



St. Mark's Remarks

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*"Live your life in such a way that those who know
you but don't know God
will know God because they know you."*

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Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel

Dear Brothers and Sisters on the Way,



December is come at last. Radios are tuned to Christmas music. Some of us are actually thinking about sending cards out this year. Christmas of course is a time to celebrate all the blessings we enjoy. The greatest is new life, by the grace of God. Here is a portion of a very old Christmas blessing that reminds us of that:

In the 42nd year of the rule of Octavian Augustus, all the earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, the Eternal God, and the Son of the Eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, nine months after his conception was born in Bethlehem of Judah, made Man of the Virgin Mary.

We have several opportunities to gather, greet one another with the grace of the Christ child and celebrate the Gift and the Giver.

- December 6:** United Methodist Women's Christmas Lunch
11:30 at the Soul Fish Grill, 3160 Village Shops Drive, Germantown
- December 7:** Second Sunday of Advent: Children's Christmas Music, Holy Communion, and First Sunday lunch following.
- December 9:** United Methodist Men's Club Church wide Christmas dinner
\$10 per person Single ladies of the Church are guests of the men.
Door Prizes Special Christmas music Silent Auction
RSVP to the church office 901.754.8185 by noon, December 4
- December 14:** Third Sunday of Advent: Christmas Cantata presented to the Glory of God by the St. Mark's Chancel Choir
- December 19:** Friday Film Night at 7:00 p.m.
- December 21:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24:** Christmas Eve: 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
- December 25:** Christmas Day
- December 28:** Wesley Covenant Renewal Service

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December Birthdays



Reitae Chenault	12/01
Linda Bazzinotti	12/12
Teresa Hink	12/13
Wayne Hager	12/14
Leesa Henderson	12/14
Sheila Donaldson	12/18
Linda Reid	12/18
Wanda Huffstetler	12/20
Mary Lynn Britt	12/27
Richard Donaldson	12/28

Visitors in November

Bryan Parker
Harold & Syble Gwatney
Reilly Burge
Liza Southerton
Marci Styer
Duan Cleveland
Betty Rakowsky

Marie Joiner
Maria Lozano
The Rushing Family
Terry D'Luan
Dee Sodeinde
Hazel Conar

November Average Attendance

Sunday School 24
 Morning Worship 71

2014 Budget: \$146,307.00 (Revised)

Budget Required through 11/30/2014: \$134,112.00
 Budget Received through 11/30/2014: \$128,199.00
 Budget Disbursed through 11/30/2014: \$133,351.00



Welcome New Members!

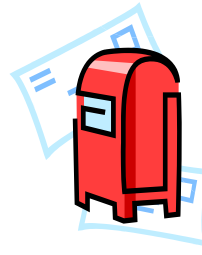
Ricky and Linda Reid
 Leesa Henderson
 Stephanie Hardin

Don't Forget Holiday Needs At the Capleville Community Food Pantry



A box is located in the Narthex of the church for your donations to the Capleville Community Food Pantry. The need is great and your help is appreciated! Last month 167 Families were served. What a blessing this ministry is!

UMW Christmas Post Office



The UMW Christmas Post Office is now open for business! Bring your Christmas cards for church members to the narthex December 7 or 14, and place them in the UMW mailbox. The elves will deliver your cards for you by December 21, and no postage is needed. We do ask that you give a small donation to UMW that will be used to support local missions. You may place your donation in the mailbox as well or give it to Mary Jane Randolph. It's time to start spreading Christmas love and cheer. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Barbara Jenkins at: 901 752 1128 or jenkinsba3@gmail.com.

UMM Fundraiser Continues!

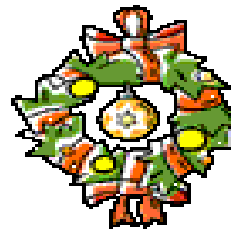


Delicious Mammoth Pecan Halves \$10.00 per bag
 Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans \$10.00 per bag
 Chocolate Covered Pecans \$10.00 per bag
 Cinnamon Glazed Pecans \$10.00 per bag

These make great gifts and/or stocking stuffers plus being an essential ingredient for those Holiday desserts!



