

Sun. 1/17	LOOKING AHEAD 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Trustees Meeting
Mon. 1/18	Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury
Tue. 1/19	No Activities
Wed. 1/20	10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/21	9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury
Fri. 1/22	Offices Closed 11:30a Young at Heart @ Asbury
Sat. 1/23	9:00a AFLS 9:00a Work Day at Church 1:00p One Harvest Distribution @ Asbury 6:00p Spanish Service @ Asbury/El Redentor
Sun. 1/24	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship



A NOTE TO THE CHOIR

Choir rehearsal has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday night, Jan. 14.



WORK DAY COMING UP

Plan to join us as we clean up, straighten up and generally tidy up around the church and grounds, on Saturday, January 23, at 9 a.m. Bring your gloves, aprons and cleaning rags, an extra broom or rake, and a smile.



CONGRATULATIONS

...to Mireya Ramos and Yobani Hernandez on the birth of their son, Alan Yobani Hernandez, who weighed in at 5 lbs. 4 oz. His siblings, Alex, Millie and Sofia, are awaiting him at home.



HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR 2016 CHURCH FAMILY CALENDAR?

Email the church office at office@agumc.org or call the office at 683-8861, or use the blue envelopes on the tables outside the Sanctuary. \$15 each for a wonderful year of memories!

TRUSTEES TO ELECT OFFICERS

Election of officers and other business will be conducted at the Trustees Meeting on Sunday, January 17, at 12:30p. Be sure to mark your calendars.



BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAYS AT 10

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The current sort-term study is "A Feast Worthy of Devout Celebration". No reservations needed!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There's a bridge between misery and joy— a good talk with God!

UMW NEWS

Mark your calendar! UM Women gear up for the second annual **Day of Giving** on March 23, as part of the organization's five-year 150th anniversary preparation, culminating in 2019.

March 23 honors the day in 1869 when a small group of women braved a legendary torrential rain to gather at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, MA, to organize for mission. Day of Giving gifts go to The Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment to support mission outreach addressing needs of women, children & youth in the future.

A Day of Giving will be a 24 hour giving festival. Members and friends may give on line at:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By phone: 1-800-278-7771 (8 a.m.-6 p.m. EST)

Text: Legacy150 to 41444

By Check: UMW Office of the Treasurer
475 Riverside Dr.

New York, NY 10115

(Note Legacy Fund in the memo line)

Gifts are 100% tax deductible.

Ubuntu Journeys — 2016

May 4-12 Texas & Mexico "A Walk in the Light"

Team Leader: Becky Harrell, 830-643-9717 or

bhinsci@yahoo.com

Aug. 17-26 Ecuador "Women, Faith and Ecology"

Team Leader: Christie Leininger, 814-730-0007 or

christie@leiningers.com

Sep. 29-Oct 9 Japan "Listening With Love & Hope"

Team Leader: Jeanie Blankenbaker 843-342-7092

or jbumvimny@aol.com

More info? email Ubuntu@unitedmethodistwomen



FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY

Canned Fruit

Canned or Dried Beans

MY STAPLER

...has been found. Thank you, Warren!!!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Honorarium Fund**

In honor of Alan Yobani Hernandez by Bruce & Lisa Hughes

Roof Fund

In honor of Bruce & Lisa Hughes by Charrel Maxwell



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE U.S.G.

For those who like to sew, the Memphis Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, who meet at Aldersgate one Saturday a month, encourage you to come learn something new or brush up on known skills. The next meeting is Saturday, Jan. 16, from 10a to 1p. The special program this month is on seam finishes.

This group also focuses on outreach to deserving groups and individuals with dress making, blanket making, and requested items. If you prefer knitting, crochet or needlework, feel free to bring your own project to work on.

Please contact Marti Cobb, Memphis ASG President, at 324-4943, for all the details.



OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis

Bill Whitaker 1029

Hospice Care

Sylvia Edwards

The Med

Brad Weaver ICU

At Home

Wayne Lawrence

Ginny Lawrence

Joyce Kernodle

Paterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria

...disaster victims

Corinth, MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Jack Eaton
Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin
Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley	Doris Palazzini
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

OUR PRESENCE - January 10

Sunday School	35
Worship	55
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS - January 10

Offering	\$	1,887
Month to Date	\$	5,696

OUR SERVICE - January 17

Greeter	Margaret Ann Ligon Audrey Weaver
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Peggy Brightwell
Children's Time	Rev. De la Cruz
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers

24	Tom Lockhart
31	Faith Gbeneneh



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Think About It

Last night I was ready to give away half my kingdom for a toenail clipper. My spouse was out of town and must have taken it with him.

It got me thinking about the mundane things that make me thankful, and how I count my blessings for them all. Like over-the-counter pain killers to ease my achy joints, and fresh potable water to swig it down with. I don't have to walk home from a well two miles away with a clay pot on my head to enjoy the benefit. I can even fill a whole bathtub at the turn of a faucet and out comes clean hot water. Soap is not a luxury either, it's an everyday commodity - and linens to dry with too.

Those Christmas shoe boxes we pack for 3rd world children in poverty? When is the last time any of us got excited over a toothbrush? When we pull the blankets up over our heads at night, how often do we stop to think how privileged we are to have a warm bed to sleep in, and a roof over our heads?

You never know what being thankful might lead to in life. Paul and Silas sang praises to God after being whipped and cast into prison with their feet put in stocks! They counted their blessings in spite of their circumstances ([Acts 16:22-33 ESV](#)), and God intervened in a miraculous way. As a result of their testimony, and God's supernatural power, souls were set free, and saved.

Lord, give us a daily reminder of really how blessed we are in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. We long to see you at work in our lives, and to experience your almighty power to free us from ourselves, and to save the lost.

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Scriptures for the week:

Isaiah 62:1-5

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Psalms 36:5-10

John 2:1-11