

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist East (Mary)Sue Swett surg. 12/3
Duncan Godbold surg 12/3

Our Sympathy and love go out to Gene Lester, and family and friends of Glenda Lester, who passed away November 29.

...and to former member, Jack Harding, and family and friends of Laxine Eva Harding, who passed away November 30.

OUR PRESENCE

November 29

Church School 50
Worship 89
Visitors 8

OUR GIFTS

November 29

Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 1170
Church School \$ 27
Total Rec'd \$ 1197
November MTD \$ 18121
YTD Conf. payments \$ 25783

OUR SERVICE

Assisting December 6

Greeters Keith & Frances Coffman
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Children's Time Brother Paul
Usher Roger Umnuss
Lock-up Jimmie Bedwell



December Scripture Readers

13 Barry Mathis
20 Earline Gabriel
27 Renee Little

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FROM THE PASTOR

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. With the beginning of the holiday season, I know it is easy to become so consumed with all the festivities, that the true meaning of the Christmas holiday can be lost.

A couple of good opportunities will again be offered at Aldersgate, which I believe can help prepare us for Christmas. The first is our Christmas Cantata and candlelight service which will be in the evening of Dec. 13 and our Christmas Eve communion service on the 24th.

I hope you will make plans to attend both of these worship opportunities.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Dec. 6
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Sermon Title
"Here's Johnny!"

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun., Dec. 6 - Sat., Dec. 12
- Sun. 12/6 9:15a Fellowship Time
9:45a Church School
10:55a Worship
12:15p Fellowship Class Party
- 12:30p Angelfood Orders**
6:00p Women of Zion
- Mon. 12/7 Noon Newsletter Deadline
9:30a Trip to Enchanted Forest @ Pink Palace
6:00p Women of Zion
- Tue. 12/8 6:30p Girl Scouts
7:00p Love/Hope
- Wed. 12/9 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 12/10 10:00a Adult Bible Study
- Fri. 12/11 Offices Closed
Current Events Party @ the Stanleys
- Sat. 12/12 **9:00a Breakfast w/Santa**
9:00a Holiday Book and Bake Sale
9:00a AFLS
10:30a Angelfood Distribution



**COMING UP
Breakfast With Santa**

...for kids of all ages on
Saturday, Dec. 12 - 9 a.m. **No charge.**
Bring your friends and neighbors. Santa welcomes all!



Holiday Book & Bake Sale

Saturday, Dec. 12 - 9 a.m.
Books make great gifts and so do goodies! You won't want to miss this!



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 13 - 6 p.m.
"Touched By a Child,
Touched By a King"

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your many gifts. You are such a blessing to the residents at Wesley Manor. Aldersgate has such caring people. May our gifts bring joy to others.
Jean McCarty

Many thanks to Brother Paul, Mary Robbins, Carolyn McDougal and Lorelle Woodard for their help in setting up the Chrismon trees and hanging the wreaths for the Advent season.

...and Help Needed

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to the Oxford Class Christmas Card to provide toys for the families served by the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers.

Now we are in desperate need of volunteers to work in the toy center the week of Dec. 14-18 from 9:30a to 4:00p. You may choose to work all day, just the morning (9:30 to 1) or afternoon shift (1:00-4:00), or just a few hours, but please help! You will be assisting the parents/guardians in picking out toys for the children they signed up. We allow them to spend about 10 minutes each with a volunteer. If you can help, give me a call at 754-3429 or email me at jtomlockhart@bellsouth.net. Thanks again for your help!

Sharon Lockhart

LAST FELLOWSHIP TIME OF 2009

...is 9:15am on Sunday, Dec. 6, hosted by the Current Events and Bible Classes. See you there!

UMW NEWS

Have a blessed season!

from the United Methodist Women
Please remember the dates for this month: Koinonia/Rebecca moved to Wed., Dec. 9 for program and potluck lunch.

Our Unit meeting following church on Dec. 13, will have District President, Marilyn Hathaway, giving the program and installing 2010 officers. Incoming officers MUST be installed.

Our business meeting consist of each officer bringing an item representing her work as an officer to put "on the table" in connection with our theme of the year. We will try to keep this meeting short because of other activities that day. Women of Zion are in charge of set-up for lunch.

DO YOU KNOW ME?

Thank you for your help. We have found a few of our "missing" but are still looking. If you know address, phone, cell, email or birth date for anyone on this list, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email :

office@agumc.org

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| Doris Brown | Joey Burton |
| Bonnie Carter | Donna Crawford |
| Michael Deaton | Rob Ellis |
| Marcia Green | Bonnie Hibner |
| Sherry Jacobie | Robert A. King, Jr. |
| Ruth Knowles | Kyle Kramer |
| Richard Leatherwood | Melissa Lee |
| Elizabeth Lopez | Jean Aileen Martin |
| Bettye Paratore | Sean Rush |
| George Andrew Washington, Jr. | |
| Charles Webb | John Wilburn |
| JoLyn Wilburn | |

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:
The Memorial Fund

In memory of Glenda Lester
by Kathryn Clark



ANGELFOOD ORDERS

...will be taken on Wed., Dec. 2, from 6 - 7 p.m. and on Sun., Dec. 6, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Distribution will be Sat., Dec. 12, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Menus are available outside the church office. Volunteers are needed to assist with ordering and distribution. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, for more information and to volunteer.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A child of the King should bear a family resemblance.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

...for Dec. 6, are being placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Rev. J.L. Smithmier in remembrance of his birthday on Dec. 4, by his family.



POINSETTIAS

Lovely poinsettias will adorn the Sanctuary for the holidays. If you wish to honor or memorialize loved ones in this way, please complete the form below, include payment and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office by Dec. 6. The cost is \$15.00.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Quantity _____ Amt. _____