

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist Germantown

Lynda Park 303 North
Mark Lewis 309 South

St. Francis

Martha Wallace 411

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Betty Ray
Jordan Hight

OUR PRESENCE

November 17

Church School 46
Worship 70
Visitors 10

OUR GIFTS

November 17

This Week's Offering \$ 2,874
MTD \$10,154
Apportionments TD \$ 7,618

OUR SERVICE

November 24

Greeters Margaret Ann Ligon
Barbara Scheirer
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Lisa Hughes
Children's Time Frances Morris
Lock-up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

1 Brother Paul
8 Tom Lockhart
15 Barry Mathis
22 Renee Little
29 Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

ATTENTION ADULTS — ADVENT ATTRACTION —

Starting the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, all adults are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. to join the study "FINDING BETHLEHEM IN THE MIDST OF BEDLAM". This will be an exciting time for us to explore the real priorities of the Christmas season. We will meet together for the four Sundays of Advent and the Sunday after Christmas for closing reflections. Each session will be led by a teacher from our adult classes as follows:

- Dec. 1 -- Brother Paul, "Bethlehem or Bedlam"
- Dec. 8 -- Lana Solomon, "Christ Came to Set Us Free"
- Dec. 15 -- Margaret Ligon, "Love Came Down in Bethlehem"
- Dec. 22 -- Sharon & Tom Lockhart, "The Precious Memories of Christmas"
- Dec. 29 -- Lisa & Bruce Hughes, "Mind the Light"

What a great experience for the holiday season! Make plans now to be here every Sunday. You may call the office and reserve your book (\$9) for the study.

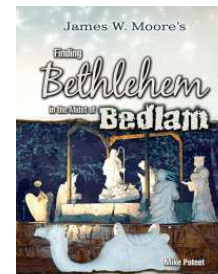
Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Nov. 24th

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20

Sermon Title

"What's At Your Center?"



LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun 11/24 **Christ the King Sunday Bible Sunday**
 9:15a Prayer Time
 9:45a Sunday School
 10:55a Worship

Mon. 11/25 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 11/26 6:00p Cub Scouts
 Choir Rehearsal— **Note Change**

Wed. 11/27 **NO** Fellowship & Study
NO Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 11/28 Happy Thanksgiving
 Offices Closed
 11:00a Mission Meal—Flwshp Hall

Fri. 11/29 Offices Closed

Sat. 11/30 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 12/1 9:15a Prayer Time
 9:45a Sunday School
 10:55a Worship/Hanging of the Green

SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014
 The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

Hanging of the Green Service
 December 1 10:55 a.m.
 First Sunday of Advent

"A New Birth
 A New Beginning"
 December 15 6:00 p.m.
 A Christmas Cantata
 Celebrating God's Promise Fulfilled
 By John Purifoy

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Experience peace. Experience forgiveness.
 Experience happiness. Love is the answer.

CONGRATULATIONS To Perri Mathis

...our Unsung Heroine for 2013

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 To my Aldersgate Family,
 Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being chosen Aldersgate's Unsung Heroine! I pretty much like to "fly under the radar", so this totally took me by surprise! I absolutely LOVE my church and LOVE being able to serve it in whatever capacity the Lord sees fit! It is hard for me to accept this honor without many thanks to my sweet husband Barry; his willingness to always help me do the things I do, is most often done without me even asking for his help! His love and support for me, as well as our church, is endless! This church is where our relationship began, so we adore giving back to the one that has blessed us in so many ways!

Much love and many thanks,
 Perri

A BIG THANK YOU

...to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving baskets for the UMNC pantries. Special thanks to the Stanleys, Morrisises and Peggy Brightwell, as well as the Fidelis, Current Events and Oxford classes for contributing full baskets. We wound up with 6 full baskets plus two containers of items.



**We've had a small change
 THANKSGIVING DAY MISSION MEAL
 11 to 1 — November 28 — At Aldersgate
 The only food needed is pies for dessert.**

The Thanksgiving dinner itself for our invited guests has now been provided for. What we need help with is **pies** for desserts and those willing to help in other ways, like serving at table, serving drinks, helping set-up, clean up, and much more. If you have an hour or two or the whole day, we need you, either Wednesday night or on Thursday. Your assistance will be most appreciated. You may contact Aleita Tutor, 553-3431, if you would like pies picked up or you may drop them off at the church on the 24th during church time, or on the 27th after 3 p.m. You may also contact Barry, 299-2746; Perri, 831-2217; Ed, 428-6243; or Judy, 652-4821, for more details.

UMW NEWS

Assembly 2014 in Louisville, KY, will see us sharing in a new project. In the spirit of sisterhood, we are creating 'We Make It Happen: A Living Timeline', showing how our members bring about change in their communities and around the world. How does a UMW member in your life inspire you? How is she an inspiration to others? What does she do to show support of women, children & youth? 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 to share a story for this new project.

AMAZING ADVENT ADVENTURES

Dec. 1st 9:15a Fellowship Time by Current Events
 10:00a Advent Study-Fellowship Hall
 10:55a 1st Sun. of Advent
 Worship/Hanging of the Green

3rd-6th Ozark Mountain Christmas Tour, Branson

7th 9:00a Breakfast w/Santa. Free to **all** ages

8th 10:00a Advent Study-Fellowship Hall
 10:55a 2nd Sun. of Advent - Worship
 12:15p Fellowship Class Party

13th 7:00p Current Events Party @ A-Tan's

15th 10:00a Advent Study-Fellowship Hall
 10:55a 3rd Sun. of Advent - Worship
 6:00p Christmas Cantata & Candlelight Service

21st 6:00p Arts for Life's Sake Concert & Reception-Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

22nd 10:00a Advent Study-Fellowship Hall
 10:55a 4th Sun. of Advent - Worship

24th 6:30p Communion Service

25th Peace and Joy to all on this blessed day!

29th 10:00a Closing reflections of Advent Study
 10:55a 1st Sunday after Christmas



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

...is coming up on Saturday, December 7, from 9 to 11 in the Fellowship Hall. Open to big & little, short & tall, young & young at heart, all ages. Come and meet the jolly old elf himself. You might even ask him which cookies he likes best for a snack! Admission is FREE. Mark your calendars now for Dec. 7!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Apportionments
In memory of Evelyn Goddard by
 Lynn Coffman
 Carolyn McDougal

Scholarship Fund
In memory of Evelyn Goddard by
 Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

Memorial Fund
In memory of Evelyn Goddard by
 Neil & Jean DeLong
 Jeanette Leslie
 Joy & Johnny Mitchell
 Tom & Sharon Lockhart

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c/o of Margaret Luna
 9368 Rocky Hills Dr.
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FOOD PANTRY FOR

REMAINDER OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
 November 17th was the deadline for food for Thanksgiving baskets so, for the rest of November and for December, we will collect canned soups and canned pasta, like Chefboyardee, Progresso and Spaghettios. Have other good ideas? Feel free to include them.

POINSETTIAS

You may honor loved ones by placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary this Christmas. Please complete the information below and return to the church office.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

_____ ordered (Cost unknown at present)
 (Order deadline is December 9th.)