

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist G'town

Lynda Park 303 North

St. Francis

Martha Wallace 411

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Betty Ray

Mark Lewis

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Lynn Coffman, family & friends of Bettie Davis

OUR PRESENCE

November 24

Church School	33
Worship	62
Visitors	3

OUR GIFTS

November 24

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,063
MTD	\$ 12,217
Apportionments TD	\$ 7,618

OUR SERVICE

December 1

Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Brother Paul
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

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



ALDERSGATE United Methodist Church
4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917



December 1st

THE FLAME is a publication of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The newsletter is published weekly.
Please contact your local Postmaster if you are having difficulty with delivery

The Flame

*Information for the Family and Friends
of Aldersgate U.M.C.*

Phone: (901) 683-8861

E-mail: office@agumc.org

Fax: (901) 683-1374

Website: www.agumc.org

November 27, 2013

Volume 58 Issue 48

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

"Giving thanks for all things . . ." (Eph. 5:20).
For all the gifts that Thou dost send,
For every kind and loyal friend,
For prompt supply of all my need,
For all that is good in word or deed,
For gift of health along life's way,
For strength to work from day to day--
I give Thee humble thanks.

For ready hands to help and cheer,
For listening ears Thy voice to hear,
For yielded tongue Thy love to talk,
For willing feet, Thy paths to walk,
For open eyes Thy Word to read,
For loving heart, Thy will to heed--
I give Thee humble thanks.

For Christ who came from heaven above,
For the cross and His redeeming love,
For His mighty power to seek and save,
For His glorious triumph o'er the grave.
For the lovely mansions in the sky,
For His blessed coming bye and bye--
I give Thee humble thanks.

Scripture for December 1:

Hanging of the Green

Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon:

"What a Future"

Peace & Grace,

Brother Paul

Sun 12/1	9:15a Prayer Time 9:15a Fellowship Time hosted by Current Events Class 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship/Hanging of the Green 12:15p UMW Unit Mtg.
Mon. 12/2	10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline
Tue. 12/3	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 12/4	NO Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 12/5	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 12/6	Offices Closed
Sat. 12/7	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 12/8	9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship 12:15p Fellowship Class Party Fellowship Hall

— ADVENT STUDY —

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam

...begins Sunday, Dec. 1, 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, for all adults. A great way to prepare for our Savior's birth.



Hanging of the Green Service

December 1 10:55 a.m.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God."
UM Hymnal # 97

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

*"A New Birth
A New Beginning"*

By John Purifoy

with Candlelight Service

December 15 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Aldersgate Family,
It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write to you. On behalf on the Isen family, thank you for your continuous prayers, calls, and comforting words during the illness of Edward and this bereavement period. The memorial gift to AFLS in his honor is appreciated as well.

The kindness of your member, Perri Mathis, was expressed through the lovely floral collection and arrangement for the memorial luncheon. Family members and the church still marvel over the décor.

I feel special—but lonely. Pray that I will be strong, continue to pray, and accept my loss.

Hattie Isen

~ ~ ~

Aldersgate outdid herself, AGAIN! According to Floy Pike of Asbury's food pantry, we contributed 500 lbs. of food. That is tremendous for our congregation. Thank you again for all you do.

Sharon

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Families, friends, individuals! Lend me your hands! I need you to light the candles of Advent each Sunday through the month of December. Please call the church office, 683-8861, to sign up!



HAVE YOU SIGNED THE CHRISTMAS CARD ?

December 1 is your last chance to sign and donate to the Oxford Class Christmas Card. They are again offering you the chance to greet your friends and to buy toys for the UM Neighborhood Centers Toy Store. More than 60 family and friends signed up last year. Can we do even better in 2013? See Terry Williamson to donate.

THINKING OF 2014?

The new year's calendar, with turquoise pages, is on the office closet door UNDER this year's. Feel free to schedule activities or call the office for help.

Church Family Calendar

Church Family Calendars will be available for 2014—cost: \$15. Look for order forms in the hall or call the church office.

UMW NEWS

Don't forget the Unit Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 12:15p—last one of 2013! We will celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to a great new year. We must congratulate our president, Rebecca, and our "teacher", Lana. Both have received accolades from other churches where they have done programs and mission studies.



A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

'The Gift of Christmas' featuring the Overton High School Jazz Band & the Germantown Baptist Church Jazz Orchestra will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 6:00p.m. at Colonial Baptist Church, 1503 Colonial Rd. Admission is FREE and a reception will follow the performance.

SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014

The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER

Canned soups and canned pasta, please, like Chefboyardee, Progresso and Spaghettios. Have other good ideas? Feel free to include them.



