OUR PRAYERS

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Hospice Care

Martha Wallace 323B

Mary Stanley Lvnda Park

At Home

Betty Ray Mark Lewis

Remember our homebound

Martha Ruth Allen James Matlock Doris Babb Martha Mever Doris June Burton Lorene Nance Joan Clark Doris Palazzini Gerri Colosia Jane Pifer Mava Dell Fry Bernice Shelby Helen Griffin **Emmett Smith** Marie Hughes Harold Smith **Donnie Jones Betty Smithmier**

OUR PRESENCE

December 8

Church School 29 Worship 42 Visitors

OUR GIFTS

December 8

This Week's Offering \$ 5,822 \$ 10.480 MTD Apportionments TD \$ 7.618

OUR SERVICE December 15

Margie Williamson Greeters

Lorelle Woodard

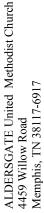
Liturgist **Bruce Hughes**

Scripture Barry Mathis Children's Time Diana Bedwell

Lock-up Wayne Lawrence

OUR WITNESS December Scripture Readers

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Scripture for December 15: James 5:7-10; Luke 1:46-55 Sermon:

"Count Your Blessings"

Merry Christmas to our Church Family

Brother Paul & Barbara Andrew Baker Jimmie & Diana Bedwell Cathy & Daniel Boice Chris, Leslie, Harley, Hayden & Elise Bond Peggy & Jeff Brightwell Anthony & Nell Clarke Keith Coffman Lynn Coffman Neil & Jean DeLong Tom & Kathy Earl Rebeca & Rick Ernst Carolyn Escue Marcelle Farrow Fidelis Class Earl Galloway & Justin **Emily Gift Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold**

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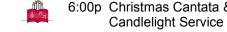
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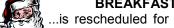
9:15a	Prayer Time
10:00a	Advent Study
10:55a	Worship
6:00p	Christmas Cantata
	10:00a 10:55a



Mon. 12/16	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 12/17	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 12/18	NO Fellowship & Study NO Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 12/19	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 12/20	Offices Closed

Fidelis Class Party @ the Hights 6:00p AFLS Concert and Sat. 12/21 Reception

Sun. 12/22 9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Advent Study 10:55a Worship



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

is rescheduled for **Dec. 14**, 9 to 11 a.m. All ages are welcome! Admission is FREE.

- ADVENT STUDY -

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam

Session 3—"Love Came Down in Bethlehem", lead by Margaret Ann Ligon. Join us December 15, 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!



"A NEW BIRTH, A NEW BEGINNING"

... our Christmas Cantata, will be presented by our Chancel Choir on December 15, at 6:00 p.m. Rejoice with them as they lift their voices in praise to celebrate a new birth and a new beginning!







FOR YOUR INFORMATION

You may wonder how the Thanksgiving Basket/ Christmas Toy Store programs work at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. The main center at 3000 Walnut Grove and Tillman oversees numerous food pantries at several church locations. Clients must be in that church's zip code and provide ID, MLGW bill, SSN, etc. They are allowed to shop once a month and usually receive one full bag of groceries. In the summer they also receive unsold produce from the farmers markets around town through St. Andrew's Gleaners program. Volunteers gather the unsold merchandise and bring it to UMNC's Walnut Grove location, where it is distributed around town to the various food pantries. In October, clients at the food pantries are given the choice of receiving a Thanksgiving Basket or the opportunity to shop in the toy store, but not both. The toy store operates 4 days and clients are assigned a date and time to shop. They must list each of their children's names and ages. When they bring their appointment card, the children's info is on the reverse and that is what the volunteers use to help them shop for age appropriate items. We have openings for volunteers for the week of Dec. 16-19. If anyone would like to help, they can let Sharon know at 754-3429. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



CONFERENCE HISTORIAN NEEDS HELP TO TRANSCRIBE DOCUMENTS

Ann Phillips, Conference Historian, recently rediscovered a box of handwritten autobiographies from 1906. Once volunteers transcribe them, the Memphis Conference will post them on its website. Phillips believes the job will be rewarding. "I think that folks would really enjoy this," she says. "I think its fun." You may contact Ms. Phillips at 731-664-5540 or memphisarchives@bellsouth.net if you are interested in this project.

UMW NEWS Make It Happen

Assembly 2014 - April 25 - Louisville, KY

A Call for Bread - We will share a moving experience centered around the scripture, Mark 6:30-44, the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 followers. We are asking each Conference to bring bread unique to their region to be part of Assembly. Your offerings will be used in the opening and closing worship services.

Don't forget to send in your story for We Make It Happen: A Living Timeline, showing how our members bring about change in their communities and around the world. We want to know and share with the world how our members rely on their faith, hope and love in action to Make It Happen for those deemed "the least".

You may contact Anissa New-Walker at awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org to share a story for this new project.

FOOD PANTRY Canned Soups



FOR DECEMBER Canned Pasta

SAVE THIS DATE IN JANUARY

The McKendree District will hold its annual Leadership Training event on Sunday, January 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Emmanuel UMC. This event is not limited to those holding leadership positions but is open to all church members. All are highly encouraged to attend as a way to get involved, learn what's going on in the church, and how things are done. For starters, Bishop McAlilly will be leading the Staff/Parish Relations Committee class. Other classes will include financial & insurance matters. working with volunteers, lay leadership, and communications, to name few. Mark this date on your calendar now!



GOING PLACES

Your deposit for Belle's Birthday Bash in Louisville, KY is now due by December 28. Final payment due August 2014. You don't want to miss the great riverboat race!

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Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Evelyn Goddard by Betty Smithmier



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO ORDER YOUR **CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS**

Now is the time to order the very special 2014 edition of the Church Family Calendar. Only \$15 for an entire year of great memories. Contact the church office, 683-8861, or Perri Mathis, 683-7050 or bamathis@att.net, to place your order.

THE INTERPRETER

...is introducing new departments - including one you will write! "We asked ... you said" will feature your responses to a question we will send you a few weeks before finishing each issue. We will use several responses in the magazine and more on the website.

Here is the first question – and we do want *your* response:

With what kinds of personal issues are United Methodists dealing that might benefit from spiritual support?

Think about it – and then send your response of 50-100 words to us at interpreter@umcom.org. Send it on or before Friday, Dec. 13. Please include your name, local church, city and state and a telephone number in case we need to contact you. Please note that by sending a response. you give us permission to use it in the magazine, on the website and in social media related to Interpreter.

We look forward to hearing from you – and to sharing the renewed Interpreter. Remember to send us your response to the question by Friday. Dec. 13.

SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014

2014 is almost here and we are still missing greeters for January. The sign-up sheet is on the office window. Please & thank you!