

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Signature HC**  
Martha Wallace 323B  
**Hospice Care**  
Mary Stanley  
Lynda Park  
**At Home**  
Betty Ray  
Mark Lewis

**Remember our homebound**

Martha Ruth Allen James Matlock  
Doris Babb Martha Meyer  
Doris June Burton Lorene Nance  
Joan Clark Doris Palazzini  
Gerri Colosia Jane Pifer  
Mava Dell Fry Bernice Shelby  
Helen Griffin Emmett Smith  
Marie Hughes Harold Smith  
Donnie Jones Betty Smithmier

**OUR PRESENCE**

**December 8**  
Church School 29  
Worship 42  
Visitors 1

**OUR GIFTS**

**December 8**  
This Week's Offering \$ 5,822  
MTD \$ 10,480  
Apportionments TD \$ 7,618

**OUR SERVICE**

**December 15**

**Greeters** Margie Williamson  
Lorelle Woodard  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Barry Mathis  
**Children's Time** Diana Bedwell  
**Lock-up** Wayne Lawrence

**OUR WITNESS**

**December Scripture Readers**

22 Renee Little  
29 Brother Paul



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3rd Sunday  
of Advent

December 15th

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Scripture for December 15:  
James 5:7-10; Luke 1:46-55

Sermon:  
"Count Your Blessings"

Merry Christmas to our Church Family

Brother Paul & Barbara  
Andrew Baker  
Jimmie & Diana Bedwell  
Cathy & Daniel Boice  
Chris, Leslie, Harley, Hayden & Elise Bond  
Peggy & Jeff Brightwell  
Anthony & Nell Clarke  
Keith Coffman  
Lynn Coffman  
Neil & Jean DeLong  
Tom & Kathy Earl  
Rebeca & Rick Ernst  
Carolyn Escue  
Marcelle Farrow  
Fidelis Class  
Earl Galloway & Justin  
Emily Gift  
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold  
Jimmy & Jane Hight  
Bruce, Lisa, Karl & Konrad Hughes  
Betty & Chuck Jones  
Joyce Kernodle  
Jeanette Leslie  
Margaret Ann Ligon  
Glenn, Renee, Christopher, Alyssa & Jackson Little



Tommy & Sharon Lockhart  
Barry & Perri Mathis  
Alan, Courtney & Wilson  
Lisa Matlock  
Carolyn McDougal  
Joy Mitchell  
Frances Molnar  
Richard & Frances Morris  
Pam & Emmett Parrish  
Lou Pennington  
Warren & Tyson Petty  
The Pilkintons  
Shannon Pitner  
Wayne & Elizabeth Quarles  
Mary Robbins  
Mike & Regina Robbins  
Jo Ann Shelton  
Lana Solomon  
Mike, Alycia & Zachery Solomon  
Don & Tillie Speraw  
Ed & Judy Stanley  
Aleita & Dean Tutor  
Audrey Weaver  
Bill Whitaker  
Terry & Margie Williamson  
Perry Wilson  
Tilford & Lorelle Woodard

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 12/15	9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship 6:00p Christmas Cantata & Candlelight Service
Mon. 12/16	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 12/17	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 12/18	<b>NO</b> Fellowship & Study <b>NO</b> Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 12/19	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 12/20	Offices Closed Fidelis Class Party @ the Heights
Sat. 12/21	6:00p AFLS Concert and Reception
Sun. 12/22	9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship



### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

...is rescheduled for **Dec. 14**, 9 to 11 a.m.  
All ages are welcome! Admission is FREE.

### — ADVENT STUDY —

#### ***Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam***

Session 3—"Love Came Down in Bethlehem", lead by Margaret Ann Ligon. Join us December 15, 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!



### "A NEW BIRTH, A NEW BEGINNING"

... our Christmas Cantata, will be presented by our Chancel Choir on December 15, at 6:00 p.m. Rejoice with them as they lift their voices in praise to celebrate a new birth and a new beginning!



