

OUR PRAYERS

Signature HC

Martha Wallace 323B

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley
Lynda Park

At Home

Betty Ray
Mark Lewis

OUR PRESENCE

December 15

Church School	39
Worship	63
Visitors	2

OUR GIFTS

December 15

This Week's Offering	\$ 3,120
MTD	\$ 13,600
Apportionments TD	\$

OUR SERVICE

December 22

Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Renee Little
Children's Time	Lisa Hughes
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

29 Brother Paul



There will be NO Newsletter next week.

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4th Sunday
of Advent

December 22nd

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

---Agnes M Pahro

Peace and Grace,
Bro. Paul

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Sermon Title:

"The Need to Belong"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 12/22 9:15a Prayer Time
10:00a Advent Study
10:55a Worship/March to the Manger

Mon. 12/23 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 12/24 6:30p Communion Service

Wed. 12/25 Blessings of the Season

Thu. 12/26 NO Bible Study

Fri. 12/27 Offices Closed

Sat. 12/28 No Activities

Sun. 12/29 9:15a Prayer Time
10:00a Final Session of Advent Study
10:55a Worship



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Celebrate his birth.



REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND This Holiday Season

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UMW NEWS

Our thanks to Carol Howe, Rebeca's mom, for her donation to our Reading Program of *Radio Shangri-La*. It is under Education for Mission in our church library.



FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER
Canned Soups Canned Pasta



Christmas Eve
Communion
6:30 p.m.



"THE BEST I CAN DO FOR CHRISTMAS EVE IS THREE TOGETHER IN THE NINTH ROW."

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Memorial Fund**
In memory of Earline Gabriel by
Charles & Marilyn Breitenstein



SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014
We are still short on greeters for 2014. The sign-up sheet is on the office window. Please sign up!



DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Doctrine and Discipline in the Christian Life
Wesley insisted, however, that evangelical faith should manifest itself in evangelical living. He spelled out this expectation in the three-part formula of the Rules:

"It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind....

Secondly: By...doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all...;

Thirdly: By attending upon all the ordinances of God"

Wesley's illustrative cases under each of these three rules show how the Christian conscience might move from general principles to specific actions. Their explicit combination highlights the spiritual spring of moral action.

Wesley rejected undue reliance upon these rules. Discipline was not church law; it was a way of discipleship. Wesley insisted that true religion is "the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus", "the life which is hid with Christ in God", and "the righteousness that [the true believer] thirsts after".