

## OUR PRAYERS

<b>St. Francis</b> Bill Whitaker	<b>At Home</b> (con't) Lynda Park
<b>Hospice Care</b> Mary Stanley	Jeanette Leslie Linda Ann Gullick
<b>At Home</b> Earl Galloway	Jesse McClerkin Marcelle Farrow Judy Stanley

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...Judy Carter and family in the loss of her mother,  
Lorene Nance

**Special Prayers** for  
...kidnapped girls from Nigeria

### Homebound/Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Gerri Colosia
Jack Eaton	Mava Dell Fry	Helen Griffin
Marie Hughes	James Matlock	Doris Palazzini
Jane Pifer	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	

### OUR PRESENCE - November 23

Church School	50
Worship	86
Visitors	18

### OUR GIFTS - November 23

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,636
MTD	\$ 8,600
Apportionments TD	\$ 10,657

### OUR SERVICE - November 30

<b>Greeters</b>	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Dean Tutor
<b>Children's Time</b>	Lisa Hughes
<b>Lock-up</b>	Barry Mathis

### OUR WITNESS

#### December Scripture Readers

7	Peggy Brightwell
14	Jane Hight
21	Lisa Hughes
28	Tom Lockhart



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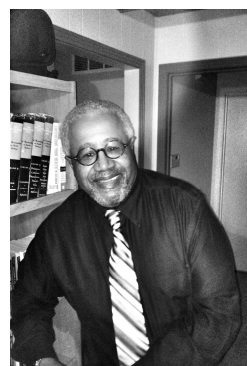
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## THE WRITE REVEREND



*“O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.”* Psalm 118:1

As we approach our national day of giving thanks to the God of the universe for God's mercy and for God's bounty, I would like to challenge you to make every day a day of thanksgiving! At some point in every day, find just one thing to be thankful for. You might be surprised at what it does for your spirit!

Believe it or not, celebrating thanksgiving gave birth to one of the oldest phrases in our national political lexicon. When Thomas Jefferson was President of the United States, he was asked why he did not declare national days of prayer and thanksgiving. Jefferson replied that he refrained from the practice because there is a wall of separation between the church and the state.

There is no wall of separation, however, between us and the God who so richly blesses us!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

*Herbert*

Scriptures for the Week: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 UMH #801;  
I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

## LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 11/30 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen  
 10:00a Advent Study Begins  
 11:00a Worship  
**12:15p Baby Shower for Mireya Ramos and baby Sofia**
- Mon. 12/1 Noon News Deadline  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- Tue. 12/2 6:00p Cub Scouts
- Wed. 12/3 **7:00a Dental Van**  
**10:00a NO Bible Study**  
**6:00p Children/Youth**  
 NO Evening Fellowship & Study  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 12/4 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
- Fri. 12/5 Offices Closed
- Sat. 12/6 **7:00a Dental Van**  
 9:00a AFLS  
 10:00a UMW District Executive Team @ Faulkners
- Sun. 12/7 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen  
 9:45a Church School  
 11:00a Worship  
 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting  
 Emphasis: Hospital Aux.  
**6:00p Christmas Cantata**



### NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS IN 2015

This is your advance notice! We will start the new year of 2015 with a new schedule for Sunday School and Worship. Beginning January 4, 2015, our Sunday School classes will begin at 10:15, with worship time at 11:30. This will give our ministers time to better serve our Parish churches and us plenty of time for fellowship and coffee. Please put these changes on your calendar now as a reminder!

## WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Please give a warm, Aldersgate welcome to our new family, the Hernandez/Ramos's, who joined our church Nov. 23. Dad, Yobani and baby, Sofia, were baptized and mom, Mireya Ramos, along with older children, Alex and Millie, were also accepted. The family lives at 4430 Willow Road.



As part of welcoming our new family, join us on Sunday, Nov. 30, right after worship, at a baby shower for little Sofia and her mom. Come celebrate with them the blessing of a new child.

## ADVENT STUDY BEGINS

All adults in the church are invited to our Advent Study, "Not a Silent Night". This is the story of the birth of the Christ Child as told by Mary. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday during Advent at 10:00 a.m., beginning Nov. 30. Books may be ordered for \$11 each through the church office. Join us for this special study together.



## PROGRAMS END FOR THE SEASON

Wednesday morning Bible Study and Wednesday evening Fellowship and Bible Study are taking a break from now until mid-January-ish, until Brother Herbert is up and about again. He will be having knee surgery December 1 and will need some recovery time. Please keep him in your prayers.

## UMC 'GIVING TUESDAY' SET FOR DECEMBER 2

This online giving campaign is a way of celebrating generosity. The General Board of Global Ministry has approved more than 850 Methodist related Advance projects and 300 missionaries to receive donations from Giving Tuesday. 100% of these gifts go directly to the designated programs. More info can be found at [advance@umcmmission.org](mailto:advance@umcmmission.org).

## UMW NEWS

Remember, Ladies, our Unit meeting is coming up on Dec. 7, right after worship. District officer, Lisa Archer, will join us for installation of officers. Lunch will be a salad potluck. Our emphasis this month will be the Hospital Auxiliary. Some ideas are tooth brushes, small tooth paste and lotions, small deodorants and shampoos, shaving cream and hand-crafted items. The Bazaar could also use jewelry, books and bric-a-brac.



## FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER

Peanut Butter Soup Crackers



## ORDER FROM 'ONE HARVEST' NOW

One Harvest is now accepting orders for December—and the "Christmas Box" will give you the traditional holiday meal with all the trimmings, including dessert.

Online orders must be placed by 10:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14. Distribution will be at Asbury UMC on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m. You may contact Debbie Williams, 901-355-5397, for more information.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**First Week of Advent - Nov. 30-Dec. 6**

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord, so that at the coming of Christ, your son, we may be found worthy.



## OXFORD CLASS CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT TO BENEFIT MIRIAM CENTER

Save money, save stamps, save a tree by wishing your church family a Merry Christmas on the GIANT Christmas Card furnished by the Oxford Class. Wish Christmas blessings to all and help underprivileged children as well. Donations may be given to Terry Williamson or the church office. Please make checks out to Aldersgate UMC and note 'Christmas Card' in the memo line.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Lorene Nance by  
 Love/Hope Group of UMW  
 The Fellowship Class



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

...is coming up on Saturday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Open to big & little, short & tall, young & young at heart, all ages. Come and meet the jolly old elf himself. You might even ask him which cookies he likes best for a snack! Admission is FREE. Remember—Dec. 13th for Breakfast with Santa!



## GIFT WRAP CENTER OPEN AT ASBURY

Need help getting everything done during this busy season? Gift wrapping is available at Asbury UMC on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. with elves ready to help you out. There is a nominal fee. To arrange drop off or for more information, please contact Debbie Williams at 901-355-5397.



I KNOW WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE...MY GRANDMOTHER'S SECRET RECIPE FOR GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE.

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## December 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	<b>1</b> 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury 6:00p Cub Scouts	<b>3</b> <b>NO Bible Study</b> Thru December 7:00a Dental Van by Appointment 6:00p Children/Youth Activities NO Fellowship & Study thru December 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury	<b>5</b> Offices Closed	<b>6</b> 7:00a Dental Van by Appointment 9:00a AFLS 10:00a UMW District Exec. Mtg.
<b>7</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship Service 12:15p UMW Unit Meeting  6:00p Christmas Cantata	<b>8</b> Noon News Deadline  	<b>9</b> 10a Koinonia 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury 6:00p Cub Scouts 7p Love/Hope	<b>10</b> 10:00a Methodist Hospital Aux.  6:00p Children/Youth Activities	<b>11</b> 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury	<b>12</b> Offices Closed 10:30a Adult Games Day at Asbury	<b>13</b> 9:00a Breakfast with Santa 9:00a AFLS  6:00p Current Events Class Party
<b>14</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship Service  10:59p Deadline to order online from One Harvest	<b>15</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>16</b> 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury  6:00p Cub Scouts	<b>17</b>  6:00p Children/Youth Activities	<b>18</b> 9-12 Food Pantry at Asbury 6:00p UM Men @ Asbury	<b>19</b> Offices Closed 11:30a Young @ Heart at Asbury  6:00p Fidelis Class Party	<b>20</b> 9:00a AFLS  1:00p One Harvest Distribution at Asbury
<b>21</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship Service	<b>22</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>23</b> 1:00p Gift Wrap @ Asbury	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>  6:30p Candlelight Communion Service Offices Closed	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Blessings</b>   Offices Closed	<b>26</b> Offices Closed	<b>27</b> 9:00a AFLS
<b>28</b> 1st Sunday after Christmas 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship Service	<b>29</b> Noon News Deadline	<b>30</b>  <b>Please have all 2014 contributions in the office by 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>  No Activities	<b>Aldersgate United Methodist Church</b> 4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117  Pastor: Dr. Herbert L. Lester, Jr. Youth Ministries: Rev. Milton W. Craft Organist: Lana Solomon  Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374 Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org Outreach Ministries: Rev. Goyo De la Cruz Choir Director: Jo Ann Shelton		

## Happy Birthday

- 1 Milton Craft  
Alison Metler  
Rebecca Williamson
- 2 Barry Mathis
- 4 Kathy Earl  
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
- 23 Mava Dell Fry
- 24 Barine Deekae
- 25 Elizabeth Godbold
- 26 Faith Gbeneneh
- 28 Robert King  
Renee Little
- 30 David Weaver
- 31 Mickey Lopez, Jr.



## Happy Anniversary

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

<b>ASSISTING IN DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Sobari Deekae Faith Gbeneneh
<b>Liturgist</b> .....	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b> .....	Peggy Brightwell Jane Hight Lisa Hughes Tom Lockhart
<b>Children's Time</b> .....	Perri Mathis
<b>Lock-up</b> .....	Tom Lockhart



## REMEMBER OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

Peanut Butter    Soup    Crackers

## Kiss Under the Mistletoe

Though the night was quite dark, Christmas candles were shining;  
The firelight flamed by the tree:  
From the ceiling was strung strands of green intertwining,  
'Twas mistletoe cut from the lea.  
In the room was assembled a party so cheerful,  
Young couples so dashing and bright;  
And they sang many songs, both the sweet and the tearful,  
Or danced Christmas reels through the night.  
When the night was advancing, the people disbanded,  
Departing in pairs though the snow;  
But one girl and her escort stayed late and were stranded  
By snowflakes in gales that would blow.  
So they sat by the fire, holding hands through the night;  
They kissed 'neath the mistletoe green:  
And the eyes of the other the prettiest sight,  
They thought that they ever had seen.

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