

OUR PRAYERS

Hospice Care

Tina Gift

King's Dau. and Sons

Martha Ruth Allen 101

At Home

Carolyn McDougal Mike Simmons
Jack Baker

Our Sympathy

love and prayers go out to
...Harold Smith & family in the loss of his wife,
Joye Smith
...Darlene Echlin & family in the loss of her
mother, Joyce Sutor
...Family & friends of Officer Lang, killed in the
line of duty
...Family & friends of those killed at Sandy
Hook Elementary and the residents of New-
town, CT

OUR PRESENCE

December 16

Church School 46
Worship 74
Visitors 2



OUR GIFTS

December 16

This Week's Offering \$ 1,998
MTD \$ 14,664
Apportionments TD \$ 17,400

OUR SERVICE

Assisting December 23

Greeters Audrey Weaver
Keith Coffman
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Judy Stanley
Children's Time
Lock-up Jimmie Bedwell

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

30 Happy Gbeneneh



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Lord God, some of us are a little like the Shepherds; just carrying on with our jobs...despite the turbulence in the world scene. Give us a message...send us an angel that will start us seeking a new way of life.

Lord God, others of us are like the Wise Men from the east; we can see the need of some power to come and to give us direction, but we don't know in which direction to go. Give us the wisdom to see that it is not in physical power that our salvation lies, but in love and humility.

We ask You make us expectant, instead of planners. We ask You make us seekers, rather than know-it-alls. We ask You for grace so that we are ready to receive. We ask You for humility so that we are prepared to accept Your way of doing things. We ask You for faith, and faith is a gift, really to believe.

— "Send Us an Angel" by George MacLeod —

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Dec.23

Hebrews 10:5-10
Micah 5:2-5a

Sermon Title

"Divine Places"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 12/23 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship

Mon. 12/24 6:30p Christmas Eve
Communion Service
Offices Closed

Tue. 12/25 Christmas Blessings
Offices Closed

Wed. 12/26 No Evening Activities

Thu. 12/27 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 12/28 Offices Closed

Sat. 12/29 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 12/30 9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship



SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2013

The months of August through December are still available to be a greeter. The sign-up sheet is on the office window.



CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS

December 23 will be the last day to order your 2013 Church Photo Calendars, which will bring back sweet memories of this past year. Calendars will be ready for pick-up on December 30 just in time for the New Year!

The children and youth want to thank all of you who supported this outreach project. We will be delivering calendars to our shut-ins the first of the year and their delight will bring great joy to us.

THANK YOU NOTES

Wasn't *Born a Savior, Born a King* just the perfect highlight to the season?! Thank you Choir for blessing us with your talents and helping us relive that night so long ago when all the earth was blessed with a Savior and King.

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You have once again exhibited why Aldersgate is known as "the church of the warm heart". Your love and support during the loss of our mother was extraordinary! All the calls, cards, memorials to Aldersgate and the Alzheimer's Association, food, attendance at Mom's celebration of life and personal condolences have given us the support to work through this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

The family of Dean & Aleita



FOR THE FOOD PANTRY THRU DECEMBER

Fruit Juice & Canned Fruit



THE UPPER ROOM

...for Jan/Feb is now available on the tables outside the sanctuary. Don't miss a day of these great devotionals.



DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church

Article III—Of the Resurrection of Christ
Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men at the last day.

Article IV—Of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

The Articles of Religion are reprinted from the Discipline of 1808

UMW NEWS

What good book are you reading right now? One of the new books on the UMW Reading List is Debbie Macomber's *One Simple Act*. It is a great book describing how to discover the power of generosity. Its easy to read and will inspire you to practice her suggestions. Those of us who have read it highly recommend it.



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Honorarium Fund

In honor of Perry Wilson, who I have had the pleasure and honor of sitting next to for 15 years
by Bruce Hughes

In honor of Keith & Frances Coffman in celebration of their 63rd anniversary by
Ben & Patricia Carr

In honor of Tom & Sharon Lockhart in celebration of their 50th anniversary by
Ben & Patricia Carr

Memorial Fund

In memory of Jean, Mac & Dennis McCarty, our parents and brother by
Michael & Mary Ann McCarty

In memory of Ed Gabriel by
Ben & Patricia Carr

In memory of Wanda Tabor by
Ben & Patricia Carr

In memory of Mary Tutor by
Ben & Patricia Carr

In memory of Russell Volmer by
Ben & Patricia Carr

In memory of Phil Weaver by
Ben & Patricia Carr



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Make the most of yourself,
for that is all there is of you.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Wishing you the blessings
of peace, love and joy
at Christmas and always.

Brother Paul

Perry Wilson

Lana Solomon

Kathy Earl

Aldersgate UMC

January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117 901-683-8861 Pastor: Dr. Paul Scheirer Director of Music: Perry Wilson Organist: Lana Solomon Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org		1  Offices Closed	2 No Evening Activities	3 No Bible Study	4 Offices Closed	5 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 3:00p District Leadership Training @ St. John UMC
6 Epiphany 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	7 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Pres. Noon News Deadline	8 10:00a Koinonia 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope	9 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00a Bible Study	11 Offices Closed	12 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake
13 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	14 Noon News Deadline	15 6:00p Cub Scouts	16 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	17 10:00a Bible Study 11:15a White Beans & Bingo 	18 Offices Closed	19 9:00a UMW Pres/VP Day @ Burdette Chapel 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake
20 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service 12:15p UMW Executive Mtg. 12:15p Spaghetti Lunch sponsored by the Youth	21 Noon News Deadline	22 6:00p Cub Scouts	23 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	24 10:00a Bible Study	25 Offices Closed	26 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 9:00a Cub Scout Race Day & Pancake Breakfast 
27 Boy Scout Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship Service	28 Noon News Deadline	29	30 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	31 10:00a Bible Study		



Happy Birthday

Jan . 1 Leslie Blythe
David Craft
Kevin Dunn
Greg Head
Bob Moseley
4 Joan Clark
Margaret Luna
5 Kendal Campbell
7 Hollie Robertson
8 Ben Carr
Joy Deekae
Duncan Godbold
9 Tom Priddy
13 Roger Umnuss
14 Tilford Woodard
15 Margaret Moseley
19 June Burton
Bill McMullin
21 Barry Florow
24 Mary Robbins
Pam Young
25 Peggy Brightwell
28 Tillie Speraw
30 Gary Graves



Happy Anniversary

Jan ? Jamie & Stacey Craft
21 Don & Tillie Speraw
27 Wayne & Ginny Lawrence
28 Dean & Aleita Tutor

ASSISTING IN JANUARY

Greeters Peggy Brightwell
Audrey Weaver

Liturgist Bruce Hughes

Scripture Brother Paul
Dean Tutor
Happy Gbeneneh
Jane Hight

Children's Time.....

Lock-up Neil DeLong



At The Entering of the New Year by Thomas Hardy

Our songs went up and out the chimney,
And roused the home-gone husbandmen;
Our allemands, our heys, pousettings,
Our hands across and back again,
Sent rhythmic throbbing through the casements on to the white highway,
Where knighted farers passed and muttered, "Keep it up well, do they!"

The contrabasso's measured booming
Sped at each bar to the parish bounds,
To shepherds at their midnight lambings,
To stealthy poachers on their rounds;
And everybody caught full duly the notes of our delight,
As time unrobed the Youth of Promise hailed by our sanguine sight.



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