic, and political issues. Our historic opposition to evils such as smuggling, inhumane prison conditions, slavery, drunkenness, and child labor was founded upon a vivid sense of God's wrath against human injustice and wastage.

Our struggles for human dignity and social reform have been a response to God's demand for love, mercy, and justice in the light of the Kingdom. We proclaim no *personal gospel* that fails to express itself in relevant social concerns; we proclaim no *social gospel* that does not include the personal transformation of sinners.

It is our conviction that the good news of the Kingdom must judge, redeem, and reform the sinful social structures of our time.

The Book of Discipline and the General Rules convey the expectation of discipline within the experience of individuals and the life of the Church. Such discipline assumes accountability to the community of faith by those who claim that community's support.

Support without accountability promotes moral weakness; accountability without support is a form of cruelty.

A church that rushes to punishment is not open to God's mercy, but a church lacking the courage to act decisively on personal and social issues loses its claim to moral authority. The church exercises its discipline as a community through which God continues to "reconcile the world to himself."

OUR PRAYERS

Signature HC

Martha Wallace 323B

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley
Lynda Park

OUR PRESENCE

December 22

Church School	36
Worship	61
Visitors	1

OUR GIFTS

December 22

This Week's Offering	\$ 5,931
MTD	\$ 19,531
Apportionments TD	\$ 7,681

OUR SERVICE

December 29

Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Rebeca Ernst
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers

5 Brother Paul
12 Warren Petty
19 Judy Stanley
26 Dean Tutor



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December 25th

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Scripture Readings for December 29:

Psalm 148

Isaiah 63:7-9

Sermon Title:

“Recollections”



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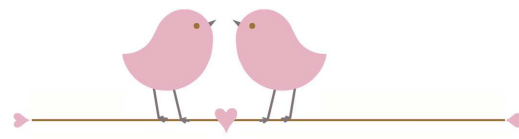
January 2014

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117		Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374		1 Happy New Year		2 NO Bible Study		3 Offices Closed		4 9:00 AFLS			
Pastor: Dr. Paul I. Scheirer Choir Director : JoAnn Shelton Organist: Lana Solomon		Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org		Offices Closed									
5 Epiphany Sunday 9:00a Trustees Mtg. 9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service		6 Epiphany of the Lord 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline		7 6:00p Cub Scouts		8 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal		9 NO Bible Study		10 Offices Closed		11 9:00 AFLS District UMW Presidents/Vice Presidents Day Human Trafficking Awareness Day	
12 Baptism of the Lord 9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p Church Council Mtg		13 Noon News Deadline 		14 10:00a Koinonia 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope		15 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 		16 10:00a Bible Study		17 Offices Closed		18 9:00 AFLS	
19 9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p UMW Exec. Mtg 3:00p Leadership Training @ Emmanuel w/ Bishop McAlilly		20 Noon News Deadline		21 6:00p Cub Scouts		22 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		23 10:00a Bible Study		24 Offices Closed ← Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby →		25 9:00 AFLS	
26 Boy Scout Sunday 9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service		27 Noon News Deadline		28 6:00p Cub Scouts		29 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal		30 10:00a Bible Study 11:30a White Beans & Bingo 		31 Offices Closed		 ALDRSGATE Invite someone to church	



Happy Birthday

Jan . 1 Matt Blythe
David Craft
Kevin Dunn
Greg Head
Bob Moseley
4 Joan Clark
Margaret Luna
5 Kendal Campbell
7 Hollie Robertson
8 Ben Carr
Joy Deekae
Duncan Godbold
9 Tom Priddy
13 Roger Umnuss
14 Tilford Woodard
15 Margaret Moseley
19 June Burton
Bill McMullin
21 Barry Florow
24 Mary Robbins
Pam Young
25 Peggy Brightwell
28 Tillie Speraw
30 Gary Graves

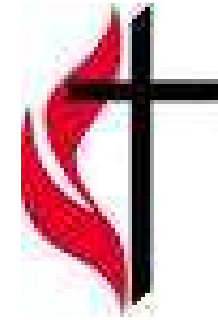


Happy Anniversary

Jan ? Jamie & Stacey Craft
21 Don & Tillie Speraw
27 Wayne & Ginny Lawrence
28 Dean & Aleita Tutor

ASSISTING IN JANUARY

Greeters Barbara Scheirer
Audrey Weaver
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul.....5th
Warren Petty...12th
Judy Stanley...19th
Dean Tutor.....26th
Children's Time..... Brother Paul.....5th
12th
19th
26th
Lock-up Neil DeLong



RENEWING OUR VOWS FOR THE NEW YEAR

People professing their faith in a United Methodist congregation take two vows dealing with time. Among the statements to which we are asked to agree are:

- † To be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church and do all in our power to strengthen its ministries
- † To faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

As we agree to these vows, we commit our lives to Christ and agree to give a significant portion of our time to the ministry that we are called to through our baptism.

We open this new year with a clean slate before us. At year's end, how will it be filled?

- Will the activities, events and practices filling our time show us to be good stewards?
- Will time set for speaking and listening to God be an unbreakable appointment?
- Will worship and learning as part of the faith community be a priority?
- What will we do (or not do) to make our money and talents available for ministry?
- What will we do outside the church building that will show us to be disciples of Jesus Christ?
- How will we demonstrate the transformational power of the love of Christ in our lives?

God's gift of time is a treasure. Use it wisely.

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.