



The Canterburyian

NOVEMBER 2013

A welcoming Christian community building lives of faith and service for Jesus Christ through life-transforming worship, learning, and service.

A LEGACY OF COURAGE

That night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome."

Acts 23:11

On November 22, 1963, I was in high school 5th period P.E. class. The principal came on the P.A. system and announced that President Kennedy had been killed. Immediately, a number of those gangly gold shirt-black gymshorted adolescents clapped and cheered, "Yeah!!!" Among most whites in Birmingham at the time, it was popular to dislike the President, blame him for pushing integration. Then, after maybe 3 seconds; sudden silence. Shock began to sink in. Even raging hormone, screechy voiced 14-15 year olds got it. This was deeper than politics.

The 50th anniversary of the assassination close, I am leafing through John Kennedy's Profiles in Courage, first published in 1955 when he was a young senator. His topic was focused on the nature of courage and integrity in the long, still now, boiling cauldron of the U.S. Congress: House of Representatives and Senate. He offers three stinging quotes lamenting and questioning the efforts of these bodies to govern well. Each sounds as current as today. Actually, one was from the 1700's, one from the 1800's, and the other from the 1900's.

Admittedly, for Kennedy and us, courage is one of those tough to define - you know it when you see it and grieve when you don't - realities. As he sketches his eight characters, some fairly well known, and others still not, sometimes courage is to hold the course when others give in to popular pressure. At times it's courage to change while others cling to old ways. For governing, Kennedy cites the non-popular but critical courage to compromise with integrity essential for our form of government: "It is compromise that prevents each set of reformers from crushing the group on the extreme opposite of the political spectrum".

Our mission for worship and learning this Fall is "living together through the New Testament" with the Disciple Bible Study. Our theme is COURAGE TO FOLLOW JESUS AND SERVE OTHERS. I've tried a faith based working definition. *Courage is God's gift of hearts and hands to respond with love, instead of react with fear, to life challenges.* Note: it doesn't say no fear, which underlies every mean thing we do/every good thing we don't do. But it recognizes that God gives us something stronger than our fear. I'd love to hear your suggestions for a working definition.

They say it is never too early or too late to work on the legacy of our life. To connect to another image: every day each of us is building our legacy bridge as we walk on it. My sense of scripture is that God is always moving us to include in our care those previous generations excluded. I also am considering how Canterbury is living-building a legacy of courage to respond in love, not react in fear, to the challenges of our day. Both a small thing and a huge thing, I am heartened by the resolve of our church to turn itself outward in service to others. Where are you sighting glimpses of courage in the Canterbury part of Jesus' church?

Bill Morgan
Senior Minister

To comment on this article, go to Dr. Bill Morgan's NEW blog at
<http://billmorgancanterbury.wordpress.com>



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“Does my gift really make a difference?”
“Do I really make a difference?” When given
in the name of Jesus Christ --

“Absolutely YES!”

All we have, including life itself, is a gift
from God. Express your gratitude to Him,
and make a difference for good as you continue
to Follow Jesus & Serve Others in 2014.



CANTERBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR A NEW DIRECTION.



TO MAKE YOUR ONLINE COMMITMENT
GO TO WWW.CANTERBURYUMC.ORG/COMMITMENT

Welcome New Members

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR CANTERBURY FAMILY



**JENNY ADAMS,
BETH BARRINEAU**
Elizabeth
October 20, 2013



CAMILLE & RIK BECKER
(Rik not pictured)
October 20, 2013



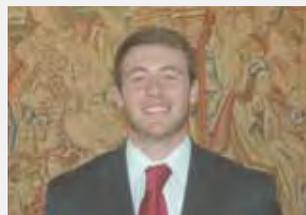
TARA & WES CLEM
Charlotte
October 20, 2013



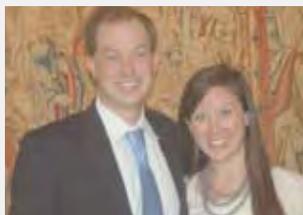
MICHELLE CREWS
Chandler, Harris & Mason
(not pictured)
October 20, 2013



