Methodist G'town

St. Francis

Lynda Park 303 North Martha Wallace 411

St. Jude

William Sadler 2011

**Hospice Care** Mary Stanley

At Home Betty Ray

Mark Lewis

## **OUR PRESENCE**

## December 1

Church School 37 61 Worship Visitors 4

**OUR GIFTS** 

## December 1

This Week's Offering 4,658 MTD 4,658 7,618 Apportionments TD

> **OUR SERVICE December 8**

Margie Williamson Greeters

Lorelle Woodard

Liturgist **Bruce Hughes** 

Scripture Tom Lockhart

Children's Time **Bruce Hughes** 

Lock-up Wayne Lawrence

> **OUR WITNESS December Scripture Readers**

15 Barry Mathis

22 Renee Little

29 Brother Paul

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



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



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

Phone: (901) 683-8861 E-mail: office@agumc.org Fax: (901) 683-1374

Flame

Website: www.agumc.org

December 4, 2013

Volume 58 Issue 49

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

"It is no use saying that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late. Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts.

But now it is with the voice of our contemporaries that he speaks, with the eyes of store clerks, factory workers and children that he gazes; with the hands of office workers, slum dwellers and suburban housewives that he gives. It is with the feet of soldiers and tramps that he walks, and with the heart of anyone in need that he longs for shelter. And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it is giving it to Christ.

If we hadn't got Christ's own words for it, it would seem raving lunacy to believe that if I offer a bed and food and hospitality to some man or woman or child, my quest is Christ. There is nothing to show it, perhaps. There are no halos already glowing round their heads—at least none that human eyes can see."

(From Dorothy Day's, "Room for Christ," in Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas.)

Peace and Grace. **Brother Paul** 

Scripture Readings for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13

Sermon Title "The Gift of Hope"

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 12/8	9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship 12:15p Fellowship Class Party Fellowship Hall
Mon. 12/9	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 12/10	10:00a Koinonia Group 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 12/11	NO Fellowship & Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal Note Time Change
Thu. 12/112	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 12/13	Offices Closed 7:00p Current Events Party @ A-Tan
Sat. 12/14	9:00a AFLS

# DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Sun. 12/15

Doctrine and Discipline in the Christian Life
No motif in the Wesleyan tradition has been more
constant than the link between Christian doctrine
and Christian living. Methodists have always been
strictly enjoined to maintain the unity of faith and
good works through the means of grace, as seen
in John Wesley's Nature, Design, and General
Rules of the United Societies (1743). The coherence of faith with ministries of love forms the discipline of Wesleyan spirituality and Christian discipleship.

**Extra Choir Rehearsal** 

9:15a Prayer Time

10:00a Advent Study

6:00p Christmas Cantata &

Candlelight Service

10:55a Worship

The General Rules were originally designed for members of Methodist societies who participated in the sacramental life of the Church of England. The terms of membership in these societies were simple: "A desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins".

#### THANK YOU NOTES

A special thank you to the Current Events Class for the delicious refreshments provided for our Fellowship Time. Our next Fellowship Time will be January 5, 2014, hosted by the Fellowship Class.

Thank you so much to Brother Paul, Aleita Tutor, Lorelle Woodard and Mary Robbins for decorating our church for the season, a reminder to make our hearts and minds ready to receive the Child of Light.

## **SCHEDULING FOR 2014?**

The 2014 office calendar is on the closet door UN-DER this year's. Feel free to schedule activities or call the office for help.



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Follow God's lead and he'll provide all you need.



## YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 15, at 6:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir will present "A New Birth, A New Beginning", by John Purifoy. The celebration of Christmas gives each of us the opportunity to relive and reflect on that first Christmas, the birth of our Savior and the promise of a new beginning as Christians. We will contemplate the challenge to Mary (and to us) to trust God, overcome fears and rejoice as the shepherds did; and to offer gifts and to worship as did the Magi. Come, be lead through the compelling Christmas story, celebrating a new birth and a new beginning!

#### **UMW NEWS**

Our officers have been installed and we are ready for a fruitful and blessed 2014.

### - ADVENT STUDY -

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam

Session 2—-"Christ Came to Set Us Free", lead by Lana Solomon. Join us Sunday, Dec. 8, 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!



## **CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS**

...for 2014 will be available soon—cost: \$15. Look for order forms in the hall or call the church office to place your order.

## **GOING PLACES**

Sign up now for the special tour "BELLE'S BIRTH-DAY BASH", in Louisville, KY, October 16-19. Accommodations at the famous Galt House, cruises on two river boats, reserved seats for the fireworks, breakfast at Churchill Downs 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!



## SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014

January is coming up fast! Greeters needed! The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

### **HOLIDAY CONCERT AT GPAC**

The Germantown Chorus and Germantown Symphony combine to present a varied selection of holiday music on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Germantown Performing Arts Center on Exeter Road. Tickets are \$16 and available at the GPAC box office or at *germantownchorus.com/concert*.

FOOD PANTRY Canned Soups



FOR DECEMBER
Canned Pasta

#### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

## **Memorial Fund**

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by

Tish & C.A. Davis
Mike Bosi
Evelyn Bass
Lou Pennington
Don & Tillie Speraw
Ruby Armstrong
Mary Armstrong
Barry & Amy Smith

Henry & Sheryl Goddard

## **Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by
Marcelle Farrow



(Order deadline is December 9th.)