

Sun. 1/3	<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b> <b>Epiphany Sunday</b> 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 1/4	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ <b>Asbury</b>
Tue. 1/5	No Activities
Wed. 1/6	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> 10:00a Bible Study @ <b>Asbury</b> 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/7	9:00a Food Pantry @ <b>Asbury</b> 10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 1/8	Offices Closed 10:30a Senior Game Day @ <b>Asbury</b>
Sat. 1/9	9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Service @ <b>Asbury/EI Redentor</b>
Sun. 1/10	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Approach God with your fears and tears.  
Lay down your burdens. Feel His peace.

**IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE?**

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



**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016**

You may pick up a box from the table outside the Sanctuary. If you need them mailed, please call the church office, 683-8861. If you have envelopes left over from 2015, feel free to use them. Just be sure to put your name on them.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the poinsettia given on our honor and for Christmas cards and gifts! We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness toward us this holiday season.

Best wishes in the New Year,  
Virginia

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Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for your gifts of children's books. We collected 35 books for the children of Jacob's Well, a homeless outreach ministry which includes many children, at Holy Community UMC.

Thanks again,  
Aleita

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Dear Sharon and Aldersgate Congregation,  
Thank you once again for your help in gathering food for our Asbury Food Pantry. We are so grateful for any and all contributions. The need continues to grow, but we are blessed by the generosity of some of our sister churches as well as our own church members. God is so good!

In appreciation,  
Cookie Greer

**BIBLES STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 7**

We will begin the new year by beginning a new Bible Study. Join us on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, as Virginia leads us through the season after Epiphany. You will be instructed, enlightened and *au courant* as the story unfolds. No reservations needed—just show up!

**NEW ADDRESS**

Mr. Tom Boillot  
3342 Lone Rock Dr.  
Memphis, TN 38128-1112  
Phone: 901-351-2499

**CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS**

...may now be ordered at \$15 each, by calling the office, 683-8861, or by using the blue envelopes on the tables outside the Sanctuary or in your Sunday School room. You won't want to miss taking a look back over the year and enjoying the memories.

**UMW NEWS**

The United Methodist Women is recruiting volunteers to quilt some 2,000 finger labyrinths for delegates and guests of the 2016 General Conference to be held in Portland, OR, in May of 2016. The deadline for them to receive the labyrinths is January 15, 2016. Instructions for the labyrinth can be found at ([/files/fileslibrary/quilt%2blabyrinth%2binstructions\\_umw.pdf](/files/fileslibrary/quilt%2blabyrinth%2binstructions_umw.pdf)). Anyone interested in this project, please send an estimate of how many to ([GCprayerministry@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:GCprayerministry@unitedmethodistwomen.org).) They will reply with shipping instructions.

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"Response", a publication for United Methodist Women, is now available digitally, in print, and on cassette or CD. Features include Bible studies, opportunities for spiritual growth and development, articles on where the Pledge to Mission money goes, and much more. Subscribe today for yourself or as a gift at:  
(<https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=RSP&f=custcare>) or by phone at 800-305-9857.

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**UMM NEWS**

2016 officers for the Metro District United Methodist Men have been named. The new officers are:  
President: Steve Ragsdale (St. Luke's UMC)

Vice Pres. of Leadership Development, Revitalization: David Estes (Collierville UMC)

Vice Pres. of Missions & Programs: James Haley (Centenary UMC)

Secretary: Neils French (Crossroads UMC)

Treasurer: Conrad Schanson (Germantown UMC)

Outgoing President Erv Walker says, "They are all exceptional individuals and will provide outstanding leadership for our District."



**FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY**

Canned Fruit  
Canned or Dried Beans



**THE UPPER ROOM**

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

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for  
**Trustees**  
In memory of Jimmy Matlock by  
Tom & Sharon Lockhart  
**Scholarship**  
In memory of Jimmy Matlock by  
Marcelle Farrow

**CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH NETWORK OFFERS TRAINING CLASSES FOR LAITY**

Classes will be held at Methodist hospitals around the city and in Olive Branch and West Memphis. **Registration is required.** Forms are available in the church office.

All classes will be held on Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning February 4, and include:

- Congregational Care and Visitation @ Methodist University Hosp. (Equipping the laity to provide spiritual care)
- Mental Health Issues and Resources @ Methodist University Hospital (Helping the public identify, understand and respond to mental illness)
- Diabetes Empowerment Education @ Methodist Germantown Hosp. (Training on providing diabetes education)
- Heart to Heart @ West Memphis, Arkansas (for those who are at risk or have been diagnosed with CHF/CVD)
- Living with Stroke @ Methodist North Hosp. (Information on identifying the signs, prevention and treating)
- Health Equity Training @ Methodist Olive Branch (The connections between faith, health and ministry)
- Improving Lives and Growing Community @ Methodist South Hosp. (Career preparation, job readiness, entrepreneurship training & affordable health care)

**Paterson, NJ**  
Irvin Scheirer

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Special Prayers** for  
...kidnapped girls/Nigeria  
...earthquake victims/Nepal  
...flood victims/Texas  
...hurricane victims/Mexico  
...tornado victims/South & S.West

**OUR SYMPATHY**, love and prayers go out to  
...Lorelle & Tilford Woodard and family in the loss of her  
brother, Dr. Bernard Rainey

**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 27**

Sunday School	44
Worship	69
Visitors	11

**OUR GIFTS - December 27**

Offering	\$ 2,440
Month to Date	\$ 12,297
Apportionments To Date	\$ 6,776

**OUR SERVICE - January 3**

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Margaret Ann Ligon</b> Audrey Weaver
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Dean Tutor
<b>Children's Time</b>	Rev. De la Cruz
<b>Lock-up</b>	Henry Blanks

**OUR WITNESS**

**January Scripture Readers**

10	Nubari Deekae
17	Peggy Brightwell
24	Tom Lockhart
31	Faith Gbeneneh



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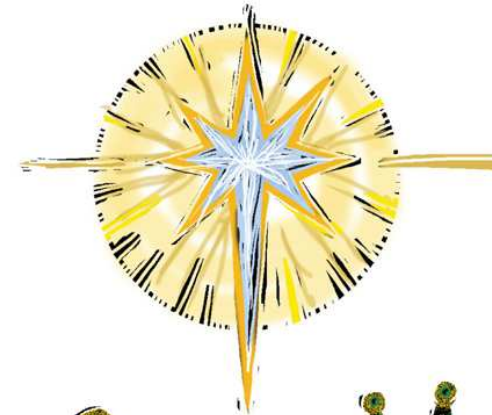
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## Epiphany Sunday

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Scriptures for the week:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Matthew 2:1-12