<u>Signature HC</u> Martha Wallace 323 <u>At</u> Be	PRAYERS <u>Hospice Care</u> 3B Mary Stanley Lynda Park t Home etty Ray rk Lewis	
	PRESENCE	
December 15 Church Scho	ool 39	
Worship	63	
Visitors	2	
OUR GIFTS December 15 This Week's Offering \$ 3,120 MTD \$ 13,600 Apportionments TD \$ OUR SERVICE December 22		DERSGATE United Methodist Church 9 Willow Road nphis, TN 38117-6917
		ted M -6917
Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard	Unit vad 3117-
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes	ATE w Rc IN 33
Scripture	Renee Little	RSG Villo iis, J
Children's Time		59 V εmpl
	Lisa Hughes	A 4 M
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence	



OUR WITNESS December Scripture Readers 29 Brother Paul

There will be NO Newsletter next week.

4th Sunday of Advent



THE FLAME is a publication of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The newsletter is published weekly. Please contact your local Postmaster if you are having difficulty with delivery



December 18, 2013

Volume 58 Issue 51

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. ---Agnes M Pahro

> Peace and Grace, Bro. Paul

Scripture Readings: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7

<u>Sermon Title:</u> "The Need to Belong"

LÖÖKING AHEAD

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

Mon. 12/23	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 12/24	6:30p Communion Service
Wed. 12/25	Blessings of the Season
Thu. 12/26	NO Bible Study
Fri. 12/27	Offices Closed
Sat. 12/28	No Activities
Sun. 12/29	9:15a Prayer Time 10:00a Final Session of

Advent Study 10:55a Worship





ORDER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY CALENDARS NOW!

Its time! Order your 2014 special edition of the Church Family Calendar. Only \$15 for an entire year of great memories. Contact the church office, 683-8861, or Perri Mathis, 831-2217 or online at: cell: bamathis@att.net, to place your order.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Celebrate his birth.



REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND This Holiday Season

Apt. 112

Doris Babb

Rm. 115B

Joan Clark

c/o Lili Turner

Gerri Colosia

1217 Cedar Dr.

Mava Dell Frv

Helen Griffin

Front Desk

Marie Hughes

4357 Barr Ave.

Donnie Jones

6480 Quince Rd.

2121 Tomkins Ln.

Millington, TN 38053

Camden, TN 38320

4094 Philsdale Ave.

Memphis, TN 38111

Memphis, TN 38119

Memphis, TN 38111

490 W. Poplar Ave.

Collierville, TN 38017

Rd.

Martha Ruth Allen James Matlock 3575 Hacks Cross Rd. 3589 Covington Pike Memphis, TN 38125 Memphis, TN 38128 Martha Meyer 6539 Knight Arnold 1536 Appling Care Ln. Rd. Extended Apt. 105 Cordova, TN 38016 Memphis, TN 38115

Doris June Burton Lorene Nance 2328 N. Reid Hooker 2351 Raleigh Weston, FL 33326 Eads, TN 38028

> Doris Palazzini 1554 Sea Isle Memphis, TN 38117

Jane Pifer 23267 Coker Cove Tecumseh, OK 74873

Bernice Shelby c/o Luna 9368 Rocky Hills. Dr. Cordova, TN 38018

Emmett Smith 3970 Geraldus Ave. Memphis, TN 38111

Harold Smith 4824 Stone Park Blvd. Olive Branch, MS 38654

Betty Smithmier 5033 Scheibler Rd. #D2 Memphis, TN 38128

UMW NEWS

Our thanks to Carol Howe, Rebeca's mom, for her donation to our Reading Program of Radio Shangri-La. It is under Education for Mission in our church library.



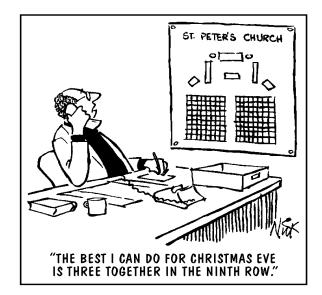


FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER Canned Soups Canned Pasta

Christmas Eve Communion 6:30 p.m.







HONORING OUR LOVED ONES Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund In memory of Earline Gabriel by **Charles & Marilyn Breitenstein**



SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014 We are still short on greeters for 2014. The sign-up sheet is on the office window. Please sign up!



DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Doctrine and Discipline in the Christian Life Wesley insisted, however, that evangelical faith should manifest itself in evangelical living. He spelled out this expectation in the three-part formula of the Rules:

"It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind....

Secondly: By...doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all ...;

Thirdly: By attending upon all the ordinances of God"

Wesley's illustrative cases under each of these three rules show how the Christian conscience might move from general principles to specific actions. Their explicit combination highlights the spiritual spring of moral action.

Wesley rejected undue reliance upon these rules. Discipline was not church law: it was a way of discipleship. Wesley insisted that true religion is "the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus", "the life which is hid with Christ in God", and "the righteousness that [the true believer] thirsts after".