Merry Christmas To Each of You!
 From the Pastor And Staff of St. Mark's UMC



Thanks to everyone who gave so generously of their time in decorating the church for the Christmas season.



St. Mark's United Methodist Women

The UMW has some important events coming up in December. Please put on your calendar the annual UMW

Christmas luncheon that will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 11:30 a.m. This special time of fellowship will be held at Soul Fish Grill at 3160 Village Shops Drive in Germantown near Forest Hill Irene. We **will** not be exchanging gifts, just enjoying a nice lunch with nice ladies! Please come join us! Next, December 7 is the first Sunday Luncheon and December 14th is the annual UMW Bake Sale. What a great way to get ready for the holidays by purchasing delicious homemade pies, cakes, cookies and chex mix to serve to your family. Anyone who would like to donate a baked item, please just bring it on Sunday, December 14th. The next UMW quarterly meeting will be held January 19th at 2:30 p.m. in the conference room. If you have been planning on joining our group, this would be a perfect time to begin. I promise we won't make you do anything that you aren't already doing! Please don't forget our ongoing projects: the First Sunday Luncheon, the Food Pantry, and the Golden Cross Baskets! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Barbara Jenkins at: 901 752 1128 or jenkinsba3@gmail.com.

Christmas Party	December 6
First Sunday Luncheon	December 7
UMW Bake Sale	December 14
Quarterly Meeting	January 19



Golden Cross Ministry

Thank you to all those members who donated coats and winter wear! We collected 32 coats and numerous hats, gloves and scarves. These will be used

to keep the Golden Cross residents warm in the upcoming cold season. Our next collection for Golden Cross is blankets. Please bring blankets to the narthex this month! Thank you again for all of your support for this worthwhile ministry. St. Mark's does make a difference!



St. Mark's United Methodist Men

Always a great event, our church wide Christmas Steak Dinner will be the 2nd Tuesday in December (December 9th). Friends and family are invited – single ladies who are members and regular attendees at St. Mark's eat free! There will be entertainment and lots of door prizes! Mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

The UMM is selling pecans again this year. The cost is \$10.00 per bag. We have Pecan Halves, Chocolate Covered Pecans, Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans, and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans – so keep us in mind as you begin your holiday cooking!



**Annual UMM
Christmas
Dinner
Tuesday,
December 9th
6:00 p.m.
Fields Hall**



Poinsettias will be beautifying the sanctuary on Sunday, December 14th and Sunday, December 21st.

If you have not placed an order for a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend, family member or loved one, you still have time! December 7th will be the last day for placing an order. Order forms can be found in the narthex or call the church office (901 754 8185). Cost will be \$8.00 each.

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December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6-8p Weight Watchers Meeting	3 7:00a Emmaus	4 6:00p Yoga Class	5	6 9:00 a Yoga Class 11:30a UMW Christmas Lunch @ Soul Fish Grill
7 2 nd Sunday in Advent 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1 st Sun Lunch followed by Choir Practice	8 6-7p NA2 6-7:30p Boy Scouts 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	9 6-8p Weight Watchers Meeting 6:30 p UMM Churchwide Christmas Dinner	10 7:00a Emmaus	11 6:00p Yoga Class	12	13 9:00 a Yoga Class
14 3 rd Sunday in Advent 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service Choir Cantata	15 6-7p NA2 6-7:30p Boy Scouts 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	16 6-8p Weight Watchers Meeting	17 7:00a Emmaus	18 6:00p Yoga Class	19 7:00p Family Film Night	20 9:00 a Yoga Class 2-4p Eagle Scout Banquet
21 4 th Sunday in Advent 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	22 6-7p NA2 6-7:30p Boy Scouts 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	23 6-8p Weight Watchers Meeting	24 7:00a Emmaus 6:30 p Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27 9:00 a Yoga Class
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