

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist North

Elvernice Davis 446

At Home

Lisa Martin

Frances Coffman

Hospice Care

Tina Gift

Please remember our home-bound and those in assisted care:

Doris Babb	Joan Clark	Gerri Colosia
Mava Dell Fry	Helen Griffin	James Matlock
Martha Meyer	Lorene Nance	Jane Pifer
Bernice Shelby	Emmett Smith	
Harold & Joye Smith	Betty Smithmier	

OUR PRESENCE

November 18

Church School	47
Worship	75
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS

November 18

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,078
MTD	\$ 11,090
Apportionments TD	\$ 11,400

OUR SERVICE

Assisting November 25

Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Earline Gabriel
Children's Time	Richard Hall
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

2	Brother Paul
9	Renee Little
16	Warren Petty
23	Judy Stanley
30	Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This past Sunday I talked to the children about the importance of thank you notes. Here is a story that reflects one person's thanks and the other person's reaction.

A doctor wrote a letter of thanks to a schoolteacher for having given him so much encouragement when he had been in her class 30 years before. He later received this reply: "I want you to know what your note meant to me. I am an old lady in my eighties, living alone in a small room, cooking my own meals, lonely, and seeming like the last leaf on the tree. You will be interested to know that I taught school for 50 years, and yours is the first letter of appreciation I have ever received. It came on a cold, blue morning and cheered my lonely old heart as nothing has cheered me in many years."

Let this story be a reminder of those who assisted us throughout our lives, and give thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Brother Paul & Barbara

Scripture Readings for Nov.25

Psalm 132:1-12
2 Samuel 23:1-7

Sermon Title
"Memoirs"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 11/25 Christ the King Sunday
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship

Mon. 11/26 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 11/27 6:00p Cub Scouts

Wed. 11/28 **NO** Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 11/29 10:00a Bible Study

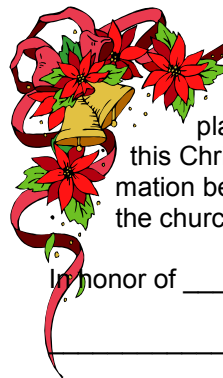
Fri. 11/30 Offices Closed

Sat. 12/1 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 12/2 9:15a Fellowship Time
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship/Hanging of the Green
12:15p Current Events Class
Chili Cook-off

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Although time seems to fly, it never travels faster than one day at a time. Make the most of each day you are given.



POINSETTIAS

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

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

_____ ordered at \$14.00 each.
(Order deadline is December 2.)



COMING UP DECEMBER 2

Fellowship Time at 9:15a will be hosted by the Current Events Class followed by the **Hanging of the Green** at our traditional worship service at 10:55 on the first Sunday of Advent.



**FOR THE FOOD PANTRY
THRU DECEMBER**
Fruit Juice & Canned Fruit



CALLING ALL CHILI LOVERS

...and that means YOU! The Current Events Class invites one and all to come, eat and judge who, in their class, makes the best chili. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 2, right after church, for our annual Chili Lunch and vote for your favorite recipe. Proceeds will benefit our seasonal projects.



LAST CALL FOR DEC. CALENDAR

Please have all December events on the office calendar ASAP. You may also call the office with your information, 683-8861. The December calendar will go out on Nov. 28. And while you're there, add your January dates as well. Planning ahead makes smooth sailing.

...and speaking of calendars, how many 2013 Church Family Calendars will you want? They are going to be so very special! Order forms will be available Nov. 25.



YOU DID IT AGAIN!!!

Aldersgate always comes through for UMNC. We received 6 complete Thanksgiving baskets, 18 gift cards for \$10 Kroger cards to go with the baskets that started being distributed Nov. 14, and numerous food items. With 250 families signed up to receive baskets, this will be a big help. Special thanks to the Fidelis Class, Oxford Class, Love/Hope Subgroup and Current Events Class. For a small church, we have big hearts!

YOU'RE INVITED!

...to Union Ave. Baptist Church on Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. for a free concert featuring Karen Peck and New River. Dinner at 4:30 for \$12 per person. Contact Rev. Zak McQueen for all the details at 276-5421.



SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2013

The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

The Social Community

The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or economic status.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, pg. 104 ¶162

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Honorarium Fund**

In honor of Tom & Sharon Lockhart in celebration of their 50th anniversary by
Mary Robbins
Cathy Boice & Daniel

Memorial Fund

In memory of Mary Tutor by
Evelyn Goddard
Warren Petty
Love/Hope UMW Group
Joyce Kernodle
Terry & Margie Williamson
Carolyn McDougal
Mary Robbins
Cathy Boice & Daniel
Norris & Earline Gabriel
Johnny & Joy Mitchell

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mary Tutor by
Keith & Frances Coffman

GOING PLACES

Make your Christmas shopping easy—give a tour! 2013 brochures are available on the bulletin board for Canyon Country in May; Canada's Atlantic Coast in July; Mackinac Island in August and the California Coast in September. Call Carolyn for all the details, 861-0841.



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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Oxford Class is continuing the tradition of our church-wide Christmas Card. By making a donation and signing our card, you will send your good wishes to all your friends at church AND help Santa deliver some smiles on Christmas morning. Give what you would spend on cards and postage for church friends or any amount you choose. Donors will be listed on our giant Christmas Card. Please see Terry to donate.