Christmas Eve  
Communion  
6:30 p.m.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

You may wonder how the Thanksgiving Basket/Christmas Toy Store programs work at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. The main center at 3000 Walnut Grove and Tillman oversees numerous food pantries at several church locations. Clients must be in that church's zip code and provide ID, MLGW bill, SSN, etc. They are allowed to shop once a month and usually receive one full bag of groceries. In the summer they also receive unsold produce from the farmers markets around town through St. Andrew's Gleaners program. Volunteers gather the unsold merchandise and bring it to UMNC's Walnut Grove location, where it is distributed around town to the various food pantries. In October, clients at the food pantries are given the choice of receiving a Thanksgiving Basket or the opportunity to shop in the toy store, but not both. The toy store operates 4 days and clients are assigned a date and time to shop. They must list each of their children's names and ages. When they bring their appointment card, the children's info is on the reverse and that is what the volunteers use to help them shop for age appropriate items. We have openings for volunteers for the week of Dec. 16-19. If anyone would like to help, they can let Sharon know at 754-3429. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



### CONFERENCE HISTORIAN NEEDS HELP TO TRANSCRIBE DOCUMENTS

Ann Phillips, Conference Historian, recently rediscovered a box of handwritten autobiographies from 1906. Once volunteers transcribe them, the Memphis Conference will post them on its website. Phillips believes the job will be rewarding. "I think that folks would really enjoy this," she says. "I think its fun." You may contact Ms. Phillips at 731-664-5540 or [memphisarchives@bellsouth.net](mailto:memphisarchives@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in this project.

## UMW NEWS

### Make It Happen

#### Assembly 2014 - April 25 - Louisville, KY

A Call for Bread - We will share a moving experience centered around the scripture, Mark 6:30-44, the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 followers. We are asking each Conference to bring bread unique to their region to be part of Assembly. Your offerings will be used in the opening and closing worship services.

Don't forget to send in your story for *We Make It Happen: A Living Timeline*, showing how our members bring about change in their communities and around the world. We want to know and share with the world how our members rely on their faith, hope and love in action to Make It Happen for those deemed "the least".

You may contact Anissa New-Walker at [awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org) to share a story for this new project.

### FOOD PANTRY

Canned Soups



### FOR DECEMBER

Canned Pasta

### SAVE THIS DATE IN JANUARY

The McKendree District will hold its annual Leadership Training event on Sunday, January 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Emmanuel UMC. This event is not limited to those holding leadership positions but is open to all church members. All are highly encouraged to attend as a way to get involved, learn what's going on in the church, and how things are done. For starters, Bishop McAlilly will be leading the Staff/Parish Relations Committee class. Other classes will include financial & insurance matters, working with volunteers, lay leadership, and communications, to name few. Mark this date on your calendar now!



### GOING PLACES

Your deposit for Belle's Birthday Bash in Louisville, KY is now due by December 28. Final payment due August 2014. You don't want to miss the great riverboat race!

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by  
Betty Smithmier



### TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO ORDER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS

Now is the time to order the very special 2014 edition of the Church Family Calendar. Only \$15 for an entire year of great memories. Contact the church office, 683-8861, or Perri Mathis, 683-7050 or [bamathis@att.net](mailto:bamathis@att.net), to place your order.

### THE INTERPRETER

...is introducing new departments – including one you will write! "We asked ... you said" will feature your responses to a question we will send you a few weeks before finishing each issue. We will use several responses in the magazine and more on the website.

Here is the first question – and we do want *your* response:

With what kinds of personal issues are United Methodists dealing that might benefit from spiritual support?

Think about it – and then send your response of 50-100 words to us at [interpreter@umcom.org](mailto:interpreter@umcom.org). Send it on or before Friday, Dec. 13. Please include your name, local church, city and state – and a telephone number in case we need to contact you. Please note that by sending a response, you give us permission to use it in the magazine, on the website and in social media related to *Interpreter*.

We look forward to hearing from you – and to sharing the renewed *Interpreter*. Remember to send us your response to the question by Friday, Dec. 13.

### SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014

2014 is almost here and we are still missing greeters for January. The sign-up sheet is on the office window. Please & thank you!