

OUR PRAYERS

Signature Rehab

Wayne Lawrence

At Home

Laura Strauss

Jewish NH

Bernard Rainey

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
...earthquake victims/Nepal
...flood victims/Texas
...hurricane victims/Mexico

Paterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Minnesota Hosp.

Isabella Strauss

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 - December 6

Sunday School 31
Worship 66
Visitors 5

OUR GIFTS - December 6

Offering \$ 5,740
Month to Date \$ 5,740
Apportionments To Date \$ 6,776

OUR SERVICE - December 13

Greeters Faith Gbeneneh
Fortune Gbeneneh
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Dr. Finzel
Lock-up Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

20 Barry Mathis
27 Warren Petty



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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

Scriptures for the week:

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7

Isaiah 12:2-6
Luke 3:7-18

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 12/13 **Third Sunday of Advent** ☺☺☺
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p UMW Unit Meeting/
 Installation of Officers

Mon. 12/14 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 12/15 No Activities

Wed. 12/16 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 12/17 9-Noon Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
 10:00a Advent Bible Study
 5:00p Girl Scouts
 6:00p UM Men @ **Asbury**

Fri. 12/18 Offices Closed
 6:00p Arts for Life Concert

Sat. 12/19 9:00a AFLS
 1:00p One Harvest Distribution
 @ **Asbury**
 6:00p Spanish Service
 @ **Asbury**

Sun. 12/20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** ☺☺☺☺
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 6:00p Christmas Cantata



BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Remember your favorite stories when you were young? Read to you, at first, then, when you learned to read, they could take you as far as your imagination could roam. You are invited to share this experience by bring a children's book(s), either in English or Spanish, to place under the tree in the foyer, near the office. Not only will you make a child happy but will be helping teach the children of our congregation how to share God's love with other children.

THIRTY YEARS ON THE ROAD COMING TO AN END

I want to sincerely thank each of you who have traveled with me and Coach Mac on our bus tours. After much prayer and agonizing, I am ending my responsibility as tour guide after thirty years on the road. We have had many great times together and I am very grateful for your support. I will continue to represent Collette Tours and will be happy to help you with any travel destinations that might be of interest to you.

Stay well and enjoy life!
 Carolyn McDougal



CHRISTMAS CANTATA
December 20 — 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy variations on traditional carols and hymns presented by our Chancel Choir, our Children's Choir and some surprise singers, joined by instrumentalists on the guitar, flute, organ, piano and small percussion instruments. There will be something for everyone!

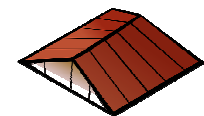
UMW NEWS

Don't forget! Installation of Officers is scheduled for our Unit Meeting on December 13, at 12:30p. Please bring a salad or side to share.



TIME RUNNING SHORT FOR THE OXFORD CLASS PROJECT

In their new cause, 'Adopt a Christmas Angel', there are 3 children to buy for to fill a 'Christmas Bag' with \$50 worth of gifts. The children are in either the Miriam Day Care, the Shelby County Preschool or the After School Program at UMNC. If you would like to help by shopping for items, donating items, or donating cash to purchase items, please see Wayne Quarles, Lorelle Woodard, Peggy Brightwell, Dean or Aleita Tutor, Mary Robbins, Warren Petty or Tom or Sharon Lockhart. They will be happy to take your donations or give you suggestions on what to buy for the children by age/sex.



ROOF UPDATE

Thank you so much! The response has been great! Our donations to date have reached \$13,520. And don't forget—we are still accepting gifts, memorials and honorariums to the Roof Fund.

A NOTE OF THANKS

...to those who volunteered to help at the Guatemalan Consulate visit. Diana Bedwell did a wonderful job organizing the volunteers for the entire weekend. Over 800 people were able to attend to update passports, get photo IDs, register births, deaths and marriages and conduct business with the Bank of Guatemala. Well done!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Memorial Fund
In memory of Mary Jane Pifer by
 Joy Mitchell
 Johnny Mitchell

In memory of Mary Grace Petty by
 Carolyn McDougal

Scholarship Fund
In memory of Mary Grace Petty by
 Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

Roof Fund
In memory of Mary Jane Pifer by
 Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Mary Grace Petty by
 Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory of Jean Riley by
 Dean & Aleita Tutor

In memory Louise Cantrell by
 Dean & Aleita Tutor

'TIS THE SEASON

Through this holiday season, we will continue to collect gifts for Grace Place, Golden Cross and the Food Pantry. Suggestions are on the back of your December calendar or pick up a list at church.

ARTS FOR LIFE PRESENTS THEIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

...Fri., Dec. 18 at 6:00p in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend and bring the family.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
 The power of hearts united is invincible.



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION
 December 24 - 6:00 p.m.
 ...at Asbury UMC, 2969 S. Mendenhall Rd. The Communion table is open to everyone, so invite your family, friends and neighbors.

2016 GREETERS NEEDED

The new year is not far away and greeters will be needed each month. The sign-up list is on the office window for your convenience. Please sign up for your favorite month!

LOST & FOUND

A pearl, pierced earring has been found in the Choir Room. Please call the office, 683-8861, to claim it.