LISA & CHRIS DOROUGH
Hudson, Helen & Mimi
October 20, 2013



WILSON JAMISON
October 20, 2013



**ELIZABETH & CHRIS
JEWELL**
October 20, 2013



**MARY VIRGINIA & JOSH
MANDELL**
*Ella Frances, Ham &
Mac (not pictured)*
October 20, 2013



BETH & MIKE PETERS
October 20, 2013



**ELIZABETH & CLINT
PRIDGEN**
Walker
October 20, 2013



**NATALIE & BENNETT
RAMBO**
October 20, 2013



PAM & GREG SIDDALL
Haley (not pictured) & Annika
October 20, 2013



**NANCY & SCOTT
THOMASON**
Robert & Andrew
October 20, 2013



NEXT BEGINNINGS CLASSES:
in Canterbury Hall at 9:15 am

January 26 - Worship
February 2 - Learning
February 9 - Service
February 16 - Stewardship & Joining

COMPLIMENTARY VISITOR LUNCH:
January 19, 2014
11:30 am - 12:30 pm/Dining Room (M204)

RSVP for lunch by 1/14/14 to
Becky King at 874-1520 or by email at
becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

WORSHIP NOTES

MAKING NEW SAINTS

The United Methodist Church website says it this way, "... [we] call people saints because they exemplified the Christian life. In this sense every Christian can be considered a saint."

The stained glass window in the sanctuary pictures the apostles, early saints, often including in the vignette the instrument of martyrdom, gruesome testimony to the perilous life lived by countless early Christians.

Here and now it is unlikely any of us will ever face dying for our faith. Our call to Follow Jesus, Serve Others will not involve fighting lions in the Roman Coliseum like our first century counterparts.

So how do we make new saints today? We learn what our faith is really all about through small groups, Sunday School, and practicing the centuries old practice of congregational worship. At the end of the sanctuary service we recess the cross, taking it out of the worship setting. The cross bearer is told that by bringing the cross into worship we bring a symbol of God's presence in worship. At the end of service we carry the cross out into the world.

Every November we recognize the saints, and every week as we join in worship we are actively making new saints, equipping people to live the Christian life. Join us weekly at 8:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 5 p.m. and get ready to be someone's saint. — Carolyn Davis, Coordinator of

Worship, Music, & Arts

FLYING SOLO

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Are you single and seeking a Sunday School class consisting of women like you, who would enjoy support and encouragement as you face life situations alone? Seek no more! Flying Solo started in October, and consists of women who are - well - flying solo! Geared to provide both practical and spiritual information and growth, Flying Solo class members will seek, share, and study as they navigate life together. For more information contact, Janice Windham at Janice.windham@gmail.com or Laura Sisson at lsisson@bsc.edu.



CANTERBURY ACADEMY

JESUS and THE GOSPELS

We are studying a 12-week look at the Jesus who lived and ministered in Galilee of Israel in the first century. Because our main sources for understanding Jesus are the four Gospels of the New Testament, we are discussing how each Gospel paints a different picture of Jesus, and how these differences affect how we use them as historical resources. We will also take a look at: (1) the social and archeological background to the Gospels in ancient Palestine, (2) the methods used to reconstruct a "life of Jesus", mainly in the last 20 years, and (3) Gospels that did not make it into the New Testament. The primary textbook will be Powell's, *Jesus as a Figure in History*, which can be purchased at the Canterbury Resource Center.

The class meets in room M227 on Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm for 12 weeks. It started on September 15. Dr. James Strange, an Assistant Professor of Religion at Samford University, who holds the PhD degree in Biblical Studies from Emory University, will lead the course. There is no tuition for the class.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org or by calling Ellen Thomas at 874-1533 or Oliver Clark at 868-6580.



Canterbury's Brown Bag Project Holiday Gift Card

Will be available at the front desk through Christmas. When you make a donation to Brown Bag at Canterbury, it's your special way of giving back when you honor friends and loved ones during the holidays. It's a "Win-Win" for all. For more information, contact Susan Dowdey at 874-1569.

BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Needs extra hands and hearts during our November hosting in the Scout Hut! Please be a part of this ministry as Canterbury hosts November 10-17. Contact Norita Murray to volunteer: rmurrayiv@charter.net

THE BROWN BAG PROJECT AT CANTERBURY



The Mission

The Brown Bag Project follows the words of Christ in Matthew 25:35 and provides nutritious, basic groceries to people who come to us in need. Our clients are the young and old, those affected by job layoffs or those that are considered low wage earners, and families suffering from the effects of a personal crisis or serious illness.

Statistics

We prepare meal bags and offer hospitality to over 200 individuals and families each week. 60% are Senior Citizens. We average 10-15 new clients each week. Since January 2013, we have served over 1,200 different individuals/families. Less than 4% of our total clients come twice a month.

