

OUR PRAYERS

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Herbert Lester

Marcelle Farrow

Lynda Park

Jeanette Leslie

Paul Scheirer

Special Prayers for
....kidnapped girls from
Nigeria

Homebound/Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Mava Dell Fry
Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes
James Matlock	Doris Palazzini	Linda Park
Jane Pifer	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	
Bill Whitaker		

OUR PRESENCE

December 28

Church School	34
Worship	67
Visitors	11

OUR GIFTS

December 28

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,715
MTD	\$ 26,493
Apportionments TD	\$ 17,657

OUR SERVICE

January 4, 2015

Greeters	Audrey Weaver Carolyn McDougal
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Warren Petty
Children's Time	Renee Little
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers

11	Judy Stanley
18	Dean Tutor
25	Lisa Hughes



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RENEWING OUR VOWS FOR THE NEW YEAR

People professing their faith in a United Methodist congregation take two vows dealing with time. Among the statements to which we are asked to agree are:

- † To be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church and do all in our power to strengthen its ministries
- † To faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

As we agree to these vows, we commit our lives to Christ and agree to give a significant portion of our time to the ministry that we are called to through our baptism.

We open this new year with a clean slate before us. At year's end, how will it be filled?

Will the activities, events and practices filling our time show us to be good stewards?

Will time set for speaking and listening to God be an unbreakable appointment?

Will worship and learning as part of the faith community be a priority?

What will we do (or not do) to make our money and talents available for ministry?

What will we do outside the church building that will show us to be disciples of Jesus Christ?

How will we demonstrate the transformational power of the love of Christ in our lives?

God's gift of time is a treasure. Use it wisely.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 1/4	Note Time Changes 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship 3:00p Non-member Meeting
Mon. 1/5	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline
Tue. 1/6	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 1/7	No Activities
Thu. 1/8	9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
Fri. 1/9	Offices Closed 10:30a Senior Game Day @ Asbury
Sat. 1/10	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 1/11	10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship 12:15p Church Council Work- shop. Lunch will be served for Council Members

'MARCH TO THE MANGER' TOPS \$2700

This year our March to the Manger reaped a total of \$2740. One thousand of that will go to the Margaret Plant Scholarship Fund, to help some of our students with college expenses. The balance will be used to cover some of our apportionments. Thanks to all for your generous and continuing support.



NEW BABY

Congratulations to Joan Oyoo on the birth of her son, Elijah, on Dec. 20. Elijah weighed in at 6 lbs. His big sister Rose is all smiles about having a baby brother.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,
Your cards, calls and visits made my Christmas so special. A special thanks goes to the Love/Hope Group for the soft, warm, fuzzy, cuddly throw. It reminds me of your warm and loving hearts. May God bless each of you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.
Martha Wallace.

A big THANK YOU to Kathy Earl, Mary Robbins, Goyo De la Cruz and Valery Vasquez for helping with the Dental Van. Between the two days the van was on site, we were able to provide care, from cleanings to fillings to extractions, for 18 people. Everyone who visited the van received a Bible, toothbrush, toothpaste and an Aldersgate pamphlet. Some of them even visited the book and clothes room. Overall, this outreach to the community was very successful.

Cathy Boice
Outreach Chairperson

IMPORTANT CHURCH COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON SUNDAY, JAN. 11th

Council members are asked to remain after church on Jan. 11th for lunch and a meeting. Information will be shared about our new type of Council and how we can best serve and be served by the changes.

NEW ADDRESS

Here is the address for our newest members, the Craft family:

The Revs. Milton & Synolve Craft
Alexzandria & Evan
211 Maple Valley Cove
Collierville, TN 38017
Home: 901-316-5836
Email: miltonwcraft@gmail.com

UMW NEWS

Our first group meetings of the year will be on January 13—Koinonia at 10 a.m. and Love/Hope at 7 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited.

The Executive Meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 12:15, right after worship. Please bring a dish to share for our Salad Pot Luck.



WHITE BEANS & BINGO

...is coming up on Thursday, January 22. Bring a 'white elephant' gift or two, beautifully wrapped so everyone will want your package and sign up on the sheet on the office window to bring a dish to share. Drinks and dessert will be furnished.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life is not measured by money or fame.
Its measured by blessings you give
in God's name.



FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY

Pasta & Sauce
(Plastic bottles and jars, please.)

ACTIVITIES TO RESUME

Been missing our Wednesday activities? They will resume on January 14th:

Bible Study 10 a.m. at Asbury
Youth 6 p.m. @ Aldersgate
Fellowship 6 p.m. @ Aldersgate
Bible Study 6:30p @ Aldersgate
Choir Practice 7:15p @ Aldersgate



WORK DAY SET FOR JANUARY 10

The Trustees invite you to join them on Saturday, January 10, from 9 to 12, to help 'clean up' around the church. Since our inspection by the insurance company, there are several areas that need to be addressed. Under the stairwells is the main focus. If you have stored anything under the stairwells, please claim it by the 10th or it will vanish. Bring your work gloves and aprons and join us.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for January/February is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up today and don't miss a single day of these great devotionals.



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015

...are available for pick-up on the tables outside the Sanctuary. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the church office.

SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER IN 2015

The sheet is on the office window for your convenience. Please sign up for your favorite month!

ITS NOT TOO LATE!

If you haven't returned your pledge card yet, its not too late to 'Give From the Heart' for 2015. Commitment Cards are on the tables outside the sanctuary.

GAME DAY FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Asbury UMC Seniors cordially invite you to join them at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, for a time of fun and fellowship.

