

Baptist Memorial
Janet Milewski 4231

Jackson/Madison
Ted Lewis ICU

Baptist Rehab
Kitty Strub 116

Paterson, NJ
Irvin Scheirer

Corinth, MS
Virginia Kemp Jones

Methodist University
(Nellie) Marie Park

At Home
Terry Williamson
Marie Hughes
Linda Burrow
Peggy Brightwell
Eloise Miller

Special Prayers for
...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...disaster victims

OUR SYMPATHY, love and prayers go out to
...family & friends of Bill Whitaker
...family & friends of Sylvia Edwards
...family & friends of Rev. Scottie Brafford
...family & friends of Juanita Caldwell

Homebound and Assisted Care

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

OUR PRESENCE - March 6

Sunday School 37
Worship 78
Visitors 7

OUR GIFTS - March 6

Offering \$ 4,389
Month to Date \$ 4,389

OUR SERVICE - March 13

Greeters Nubari Deekae
Fortune Gbeneneh
Liturgist Jay Finzel
Scripture Warren Petty
Children's Time Andrew Baker
Lock-up Mary Robbins

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers

20 Andrew Baker
27 Dean Tutor



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BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN

by [Femi Onabanjo](#)

Faith is always of things unseen. A faith that waits to see evidence before it believes is not faith but unbelief, for "to have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of things we cannot see". ([Heb. 11:1](#); GNB)

Faith also has its rewards. To quote Albert Barnes in his commentary on this scripture: "God blesses those most who most implicitly rely on His Word". Some of faith's most significant rewards are:

1. It gives rise to divine revelation. When Simon (Peter) let down his nets in faith, as instructed by Jesus, he had a net-breaking catch. Upon experiencing the results of his faith, he had a revelation of his own sinfulness. ([Luke 5:5,8](#))
2. It grows when used. After the miraculous catch, Jesus called them to a higher level of faith, to which Simon and his partners were able to respond. They left everything (including the booty they had only just got) and followed Jesus. ([Luke 5:11](#); [Matthew 17:20](#), [Mark 4:31](#))
3. Our faith can influence others. Simon's faith inspired faith in James and John as they also followed Jesus. This is one sobering truth: If we fail to use our faith, we deprive not only ourselves but others of many blessings.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to have faith; help me to use my faith. (See [Mark 9:24](#))

Femi is a Christian who desires to be fruitful for God. He wants to contribute to the growth of the Kingdom and to this end, it is his joy to freely share whatever the Lord lays on his heart for the benefit of others.

Article Source: <http://www.faithwriters.com-CHRISTIAN WRITERS>

Scriptures for the week:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalms 126

John 12:1-8

Sun. 3/13

LOOKING AHEAD
Daylight Savings Time Begins
5th Sunday in Lent
Girl Scout Sunday

10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p UMW Unit Meeting

Mon. 3/14

Noon Newsletter Deadline
6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 3/15

No Activities

Wed. 3/16

10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
10:00a UMNC Key Women
Noon Devotional & Soup Lunch
at **Asbury** 🍀
6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 3/17

Happy St. Patrick's Day
9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
10:00a Lenten Bible Study
6:00p UM Men @ **Asbury**

Fri. 3/18

Offices Closed

Sat. 3/19

9:00a AFLS
10:00a Choir Rehrsl @ **Asbury**
10:00a Sewing Group
1:00p Easter Egg Hunt
1:00p One Harvest Distribution
@ **Asbury**
6:00p Spanish Worship Srv @
El Redentor



Sun. 3/20

Passion/Palm Sunday
NO Sunday School
11:30a Worship & Easter Cantata



EASTER EGG HUNT IS MARCH 19

Children 1-10 are invited to hunt. Family and friends are invited to cheer them on. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket) and come see how many eggs can be found! Join the fun on Saturday, March 19, at 1:00p.

Donations of candy are welcome. You may place them in the basket outside the office. Thank you!



BLESS US AND BE BLESSED

...by signing up to be a worship assistant as a Liturgist, Greeter, Scripture Reader, or Children's Time leader, (or all of the above). Sign-up sheets are on the office window. If you prefer, you may call the office, 683-8861, and give Kathy your preferences.

FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH
Hot Cereals

Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Grits, Quinoa
Cash is always appreciated.
(Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)
Thank you.



LENTEN LUNCHEON @ ASBURY

You are invited to attend a brief service at Noon, lead by Dr. Finzel, followed by a soup & sandwich lunch for \$2 per person. Lunch will be served on Wednesdays, March 16th & 23rd. Volunteers are still needed to help with the soup. Please call 363-1135, to sign up.

SET CLOCKS AHEAD

...1 hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th.



LENTEN HUNGER OFFERING
"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

You may submit your offering on Easter morning or return it to the office at your convenience.



Unit Meeting - March 13

Join us Sunday, March 13, at 12:30p as we welcome a special guest as our speaker. Mr. R. Dean Tutor will share his experiences while working at United Methodist Committee on Relief disaster sites.

Men and women are invited to join us for a pot luck lunch and to hear Dean speak on his involvement with UMCOR. Ladies! Remember to bring a dish to share.

HAVE YOU READ "response" MAGAZINE?

This month's issue shares stories about different ways members are living and supporting United Methodist Women's legacy. It is not only Women's History Month but our anniversary on March 23. Again this year we will be celebrating a [Day of Giving](#) on March 23 to support United Methodist Women's [Legacy Fund](#). Be sure to join in, and spread the word!

This issue also features a photo essay by Paul Jeffrey, more coverage of our presence at [General Conference](#), and more—even debuting **response's** first comic! Your digital editions are available at www.unitymethodistwomen.org/response/digital-library.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST MEN

...will meet Thursday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m.



COME FOR BREAKFAST!!!

...and enjoy pancakes, bacon or sausage, milk, juice or coffee on Easter morning at 8:30. No reservations needed and there is no charge, however, donations will be accepted. Please contact Bruce Hughes, 262-1508, if you will volunteer to help cook, serve and/or clean-up. Your help is greatly needed. Thank you!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Loyd Hight by Betty Smithmier
In memory of Lloyd 'Coach Mac' McDougal by Bruce & Lisa Hughes

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Loyd Hight by Keith Coffman

Trustees

In memory of Loyd Hight by Tom & Sharon Lockhart



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
GREETERS NEEDED!

We are still in search of 2016 Greeters to serve for one month at a time, May-November. The sign-up list is on the office window for your convenience. Please sign up for your favorite month!



EASTER LILIES

Honor your loved ones this Easter by placing flowers in the Sanctuary. Please complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the office or place in the offering plate.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

The cost is \$15 each. Make checks to Aldersgate UMC and designate "Easter Flowers" or "Lilies" in the memo line. The deadline is March 17th.