

OUR PRAYERS

Bright Glade NH
Bernard Rainey

At Home
Wayne Lawrence

Paterson, NJ
Irvin Scheirer

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

Minnesota Hosp.
Isabella Strauss

OUR SYMPATHY, love and prayers go out to
...Lisa Matlock in the loss of her brother, Jimmy Matlock

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 13

Sunday School	51
Worship	78
Visitors	9

OUR GIFTS - December 13

Offering	\$ 2,605
Month to Date	\$ 8,305
Apportionments To Date	\$ 6,776

OUR SERVICE - December 20

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

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers
27 Warren Petty

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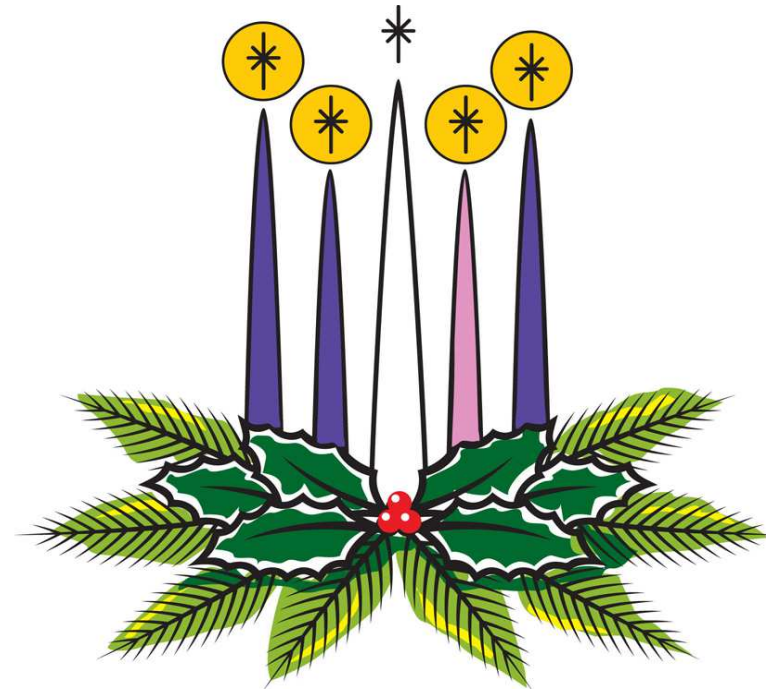
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4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

Scriptures for the week:

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:47-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 12/20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 🕯️🕯️🕯️
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 6:00p Christmas Cantata
- Mon. 12/21 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**
- Tue. 12/22 No Activities
- Wed. 12/23 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
NO Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 12/24 Christmas Eve
 Offices Closed
NO Advent Bible Study
 6:00p Candlelight Communion
 @ **Asbury**
- Fri. 12/25 Christmas Day
 May the love and joy
 of Christmas remain
 in your hearts! 🌟
- Sat. 12/26 9:00a AFLS
 7:00p Prayer Vigil
 @ **El Redentor/Asbury**
- Sun. 12/127 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
 Follow the Christ-light within.
 Be guided to your greatest good!



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016

In our efforts to maintain good stewardship, you will see a difference in our offering envelopes for 2016—they will be a smaller size. However, checks and cash will still fit! You'll just have to fold them smaller. And, who knows? We may even like them smaller. You may pick up a box from the table outside the Sanctuary. If you need them mailed to you, please call the church office, 683-8861.

WELCOME BACK

We are most happy to welcome back into our fold Eddie, Pat & Michael Miller. After having been away for a time, they are now back home. The Millers address is 996 S. White Station Rd., 38117. Their phone # is 901-759-7974. Please give them a warm, Aldersgate welcome.



DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC

A special "extra" rehearsal for the Christmas Cantata will be held on Saturday, December 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This will include the Chancel Choir, the Spanish Choir and the Children's Choir, as well as sound techs and musicians.

The Christmas Cantata

...will be presented on Sunday, December 20, at 6 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends and family to join us for this musical offering.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for January/February is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Be sure to pick up your copy today.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELITE COMMUNION

...will be at Asbury UMC. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us. December 24- 6:00 p.m.

UMW NEWS You're Invited

Mark your calendars NOW! As we are now the 'Metro District' UMW, there will be a Get To Know You Gathering & Luncheon on Saturday, January 23, starting at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's UMC, 480 S. Highland. We will spend some time getting to know each other and enjoy a fun time together. Come see what's up!



2015 GREETERS NEEDED

Its 'crunch time'! The new year is almost here and few greeters have signed up. The sign-up list is on the office window for your convenience. Please sign up for your favorite month!

GIVE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD

Every 3 minutes, someone needs a life-sustaining blood transfusion. This holiday season, give the gift of life by donating blood. Contact Lifeblood at 901-529-6320 or lifeblood.org



CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS

Orders are now being taken for the 2016 Church Family Calendars. The cost is \$15 each and may be ordered using the blue envelopes on the tables outside the Sanctuary, in your Sunday School room or the church office. You may also call the office, 683-8861, to place an order. You won't want to miss taking a look back over the year and enjoying the memories.

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE?

Please have all gifts in the church office by December 31 to be counted on 2015 statements.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Honorarium Fund
In honor of all the people at Aldersgate
 by Terry & Margie Williamson

Memorial Fund
In memory of Jimmy Matlock
 By Joy Mitchell
 Johnny Mitchell



THE GIVING SEASON

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



STILL COLLECTING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

There's still plenty of room under the tree in the foyer of the church, near the church office, for you to place children's books, in English or Spanish. Thank you for sharing your love with our children.