

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Tina Gift

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to family and friends of Mike Deaton.

OUR PRESENCE

December 27

Church School	41
Worship	67
Visitors	2

OUR GIFTS

December 27

Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 2140
Church School	\$ 14
Total Rec'd	\$ 2154
December MTD	\$ 17540
YTD Conf. payments	\$ 41457

OUR SERVICE

Assisting January 3

Greeters	Richard & Frances Morris
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Brother Paul
Lock-up	Neil DeLong

January Readers

3	Brother Paul
10	Warren Petty
17	Judy Stanley
24	Martha Burford
31	Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR

I have written a series of sermons on prayer as part of my most recent Doctor of Ministry class. This was my assignment for my final project in the area of spiritual formation.

Beginning on January 3rd, I will begin preaching these sermons at our Sunday worship. The first sermon is about some of the things Jesus said about prayer, and when Jesus Himself prayed.

The following seven sermons deal with the Lord's Prayer. Each week I will look at a different part of the prayer and its importance for us as servants of Christ.

I hope you will be able to attend most, if not all of these services, and my prayer is that they help you with your prayer life as they have helped me.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Jan. 3

Isaiah 60:1-6

Luke 11:1

Sermon Title

"Lord Teach Us How to Pray"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Jan. 3 - Sat. Jan. 9

- Sun. 1/03 9:15a Prayer Room
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 6:00p Women of Zion
- Mon. 1/04 Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 1/05 6:30p Girl Scouts
- Wed. 1/06 **Epiphany**
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 1/07 10:00a Adult Bible Study
- Fri. 1/08 Offices Closed
- Sat. 1/09 9:00a AFLS

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith makes things possible, not easy!



HOMEBOUND?

Are you a homebound Aldersgate member or do you know someone who is. Are you on our Homebound List? We want our list up to date so we can stay in touch. Please call the church office if you know someone homebound or a shut-in who would like to be contacted.

COMING SOON



Angelfood Dates for January

Orders will be taken on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 12:30p to 1:30p and on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 6p to 7p. Distribution will be on Jan. 23 from 10a to 11a. Volunteers are needed to assist with orders and distribution. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, to volunteer or for more information.



United Methodist Men Meeting for Dinner

...on January 10, at 6 p.m. You won't want to miss the first meeting of the new year. Dinner is \$5.

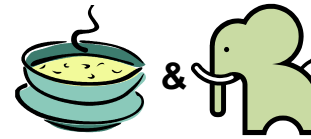
Fellowship Time

...will be on the **second** Sunday, January 10, in the Fellowship Hall.



RECYCLE THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please save the fronts of your Christmas cards and give them to Mary Robbins. We will be making ornaments from them as gifts for next year.



LUNCH & GAMES

Come join us for food and fun on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch of white beans & corn bread followed by White Elephant Bingo is the order of the day! Bring "white elephant" gifts, beautifully wrapped, as bingo prizes. What fun in sharing your "lovely" items!

DO YOU KNOW ME?

While we have found a few of our "missing" there are still quite a number that we have no contact information for. If you know address, phone, cell, email or birth date for anyone on this list, please call the church office, 683-8861.

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| Christopher Barber | Betty Blythe |
| Leslie Blythe | Ellen Boals |
| Doug Bradsher | Doris Brown |
| Joey Burton | Bonnie Carter |
| Leslie Chandler | Donna Crawford |
| Angela Ellis | Brian Ellis |
| Pam Ellis | Marcia Green |
| Greg Head | Bonnie Hibner |
| Ruth Knowles | Kyle Kramer |
| Melissa Lee | Elizabeth Lopez |
| Bettye Paratore | Clinton Pollan |
| Diane Pollan | Lauren Pollan |
| Sean Rush | Dorothy Schneider |
| Lauren Smith | Lisa Smith |
| Nadine Smith | Kathy Surbaugh |
| Andy Washington | Billy Washington |
| Kay Washington | Charles Webb |
| John Wilburn | JoLyn Wilburn |
| Sean Wilburn | |

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Maintenance

In honor of Kathryn Clark

By Rick & Rebeca Ernst

Pew Cushions

In honor of our church family and friends from Underwood

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Marcelle Farrow

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Dorothy Hyatt

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Aleda Kelly

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Doris Palazzini

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Paul & Barbara Scheirer

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Ed & Judy Stanley

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Wanda Tabor

By Kathryn Clark

In honor of Kathy Earl

By Kathryn Clark

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Michael Deaton

By the Oxford Class

Memorial Fund

In memory of Art McConnell

By James H. Baker, Andrew Baker