

OUR PRAYERS

Signature Rehab G'town Methodist

Wayne Lawrence Birdie Boyd

Bright Glade NH Special Prayers for
Bernard Rainey ...kidnapped girls/Nigeria

Paterson, NJ
Irvin Scheirer ...earthquake victims/Nepal
 ...flood victims/Texas
 ...hurricane victims/Mexico

OUR SYMPATHY, love and prayers go out to
...Jeff Mitchell & family in the loss of his mother,
 Jean Riley
....Family & friends of Joe Calabretta

Homebound and Assisted Care

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

OUR PRESENCE - November 22

Sunday School 37
Worship 71
Visitors 11

OUR GIFTS - November 22

Offering \$ 1,007
Month to Date \$ 13,079
Apportionments To Date \$ 6,776

OUR SERVICE - November 29

Greeters Jane Hight
 Betty Jones
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Faith Gbeneneh
Children's Time Dr. Finzel
Lock-up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

6 Tom Lockhart
13 Jane Hight
20 Barry Mathis
27 Warren Petty

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1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 I Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 11/29	First Sunday of Advent ☪ 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship/Hanging of the Green
Mon. 11/30	Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury
Tue. 12/1	No Activities
Wed. 12/2	10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 12/3	9-Noon Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Advent Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts
Fri. 12/4	Offices Closed
Sat. 12/5	9:00a AFLS 6:00p Spanish Service and Children/Youth Fellowship at El Redentor/Asbury
Sun. 12/6	Second Sunday of Advent ☪☪ 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT POINSETTIAS?

Lovely red poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary again this Christmas. You may order them to honor your loved ones. They will be placed in the Sanctuary beginning December 13.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given By _____

Cost: \$15 each # Ordered _____

Please complete this form and return, with payment, to the church office. Deadline: Dec. 9. You may take your poinsettias home after our worship service on December 20th.



— SUPPORT A ST. JUDE HERO —

Sign up (on the office window) to support Andrew Baker as he runs in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon on December 5. Help Andrew help St. Jude reach 100% survival rate from childhood cancer!

THANK YOU

...to our little elves, Peggy Brightwell, Mary Robbins, Aleita Tutor and Lorelle Woodard, for making the church look so festive in preparation for the Hanging of the Green this Sunday, as we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

New address for Terry & Margie Williamson:
513 East 16th Street, #6
Mountain Home, AR 72653



YOU CAN STILL BE INCLUDED IN THE OXFORD CLASS TRADITION

Although there is no more Oxford Class Christmas Card gathering donations for the Toy Store, you are encouraged to donate to their new cause, Adopt a Christmas Angel.

A child or children in either the Miriam Day Care, the Shelby County Preschool or the After School Program, may be "adopted" for Christmas and given a "Christmas bag", filled with \$50 worth of gifts.

We have 3 children to buy for. If you would like to help by shopping for an item(s), donating an item(s), or donating cash to purchase an item(s), please see Wayne Quarles, Lorelle Woodard, Peggy Brightwell, Dean or Aleita Tutor, Mary Robbins, Warren Petty or Tom or Sharon Lockhart. They will be happy to take your donations.

UMW NEWS

Our next Unit Meeting will be on December 6. Installation of Officers for 2016 will be the program for the day. Please bring a salad or a side dish to share.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10am for our Advent study, "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas". God is calling us to be signposts for others!

FOR YOUR MUSICAL ENJOYMENT OF THE SEASON

December 5 at 8 p.m. and December 6 at 2 p.m. the IRIS Orchestra will present another concert in their "Sweet Sixteen" series, featuring the music of Barber, Foote, Grieg, Puccini and Tchaikovsky, at the Germantown Performing Arts Center.

Lindenwood Christian Church will present "The Christmas Spectacular 2015" on December 13, at 7:30 p.m., featuring old favorites and newer pieces, including the area premier of "Cradle Hymn", by Norwegian composer Kim Arnesen. For tickets, please call 458-1652.



Mark your calendars now for our own Christmas Cantata on December 20 at 6:00 p.m. You are sure to enjoy the Christmas story in song and scripture.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Challenges lead us to God, where He can empower us to aspire.

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Through this holiday season, we will continue to collect gifts for Grace Place, Golden Cross and the Food Pantry. Below are some suggestions.

