

OUR PRAYERS

Allenbrooke Rehab

Bill Whitaker

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

At Home

Herbert Lester

Sharon Lockhart

Marcelle Farrow

Christy Nettles

Lynda Park

Jeanette Leslie

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

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls from Nigeria

OUR PRESENCE

November 30

Church School 49

Worship 77

Visitors 18

OUR GIFTS

November 30

This Week's Offering \$ 6,510

MTD \$ 15,110

Apportionments TD \$ 10,657

OUR SERVICE

December 7, 2014

Greeters Sobari Deekae
Faith Gbeneneh

Liturgist Bruce Hughes

Scripture Jane Hight

Children's Time Perri Mathis

Lock-up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

14 Peggy Brightwell

21 Lisa Hughes

28 Tom Lockhart



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Meaning of "Advent"

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture readings for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life. (Wikipedia)

Scriptures for the week: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 UMH 806);

II Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

LÖÖKING AHEAD

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
Mon. 12/8	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 12/9	10:00a Koinonia Group 1:00p Gift Wrap Open @ Asbury 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Love/Hope Group
Wed. 12/10	10:00a NO Bible Study 10:30a Meth. Hospital Auxiliary 6:00p Children/Youth NO Evening Fellowship & Study NO Choir
Thu. 12/11	9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
Fri. 12/12	Offices Closed 10:30a Sr. Adult Game Day @ Asbury
Sat. 12/13	9:00a Breakfast w/Santa 9:00a AFLS 6:00p Current Events Class Christmas Party
Sun. 12/14	9:00a Trustees Meeting 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship 10:59p Deadline to order from One Harvest

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Pause for a moment and remember—
God's love for you is as vast as the cosmos!



A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us Sunday evening, December 7, at 6 p.m. as our Chancel Choir presents "A Christmas Celebration". Full of wonderful and moving music and seasonal scriptures, you won't want to miss it. Again this year, as in years past, our Candlelight Service will follow the musical program.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

...to all who helped with our Thanksgiving Day dinner in any way, with special thanks to our friends from Asbury UMC. What a day it was! We met some old friends and made some new ones while we worked side-by-side, reaching out in the name of the Lord. As it always is with our church family, we could not have done it without you!



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

Remember to mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m. on December 24, for our Christmas Eve Communion Service. Our Communion table is open to everyone so invite your family, friends and neighbors.

'ONE HARVEST' ORDERS NOW DUE

One Harvest's "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.



COMMITMENT SUNDAY December 7th

"They shall not appear before the Lord empty handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given YOU." Deuteronomy 16:17

EPWORTH BY THE SEA PRESENTS 'WARMTH IN WINTER'

This winter retreat of warmth, comfort and hospitality, will be held January 12-14, at St. Simon's Island, GA. With a full schedule presented by storyteller extraordinaire, Andy Irwin, Civil War re-enactor, Brad Brown and "the Plantation Lady" Patricia Buie, this will be an exuberant and happy time.

The deadline for reservations is December 12, which may be made by fax: 912-634-0642 or on line at www.epworthbythesea.org.

UMW NEWS

Unit Meeting Sunday, Dec. 7 12:15p
Installation of Officers Salad Pot Luck Lunch



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come One — Come All

Saturday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, come meet Santa and tell him what you would like for Christmas. Open to big & little, short & tall, young & young at heart, all ages. Admission is FREE.



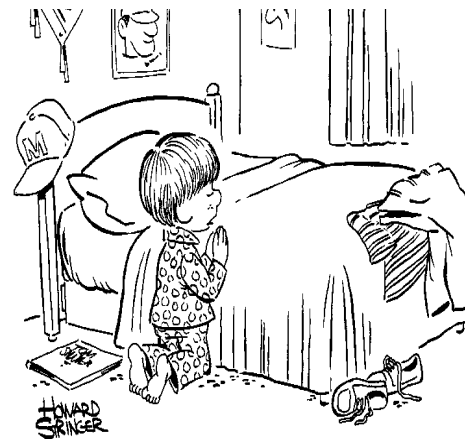
FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER

Peanut Butter Soup Crackers



NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS IN 2015

Beginning January 4, 2015, we will begin a new Sunday morning schedule! Sunday School classes will begin at 10:15, with worship time at 11:30, giving our ministers time to better serve our Parish churches and us plenty of time for fellowship and coffee. Mark your calendar now.



MY MOM SAYS THERE'S NO WAY I CAN HAVE A DIRT BIKE, SO, I GUESS YOU BETTER MAKE IT A PONY INSTEAD.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Lorene Nance by

Doris Bellott

Tom & Sharon Lockhart



"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

...will be presented at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center on December 19, at 8 p.m., featuring British-born actor, Jeremy Webb. This warm and funny version captures the very essence of the holiday spirit. Webb plays all 30 roles, changing characters in the blink of an eye. Tickets are \$25 each. Make your reservations at the box office, 901-385-6440

2015 GREETERS NEEDED

The new year is not far away and greeters will be needed each month. The sign-up list is on the office window for your convenience. Please sign up for your favorite month!



ADVENT AT SECOND

Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Ave., will offer Bach's "The Magnificat" on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., presented by the Westminster Singers and the Chamber Orchestra.

On Sunday, December 14, A Festival of Carols will be held at 6 p.m. This service is a favorite of families because of the sing-a-long carols and a special program designed for children.

On Monday, December 22, at 6 p.m., children (up to third grade) are invited to come in their favorite pajamas to sing songs, enjoy milk and cookies and hear the Christmas Story. Nursery available for 4 and under at all except PJ Story Time. There is no admission charge.