Aldersgate UMC

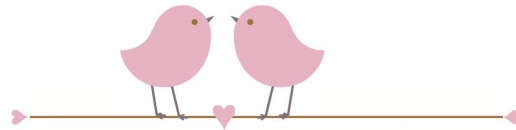
January 2015

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 Pastor: Dr. Paul Scheirer Choir Director: Jo Ann Shelton Organist: Lana Solomon		Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374 Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org			1 	2 Offices Closed	3 No Activities
4 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 3:00p Non-member Meeting	5 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline	6 6:00p Cub Scouts	7 No Activities	8 9-12 Food Pantry Open @ Asbury	9 10:30a Senior Adult Game Day @ Asbury Offices Closed	10 9:00a AFLS	
11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 12:15p Church Council Workshop	12 Noon News Deadline	13 10:00a Koinonia Group 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group	14 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 10:00a Meth. Hospital Aux. 6:00p Youth 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	15 9-12 Food Pantry Open @ Asbury 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	16 Offices Closed	17 9 to 3 Hispanic Ministries Workshop @ Asbury 9:00a AFLS UMW Presidents/Vice Presidents Day @ St. Luke's UMC	
18 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 12:15p UM Women Exec. Meeting & Pot Luck 10:59p Deadline to order from One Harvest on line	19 Noon News Deadline	20 6:00p Cub Scouts	21 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:00p Youth 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	22 9-12 Food Pantry Open @ Asbury 11:30a White Beans & Bingo	23 11:30a Young at Heart- @ Asbury Offices Closed	24 9:00a AFLS 1:00p One Harvest Distribution	
25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service	26 Noon News Deadline	27 6:00p Cub Scouts	28 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:00p Youth 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	29 9-12 Food Pantry Open @ Asbury	30 Offices Closed	31 9:00a AFLS	



Happy Birthday

Jan . 1 Matt Blythe
 Kevin Dunn
 Greg Head
 Bob Moseley
 4 Margaret Luna
 5 Kendal Campbell
 8 Ben Carr
 Joy Deekae
 Duncan Godbold
 9 Tom Priddy
 13 Roger Umnuss
 14 Evan Craft
 Tilford Woodard
 15 Margaret Moseley
 19 June Burton
 Bill McMullin
 Dylan McMullin
 21 Barry Florow
 24 Mary Robbins
 Pam Young
 25 Peggy Brightwell
 28 Tillie Speraw
 30 Gary Graves



Happy Anniversary

Jan ? Jamie & Stacey Craft
 21 Don & Tillie Speraw
 27 Wayne & Ginny Lawrence
 28 Dean & Aleita Tutor

ASSISTING IN JANUARY

Greeters Audrey Weaver
 Carolyn McDougal
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Warren Petty
 Judy Stanley
 Dean Tutor
 Lisa Hughes
Children's Time..... Renee Little
Lock-up Wayne Lawrence

Aldersgate UMC Church Officials for 2015

Members of Church Council:

Pastor..... Herbert Lester
 Church Council Chair..... Judy Stanley
 Church School Superintendent..... Duncan Godbold
 Finance Chair..... Dean Tutor
 Lay Leader..... Bruce Hughes
 Lay Member of Annual Conference..... Jimmy Hight
 Lay Member Alternate Henry Blanks
 Outreach Ministries Director Goyo de la Cruz
 Recording Secretary.....
 Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator.....
 Staff/Parish Relations Chair..... Barry Mathis
 Treasurer..... Warren Petty
 Trustees President.....
 United Methodist Men President..... Bruce Hughes
 United Methodist Women President..... Lana Solomon
 Worship Chair.....
 Youth Ministries Director Milton Craft

At Large Members of Church Council:

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Shannon Pitner	Andrew Baker	
Terry Williamson	Marcelle Farrow	
	Lana Solomon	

Ministry Team Coordinators:

Nurture/Education... Carolyn McDougal
 Witness/Evan..... Perri Mathis
 Outreach/Missions..... Diana Bedwell
 Worship/Music

Finance Committee

Chair: Dean Tutor; Council Chair: Judy Stanley; Lay Leader: Bruce Hughes;
 Lay Member: Jimmy Hight; Staff/Parish Rep.: Barry Mathis; Trustees Rep: Mary Robbins;
 Treasurer: Warren Petty

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Carolyn McDougal	Cathy Boice	Karen Hall
Margie Williamson	Mary Robbins	Cindy Pilkinton

Lay Leadership

Chair: Herbert Lester
Class of 2015
 Aleita Tutor
 Martha Wallace
Class of 2016
 Ed Stanley
 D.L. Park
Class of 2017

Staff/Parish Relations Committee:

Chair: Barry Mathis Lay Leader: Bruce Hughes
Class of 2015
 Barry Mathis
 Audrey Weaver
Class of 2016
 Cathy Boice
Class of 2017
 Nancy Blanks
 Aleita Tutor
 Ed Stanley

Trustees

Chair: Elected by Trustees
Class of 2015
 Wayne Lawrence
 Tom Lockhart
 Perri Mathis
Class of 2016
 Andrew Baker
 Emmett Parrish
 Mary Robbins
Class of 2017
 Chris Bond
 Ed Stanley
 Karen Hall

Other Church Officials: (Non-Council Positions)

Disaster Response Representative..... Dean Tutor
 Golden Cross Representative..... Jane Hight
 Hannah's Hope Representative..... Aleita Tutor
 Head Usher..... Jimmie Bedwell
 Homebound Min..... Lynn Coffman
 Lakeshore Representative.....
 Music Director.....
 Plant Scholarship..... Renee Little
 Prayer Advocate..... Marcelle Farrow
 UM Neighborhood Centers Rep..... Sharon Lockhart

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