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Yarn (especially Christmas colors) Stamps
Birthday Cards Aida Cloth Embroidery Thread
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Bring smiles to the faces of Wesley residents:
Combs & Brushes, Lotion, Deodorant, Shampoo, Shower Caps, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Hand Soap, Peanut Butter, Soup, Juice, Aspirin, Tylenol, Postage Stamps
Canned Meats, Fruits and Vegetables, Paper Goods and Household Cleaners
Please leave your gifts in the Golden Cross basket near the Sunday School office. Thank you.

December Food Pantry

A complete basket or any of these items:
2 cranberry sauce 2 cans corn
2 cans green beans 2 bags stuffing
1 large can yams 12 oz. instant potatoes
1 box powdered milk 1 small instant coffee
4/5 lbs. sugar 4/5 lbs. flour
48 oz. canola oil 40 oz. biscuit mix
1 cake mix 1 can frosting
1 box family-size tea bags
\$15 Kroger Gift Card
Other Food Pantry items are also welcome.
Thank you!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Save the Date...

Saturday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, come meet Santa and his helpers. Open to big & little, short & tall, young & young at heart, all ages. Admission is FREE.

Aldersgate UMC



December 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Pastor: Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel Outreach Min: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz Choir Dir: Lisa Hughes Organist: Lana Solomon Pianist: Lynn Coffman</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts</p>	<p>4 Offices Closed</p>	<p>5 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake Guatamalan Mobile Consulate @ Asbury 6:00p Spanish Service Children & Youth Fellowship @ Asbury/El Redentor</p>
<p>6 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service Guatamalan Mobile Consulate @ Asbury</p>	<p>7 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Pres. Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury</p>	<p>8 10:00a Koinonia 7:00p Love/Hope</p>	<p>9 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadline</p>	<p>10 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 10:00a Bible Study</p>	<p>11 10:30a Sr. Adult Game Day @ Asbury Offices Closed</p>	<p>12 9:00a Arts For Life's Sake 9:00a Breakfast with Santa  6:00p Spanish Service Children & Youth Fellowship @ Asbury/El Redentor</p>
<p>13 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p UMW Installation of Officers</p>	<p>14 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury</p>	<p>18 11:30a Young at Heart – Asbury 6:00p Arts for Life Holiday Concert - Sanctuary Offices Closed</p>	<p>19 1:00p One Harvest Distribution 6:00p Spanish Service Children & Youth Fellowship @ Asbury/El Redentor</p>
<p>20 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 6:00p Christmas Cantata </p>	<p>21 Noon News Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 NO Bible Study @ Asbury NO Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 6:00p Candlelight Communion Service @ Asbury Offices Closed</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day  Offices Closed</p>	<p>26 7:00p Prayer Vigil @ Asbury/El Redentor</p>
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Happy Birthday

- 1 Milton Craft
Alison Metler
Rebecca Williamson
- 2 Barry Mathis
- 4 Kathy Earl
Jay Finzel
Doris Palazzini
- 5 Matt Hall
D.L. Park
- 6 Robin Bellott
Marcelle Farrow
Martha Wallace
- 10 Warren Petty
- 11 Judy Stanley
- 13 Miki Craft
Lorilee Griffin
- 14 Synolve Craft
Jean Leslie
Gloria McCollough
Jake Tschume
Bill Whitaker
- 15 Carmelina Lopez
- 20 Elijah Oyoo
- 23 Mava Dell Fry
- 24 Barine Deekae
- 26 Faith Gbeneneh
- 28 Robert King
Renee Little
- 29 Brandon Gordillo
- 30 David Weaver
- 31 Mickey Lopez, Jr.



Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 21 Richard & Frances Morris
- 25 Jimmy & Jane Hight
- 28 Gary & Becky Graves

ASSISTING IN DECEMBER	
Greeters	Faith Gbeneneh Fortune Gbeneneh
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
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| Shampoo | Shower Caps | Tooth Brushes |
| Toothpaste | Hand Soap | Peanut Butter |
| Soup | Juice | Aspirin |
| Tylenol | Postage Stamps | Canned Meats |
| Canned Fruits | Canned Vegetables | Paper Goods |
| | Household Cleaners | |

Please leave your gifts in the Golden Cross basket near the Sunday School office. Thank you.

December Food Pantry

A complete food basket for UMNC or any of these items:

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 cranberry sauce | 2 cans corn | 2 cans green beans |
| 2 bags stuffing | 1 large can yams | 12 oz. instant potatoes |
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\$15 Kroger Gift Card or cash/check

Other Food Pantry and non-perishable items are also welcome. Thank you!

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org.