

OUR PRAYERS

Allenbrooke

Bill Whitaker 208

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Herbert Lester
Sharon Lockhart
Marcelle Farrow
Lynda Park
Jeanette Leslie
Barbara Scheirer

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls from Nigeria

Homebound/Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Gerri Colosia
Jack Eaton	Mava Dell Fry	Helen Griffin
Marie Hughes	James Matlock	Doris Palazzini
Jane Pifer	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	

OUR PRESENCE

December 7

Church School	51
Worship	72
Visitors	10

OUR GIFTS

December 7

This Week's Offering	\$ 3,988
MTD	\$ 19,098
Apportionments TD	\$ 10,657

OUR SERVICE

December 14, 2014

Greeters	Sobari Deekae Faith Gbeneneh
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Peggy Brightwell
Children's Time	Perri Mathis
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

21 Lisa Hughes
28 Tom Lockhart



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Third Sunday of Advent

The Spirit of Advent

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed slaves and brought deliverance!

It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant He sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of a King who will rule with truth and justice and righteousness over His people and in His creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipated anew, that the reign of an Anointed One, a Messiah, will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

Part of the expectation also anticipates a judgment on sin and a calling of the world to accountability before God. We long for God to come and set the world right! Yet, as the prophet Amos warned, the expectation of a coming judgment at the "Day of the Lord" may not be the day of light that we might want, because the penetrating light of God's judgment will shine just as brightly on God's people.

Wikipedia

Scriptures for the week: Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126 (UMH 847); I Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 12/14 9:00a Trustees Meeting
 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen
 10:00a Advent Study
 11:00a Worship
 12:15p Outreach Ministries Board
 10:59p Deadline to order from One Harvest
- Mon. 12/15 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 12/16 1:00p Gift Wrap Open @ Asbury
 6:00p Cub Scouts
- Wed. 12/17 **6:00p Children/Youth**
- Thu. 12/18 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
 6:00p UMM @ Asbury
- Fri. 12/19 Offices Closed
 6:00p Fidelis Class Party
- Sat. 12/20 9:00a AFLS
 11:00a One Harvest Distribution @ Asbury
- Sun. 12/21 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen
 10:00a Advent Study
 11:00a Worship

ADVENT STUDY CONTINUES

...for our combined adult classes with a different teacher each week. We hope you will join us for the final three sessions. You do not have to attend a Sunday School Class to join this study.

MISSED COMMITMENT SUNDAY?



If you missed December 7 and Commitment Sunday — not to worry. You may still turn in your Commitment cards on any Sunday this month or mail it or drop it off in the church office. Need a Commitment Card? They are on the tables outside the Sanctuary or call the office, 683-8861, to have one mailed to you.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the prayers you have said for Christy for the last 11 months. We are so happy and thankful to report that her calcium levels are now normal and she is feeling wonderful.

Tom & Sharon Lockhart



Thank you, thank you Chancel Choir, JoAnn, Lana, Lynn & Children's Chorus!!! The Christmas music was just great! You filled our senses and touched our hearts with your wonderful music.



FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER

Soup Crackers
 Peanut Butter



2015 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(s)!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

With the wisdom of the Holy Spirit
 as my guide,
 my way is made clear.



MARCH TO THE MANGER

Sunday — December 21
 11:00 a.m. Service

UMW NEWS

Our Unit Meeting on December 7, saw Joy Mitchell receive our Membership Pin; our 2015 Officers installed by District President, Lisa Archer; group photos taken and preparations made to take on the new year. Our first Unit Meeting of 2015 is scheduled for March 15, and Sub-groups for their usual 2nd Tuesdays each month.

We strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching out locally, communally, nationally and internationally to women, children and youth in times of need and crises. All women of the church are invited to visit our meetings and join one of our sub-groups.

UMNC AND A NEW VISION

“With the initial fundraising goal of \$50,000 by December 1, adjusted to \$75,000 in October, not only met, but surpassed to the tune of more than \$80,000, generous donors refuse to let the mission die. According to Dir. Davis, Pres. Miesse, Missioner Matheny and UMNC Key Women Pres. Lockhart, — the church, as in the days of Susannah Wesley and her family, was renewed in a time of crisis. UMNC is indebted to our churches and donors who are loyal to their faith through gifts of tithes and offerings. We thank God for you! We ask for your continued support.” Gifts, pledges and inquiries are welcome by mailing UMNC, P.O. Box 111348, Memphis, TN 38111, or calling 901-323-4993, or visiting our website at www.umnc.org.

NEW ADDRESS FOR AND OLD FRIEND

Please make the change in your directory:
 (Blanche) Miki Craft
 4605 Verne Rd.
 Memphis, TN 38117-6544

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Honorarium Fund
In honor of Aldersgate U M W
 By Lisa Archer



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come One — Come All

Come meet jolly, old St. Nick and tell him what you want for Christmas.

The Day: Saturday

The Date: December 13

The Time: 9:00 a.m.

The Place: Fellowship Hall

Open to big & little, short & tall, young & young at heart, all ages. Admission is FREE.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
 NEW SCHEDULE**

Whether you keep a wall calendar, a computer calendar, or go by the ancient Aztec calendar, mark it now for the coming change. Beginning on Sunday, January 4, 2015, our Sunday morning schedule will change! Sunday School classes will begin at 10:15, with worship time at 11:30, giving our ministers time to better serve our Parish churches and us plenty of time for fellowship and coffee.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

Wednesday — December 24
 6:30 p.m.