**GOING PLACES
Travel Reminder!**

We have scheduled a special tour for 2014, "BELLE'S BIRTHDAY BASH", in Louisville, KY, October 16-19. This is a top 100 tourist attraction. Eight riverboats from around the country will race on the Ohio River. Accommodations at the famous Galt House on the river, cruises on two of the river boats, reserved seats for the fireworks over the river, breakfast at Churchill Downs and watch the horses train, and more. **DEPOSIT OF \$50 MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 30.** Final payment is not due until August 8, 2014. Brochures are by the kitchen or call Carolyn, 861-0841. This would be a great Christmas gift!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by

- Warren Petty
- Elizabeth Newsome
- Rhoda Phelps
- Thomas Goddard
- Ruby Killebrew
- Jimmy & Jane Hight
- Perry Mann
- Terry & Margie Williamson
- Eugene & Nancy Thomas
- Doris & Hugh Burchfield

Apportionments

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by

Keith Coffman

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by

Mary Robbins
Cathy Boice

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars now for Dec. 7, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome! Admission is FREE. Old St. Nick will surely have plenty of candy canes at the ready!

POINSETTIAS

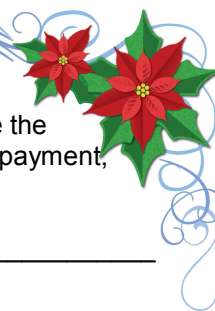
Honor your loved ones this Christmas by placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary. Please complete the information below and return, with payment, to the church office.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

_____ ordered \$14.00 each
(Order deadline is December 8th.)



Aldersgate UMC



December 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 9:15a Prayer Time 9:15a Fellowship Time hosted by Current Events 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship Service/ Hanging of the Green 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting</p>	<p>2 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline </p>	<p>3 6:00p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>4 NO Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 10:00a Bible Study</p>	<p>6 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake  9 to 11a Breakfast with Santa for all ages - FREE</p>
<p>8 9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship Service  12:15p Fellowship Class Party</p>	<p>9 Noon News Deadline</p>	<p>10 10:00a Koinonia Group 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope</p>	<p>11 NO Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Current Events Party @ A-Tan  Offices Closed</p>	<p>14 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake Extra Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>15 9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship Service  6:00p <i>A New Birth, A New Beginning</i> Cantata & Candlelight Service</p>	<p>16 Noon News Deadline</p>	<p>17 6:00p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>18 Noon News Deadline for next week's newsletter NO Fellowship & Study NO Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 10:00a Bible Study</p>	<p>20 6:00p Arts for Life's Sake Concert & Reception  Offices Closed</p>
<p>22 9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship Service</p>	<p>23 News Deadline was 12/18/13</p>	<p>24 Offices Closed  Christmas Eve Communion 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day  <i>Blessings of the Season</i> To You and Yours Offices Closed</p>	<p>26 NO Bible Study</p>	<p>27 28 No Scheduled Activities Offices Closed</p>
<p>29 9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Closing Session/Advent Study 10:55a Worship Service</p>	<p>30 Noon News Deadline</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aldersgate United Methodist Church</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 Pastor: Dr. Paul I. Scheirer Choir Director: JoAnn Shelton Organist: Lana Solomon</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Phone: 901.683.8861 Fax: 901.683.1374 Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>		



Happy Birth-

- Dec. 1 Milton Craft
Alison Metler
Rebecca Williamson
- 2 Barry Mathis
- 4 Kathy Earl
Doris Palazzini
- 5 Matt Hall
D.L. Park
- 6 Robin Bellott
Marcelle Farrow
Martha Wallace
- 10 Warren Petty
- 11 Judy Stanley
- 13 Miki Craft
Lorilee Griffin
Mary Hicks
- 14 Jean Leslie
Gloria McCollough
Jake Tschume
Bill Whitaker
- 15 Carmelina Lopez
- 23 Mava Dell Fry
- 24 Barine Deekae
- 25 Elizabeth Godbold
- 26 Faith Gbeneneh
- 28 Robert King
Renee Little
- 30 David Weaver
- 31 Mickey Lopez, Jr.



Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 21 Richard & Frances Morris
- 25 Jimmy & Jane Hight
- 28 Gary & Becky Graves

ASSISTING IN DECEMBER

Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	1 Brother Paul 8 Tom Lockhart 15 Barry Mathis 22 Renee Little 29 Brother Paul
Children's Time	1 Brother Paul 8 Bruce Hughes 15 Diana Bedwell 22 Lisa Hughes 29 Rebeca Ernst
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861 or email office@agumc.org. Thank you.

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east. Love, the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east. Love, the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east. Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east. Love, the Lord is on the way.

UM Hymnal
Eleanor Farjeon
Words by permission of David Higham Assoc. Ltd.

