

Sun. 1/10 **LOOKING AHEAD**
 First Sunday After the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship

Mon. 1/11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day
 Noon Newsletter Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ **Asbury**

Tue. 1/12 10:00a Koinonia Group
 7:00p Love/Hope Group

Wed. 1/13 10:00a Bible Study @ **Asbury**
 10:30a Methodist Hospital Aux.
 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
 10:59p One Harvest Order
 Deadline

Thu. 1/14 9:00a Food Pantry @ **Asbury**
 10:00a Bible Study
 11:00a Golden Cross Key Women

Fri. 1/15 Offices Closed

Sat. 1/16 9:00a AFLS
 10:00a Sewing Group
 6:00p Spanish Service @
Asbury/EI Redentor

Sun. 1/17 10:15a Sunday School
 11:30a Worship
 12:30p Trustees Meeting

MISSING STAPLER

The stapler from my desk seems to have taken a little hiatus. If you know its whereabouts, please return it to my office. Thanks,

Kathy



2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes are on the table outside the Sanctuary. If you need them mailed, please call the church office, 683-8861. Envelopes left over from 2015 are fine to use. Just be sure to put your name on them.



ORDER YOUR 2016 CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS

...by emailing office@agumc.org or by calling the office at 683-8861, or by using the blue envelopes on the tables outside the Sanctuary or in your Sunday School room. \$15 each for a wonderful year of memories!



WORK DAY COMING UP

Plan to join us as we clean up, straighten up and generally tidy up around the church and grounds, on Saturday, January 23, at 9 a.m. Bring your gloves, aprons and cleaning rags, an extra broom or rake, and a smile.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for January/February is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Be sure to pick up your copy today.



BIBLES STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 7

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This sort-term study will be "A Feast Worthy of Devout Celebration". There is a short reading to be done before the study that is available in the church office.

No reservations needed!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Is God opening a door of service for you?
 Pray for His guidance.

UMW NEWS

In January, the Koinonia Sup-group program will be built around one of two programs that ask for a special offering. In 2016 our Call to Prayer and Self-denial offerings will support programs that empower women to gain the resources they need to earn a living wage and care for themselves and loved ones. Some of these resources/programs may include vocational training, job readiness & life skills training, and small business development assistance. Programs like these make an astonishing difference in the lives of women. Be generous with your gifts and invite others to share the blessing of giving.

Golden Cross Key Women will meet on Thursday, Jan. 14, 11:00 a.m., at Wesley Stage Park, 2779 Battle Creek Dr., in the Raleigh area. All who are interested are invited to attend.

Items needed for this ministry are: shampoo, hand soap, tooth paste and tooth brushes. Please leave them in the "Golden Cross" basket in the hall. Thank you!



FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY

Canned Fruit
 Canned or Dried Beans



BISHOP McALILLY TO HOST CRUISE/TOUR OF PAUL'S JOURNEYS

...12 days in Greece, Italy & Turkey with Dr. Davis Chappell as guest speaker. A pre or post tour to Rome is also available. Tour fees, with all-inclusive pricing, start at \$3996 from Memphis or Nashville, with an additional fee of \$598 to add the Rome tour. Visit Mykonos, Ephesus, Rhodes, Athens, Corinth, Naples & Pompeii, among others. Departure date is September 29, 2016. Complete information may be found at eo@travelwithus.com or by calling 863-648-0383.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for **Memorial Fund**
In memory of Dr. Bernard Rainey by
 Terry & Margie Williamson

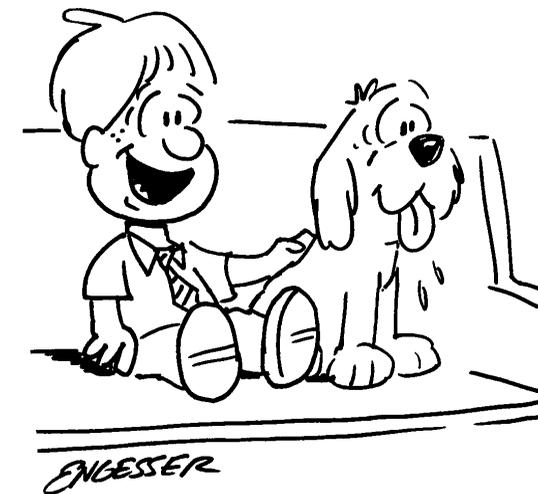
Scholarship Fund
In memory of Dr. Bernard Raines by
 Love/Hope Group of UMW
 Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold
 Joyce Kernodle
 Mary Robbins
 Cathy Boice & Daniel

Children's Ministry
In memory of Dr. Bernard Rainey by
 Tom & Sharon Lockhart



HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR POINSETTIA?

There are a dozen or so poinsettias still waiting to find their forever home. Please pick them up by Sunday, Jan. 10th.



"You said we could bring a friend!"

OUR PRAYERS

Paterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria

...earthquake victims

...flood victims

...hurricane victims

...tornado victims

...blizzard victims

Corinth, MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Jack Eaton
Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin
Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley	Doris Palazzini
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

OUR PRESENCE - January 3

Sunday School	47
Worship	78
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS - January 3

Offering	\$ 3,809
Month to Date	\$ 3,809
2015 Apportionments	\$ 20,611

OUR SERVICE - January 10

Greeter	Margaret Ann Ligon Audrey Weaver
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Nubari Deekae
Children's Time	Rev. De la Cruz
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers

17	Peggy Brightwell
24	Tom Lockhart
31	Faith Gbeneneh



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Pastor's Ponderings

Work of Christmas Begins

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with the flocks,

Then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal those broken in spirit,

To feed the hungry,

To release the oppressed,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among all peoples,

To make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the light of Christ, every day, in every way,

in all that we do and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

The time is now. As we come to the close of the 12 Days of Christmas, the real work of Christmas begins. The work that Jesus calls us to do each and every day; finding the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, releasing the prisoner, rebuilding the nations, bringing peace among all people. This is the work of Christmas. Our Work. We can't do it without God's help, but remember that nothing is impossible with God. We CAN do the work God calls us to do!

Happy New Year and blessings throughout 2016,

Virginia

Scriptures for the week:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-7

Psalms 29

Luke 3:15-17,21-22