

Sun. 1/24	LOOKING AHEAD Third Sunday after the Epiphany 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship
Mon. 1/25	Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury
Tue. 1/26	No Activities
Wed. 1/27	10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/28	9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 1/29	Offices Closed
Sat. 1/30	9:00a AFLS 6:00p Prayer Vigil @ Asbury/EI Redentor
Sun. 1/31	10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Church Council Mtg.



BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAYS AT 10

The current sort-term study is "A Feast Worthy of Devout Celebration". No reservations needed!

Our Lenten Study, to begin on February 12, is "24 Hours That Changed the World", by Adam Hamilton. Study books are available in the church office for \$7.

And remember—the same studies are available at Asbury UMC on Wednesday mornings if you must miss on a Thursday.



2016 CHURCH FAMILY CALENDAR ORDER DEADLINE IS SOON

Email the church office at office@agumc.org or call the office at 683-8861, or use the blue envelopes on the tables outside the Sanctuary to place your orders. \$15 each is a bargain for a wonderful year of memories!

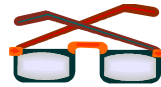
THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
Thanks to all of you for your prayers and thoughts for my brother, Dr. Bernard Rainey. I know your prayers were with him and he appreciated them, as did my family. He was a great brother and will be missed.

God bless you always,
Lorelle Woodard

WORK DAY — January 23

Do you like to paint, polish and put things in order? 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.



ALDRSGATE JOINS THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE IN MARKING 25 YEARS OF PROJECT 20/20

Sunday, February 7, will mark the anniversary of Project 20/20. This all-volunteer operation, based at Emmanuel UMC in Memphis, has provided glasses for international mission teams for 25 years. Making this possible are the churches of the Memphis Conference. Aldersgate is one of those churches.

On February 7, we will celebrate Sunglasses Sunday. This year there is a special need for adult and children's sunglasses and for new reading glasses for the Room In The Inn program, directed especially to the homeless.

You are encouraged to bring any glasses you no longer use or new glasses and sunglasses to church on Feb. 7, and place them in the box outside the office door.

For more information about Project 20/20 or Sunglasses Sunday, you may contact Grace Bonner, 20/20 Coordinator, at grace.bonner@comcast.net.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As a group of believers,
we are charged to do God's work,
bringing honor and glory to His name.

UMW NEWS

"Response" Now In Digital Form

Ladies, have you looked at the new digital version of "Response" magazine? Launched in late 2015, it will be published 11 times a year. Sharing stories of women in mission, this digital version is especially appealing to those trying to reduce their carbon footprint and aids UM Women in caring about our environment by "going green". Go to <http://click.esp.umcom.org>, for a preview.

The Gathering at St. Luke's

Saturday, January 23 - 10:00 a.m.

This gathering at St. Luke's is an opportunity for the former Asbury & McKendree Districts to bond into one Metro District, getting to know each other and working together. All UM Women are encouraged to attend, whether you are an officer, a circle member, an at-large member or would just like to learn what UMW is all about. A light lunch will be served. Join us and bring a friend.



FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY

Canned Fruit
Canned or Dried Beans



CHURCH COUNCIL TO MEET

January 31, 12:30p

A light lunch will be served for Council Members.

PLEASE NOTE

The church no longer needs plastic grocery bags. Please recycle.



Germantown UMC Invites You to a BROWN BAG LUNCH

Bring a sack lunch, beverages will be provided, as you hear Charlie Lambert, attorney, author and film reviewer, on the topic of "Hollywood's Golden Age—the Studio System and a Glimpse at Oscar". Admission is free on Friday, February 5, beginning at 11 a.m. Reservations are NOT required. 2331 S. Germantown Rd. Questions? Please call Luci Cromer, 755-0803 or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107. Come enjoy the program and fellowship.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Memorial Fund
In memory of Jean, Mac & Dennis McCarty by
Michael & Mary Ann McCarty



TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP AT LAKESHORE

Its not to early to make plans for summer camp at Lakeshore. They have camps for children ages 7 through 18, including Wilderness, Fishing, Tree-house, Music & Arts, Watersports, and there is even an over-night camp for Mom/Dad & Me for ages 5-9. Camps begin May 30th and go through July 29.

You may contact Lakeshore directly for more information or with any questions at 731-584-6102 or office@lakeshoreuma.com. A weekly schedule is available in the church office and on the Lakeshore website.



EXCLUSIVE PRE-RELEASE SCREENING OF "GOD'S NOT DEAD 2"

All pastors, ministry leaders and church leaders, and a guest, are invited to a very special pre-release screening of this highly anticipated follow-up to "God's Not Dead". In this new movie, an epic court case could expel God from the public square once and for all. This is a powerful call to action and vivid reminder that taking a stand for Jesus could soon cost you everything.

Details: Monday, January 25 at 7:00p
Malco Paradiso Cinema 16
584 S. Mendenhall Rd.

Please R.S.V.P. for tickets to:

<http://godsnotdead.themoviescreener.com/evite>
The film opens to the public in theaters on April 1.

OUR PRAYERS

The Med

Brad Weaver D519

At Home

Bill Whitaker

Paterson, NJ

Irvin Scheirer

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria

...disaster victims

Corinth, MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

Hospice Care

Sylvia Edwards

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 17

Sunday School	43
Worship	70
Visitors	8

OUR GIFTS - January 17

Offering	\$ 2,499
Month to Date	\$ 8,195

OUR SERVICE - January 24

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

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Reader
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Never-ending Points Of Light

by [Ken Barnes](#)

Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their labors; for their good deeds follow them!" ([Revelation 14:13b NASB](#))

The voice in the book of Revelation tells us that the good deeds in this life follow us into the next. A good deed is like a point of light created in the universe, it continues to shine through eons of time.

Of course we know that our right standing with God is not dependent on weighing our good works against our bad. It is a free gift. But the Bible does speak about eternal rewards. In [2 Corinthians 5: 10 \(NASB\)](#) it says, "...so that one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." There is a day coming where God will set the record straight and rewards will be given based on divine justice.

Yes, it does seem like in this world that the righteous sometimes seem to end up on the short end of the stick. In Psalms 73 the psalmist seems to get tripped up a bit about this. He laments over the prosperity of the wicked and the chastisement of the innocent, until he sees the big picture, "Then I perceived their end" (v7b). There is a day of reckoning approaching when God will judge our actions based on the thoughts and the intentions of our hearts. Then all those with servant hearts will receive their imperishable crowns.

There is one difference between the luminosity created in the universe and the glow of God's approval. Physical illumination from the moment of creation starts to dim, but God's luminescence never diminishes. So look up my dear servants of Christ and see your good deeds as never-ending points of light.

Scriptures for the week:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Psalms 18

Luke 4:14-21