

OUR PRAYERS
HealthSouth **Baptist in NC**
 Marie Hughes 205A Mary Stanley ICU

Hospice Care
 Valerie Porterfield Bill Scott
 Bill Coffman Becky Matlock

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
 ...Earl Galloway and family in the loss of his
 nephew, Danny Brassfield
 ...Sandra Shipley and family in the loss of her
 father, Alvie Brownlee
 ...Family and friends of Rev. Wayne McClain
 ...Family and friends of Luke Mooney, Sr.

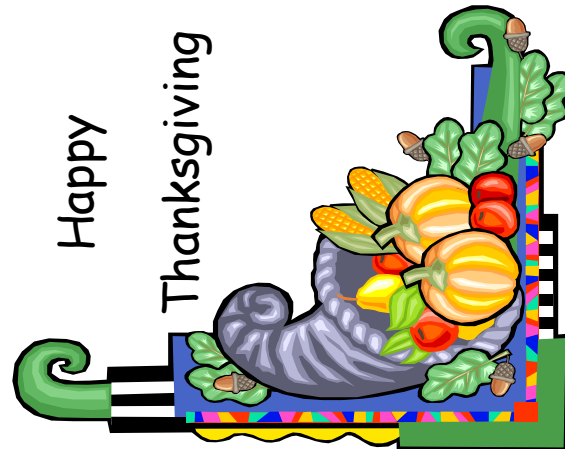
OUR PRESENCE
November 20
 Church School 41
 Worship 67
 Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS
November 20
 Total Rec'd \$ 3,057
 MTD \$ 13,335
 Apportionments TD \$ 31,296

OUR SERVICE
Assisting November 27
Greeters Marcelle Farrow
 Margaret Ann Ligon
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Dean Tutor
Children's Time Bruce Hughes
Lock-up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS
December Scripture Readers
 4 Brother Paul
 11 Jane Hight
 18 Lisa Hughes
 25 Tom Lockhart

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Kris Haig states, Henry J.M. Nouwen once suggested that the purest, simplest holiday may be Thanksgiving. Christmas is distorted by a society that promotes consumer madness and ritual perfectionism. Even Easter is overshadowed by chocolate bunnies and new finery.

It has been said that gratefulness is the very heart of prayer, and so to truly observe Thanksgiving is to engage in fervent prayer. Gratefulness, however, cannot be manufactured. It is a grace, a gift that God bestows and not anything we can create in our own hearts. True gratitude bears little resemblance to the forced optimism underlying the admonition to count your blessings. Gratitude is not a denial of real pain and loss. It is not a stoic effort to concentrate on the good things in life. It isn't the power of positive thinking. We cannot attain a state of gratitude by presenting God with a list of things we think we should feel grateful for, but by presenting ourselves and our desire to know God more closely.

Happy Thanksgiving,
 Brother Paul & Barbara

Scripture Reading for Nov. 27th
 Hanging of the Green
 Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon Title
 "Who Are We and Who Is God?"



- LOOKING AHEAD**
- Sun. 11/27 First Sunday of Advent
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship & Hanging
Of the Green
- Mon. 11/28 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 11/29 No Activities
- Wed. 11/30 **No** Fellowship & Study
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 12/1 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 12/2 Offices Closed
- Sat. 12/3 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 12/4 9:15a Fellowship Time
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p Fellowship Class
Party



Coming Up
in December

- Dec. 4 9:15a Fellowship Time
12:15p Fellowship Class Party
- Dec. 10 Extra Choir Rehearsal
5:30p Fidelis Class Party @ 
the Hight's
- Dec. 11 2:15p UMW Unit Mtg and Instal-
lation of Officers
 6:00p Christmas Cantata
"A Great and Mighty Wonder"
- Dec. 16 6:00p Current Events Progres-
sive Dinner starting at the
Scheirer's
- Dec. 24 6:30p Christmas Eve Commu-
nion Service 
- Dec. 25 9:45a Sunday School
10:55a Worship Service

**OXFORD CLASS
CHRISTMAS CARD**

Have you signed the Christmas Card yet wishing your Aldersgate family Merry Christmas **and** helping buy toys for children who might not have a Christmas otherwise. Please see Terry Williamson or Barbara Scheirer to donate.



THANK YOU

I have been truly blest. My family enjoyed Brother Paul's visit at the hospital. All the prayers, cards, calls and visits have made my recovery much easier.

Love to all,
Tillie Speraw

**UMW NEWS
Happy Thanksgiving**

from the United Methodist Women!
Ladies, your 2012 Yearbooks are ready. Please get yours in the library, cross off your name, and help us give out those for inactive members.

To those of you have not turned in your World Thank Offering due this month, please do so as soon as possible. This is one of the two "extra mile" offerings we are required to make. The other, Call to Prayer and Self-denial, is due in January.



CREATION CARE

Replacing just one light in every U.S. home with an ENERGY STAR certified bulb would save enough energy to light 3,000,000 (yes, that's three million) homes for a year, save \$600,000,000 in annual energy costs and prevent the emission of nine billion pounds of greenhouse gases, equivalent to emissions from about 800,000 cars. This is one reason the Women's Division (United Methodist Women) will present a resolution to the General Conference promoting international standards for greenhouse gas emissions to below 350 parts per million, which evidence shows is required to prevent dangerous or irreversible climate changes.

response magazine

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Thankful hearts give
heartfelt thanks.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES
Memorial Fund**

In memory of Kathryn Clark by
Terry & Margie Williamson
Paul & Ruth Ashley

Apportionments

In memory of Kathryn Clark by
Aleda Kelly

TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

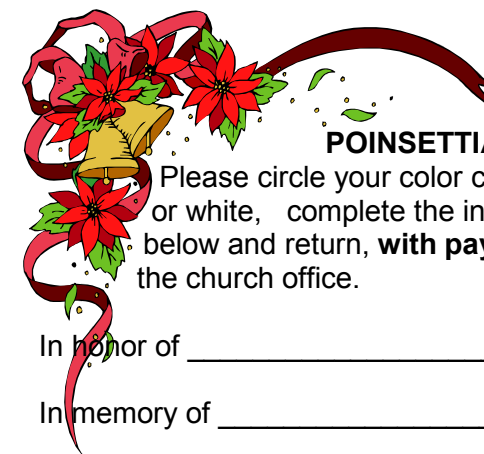
Lighting the Advent candles is an important part of our worship during this season. If you would like to take part in our service by assisting in this way, please call the church office, 683-8861.

HANGING OF THE GREEN SERVICE

November 27 10:55 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Plan to be with us each Sunday of Advent. Let's keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS!



POINSETTIAS

Please circle your color choice: red or white, complete the information below and return, **with payment**, to the church office.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

_____ ordered at \$12.00 each.
Order deadline is November 27.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...Sunday, December 4, at 9:15a. The Current Events Class will be our hosts.



Order your one-of-a-kind, Aldersgate photo calendars now, before the Dec. 11 deadline. Look for the red envelopes at church to place your orders. For \$12 you may purchase this "fond memory" and help support the Children & Youth ministries. Calendars will be available by the end of December.