Volunteers

Everyone who works with The Brown Bag Project is a volunteer. Our production/distribution/hospitality requires an average of over 40 different volunteers each week. We have a dedicated Brown Bag Team that oversees all of the major details so that our volunteers can experience service to the community while enjoying the experience. The main goal of all of us who work with Brown Bag is to be a welcoming group, to put aside our prejudices and personal agendas, and simply be ready for His service. For more information, please contact Susan Dowdey, Director of The Brown Bag Project at 874-1569, or Susan.dowdey@canterburyumc.org.

— Susan Dowdey

ADULT RESOURCE CENTER

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

A Celebration of Scripture and Photography Daily Devotional Blog

M – media B – book with study guide D – daily devotional book available

SMALL GROUP/SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS



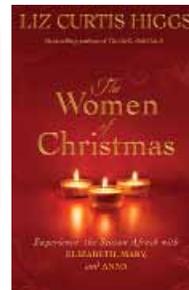
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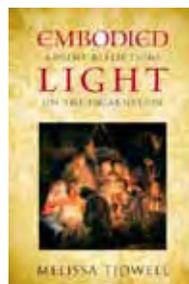
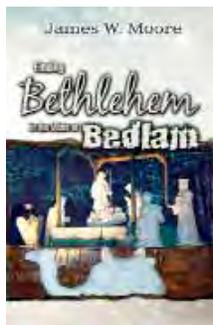


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FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES



For more information, go to www.canterburyumc.org/adventresources

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Avondale Samaritan Place

In memory of

- Arby Palmer
by Martha & Bill Fuller

Brown Bag Project

In memory of

- Betty Mason
by Donna Carroll, Jeanne & Billy Ray
- Bob Bryan
by Ann & Bill Rice, Donna Carroll,
Charles A. & Margaret Bundy, Kate &
John Cotton
- David DeMeis
by Charlie & Debbie Beavers
- Geoffrey Glaub
by Dailey Nichols
- Lucy Strickland
by Betty & Bill Gunn
- Mack Lofton
by Margaret & Bob Wendorf
- Mary Lou Payne
by Kay & Harry Littleton, Madelon
& Fred Rushing, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie
Baynes, Bette & Crawford Owen, Ann
Hicks, Carole Ann & Bob Moorer, Bill &
Gerrie Hansford, Anne & Paul Liles

Budget

In honor of

- Dr. R. B. Connor
by Jim Park

In memory of

- Arby Palmer
by Stuart Leach
- Betty Mason
by Davis Piano Quartet, Kirby Lawless
& Madelene Hollingsworth, Jean-Anne
Small, Frank Mason
- Dick Coffee
by Martha Cobb
- Russell Haynes
by The Haynes Family
- Ed Sprague
by Kathy Roebuck Powell, Maura &
Will Goodwyn
- Fred Vann
by Dorothy Venters

- John Akin
by Whitney Debardeleben/ Steward
Machine
- Mary Robinson Kirkman
by Martha Turner Seals & Mary Beth
Dennis
- William Carl Teschner
by Paula & Bob Henry
- Richard McDaniel
by Kathy Roebuck Powell

Camp Sumatanga

In memory of

- Ann Cochran • Arby Palmer
by Charles & Katy Terry

Carpenter's Hands

In memory of

- Ann Cochran
by Caroline Head
- Betty Mason • Ed Sprague
by Katy & Charles Terry
- Bob Bryan
by Dr. & Mrs. Nolan Hudson, Joy K.
Hogan, Katy & Charles Terry, Martha
Slaughter, Miriam McClung, Lynda
& Dick McLaughlin, Kathy Roebuck
Powell, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Tyndal,
Henry & Debbie Denbo, Jean Carraway

Children's Ministries

In memory of

- Bob Bryan • Dick Coffee • Ed
Sprague • Fred Vann
• Mark Lawrence
by Tempie & Todd Sharley

Counseling Fund

In memory of

- Bob Bryan
by Dr. & Mrs. Rex Payne, Marilu
Lee Bailey, Lynne, Robin, & Jessica
Bozeman, Melissa Norman Morgan,
Katy & Charles Terry, Mary Eleanor
& Tim Butcher, Anne & Barrett Hicks,
Corinne Doty Greer, Jeanie Gundersen,
Virginia & Tommy Tucker, Mr. & Mrs.
Robert Ragsdale, David Abramson, L.
Paul Kassouf & Co. P.C.

Health Care Ministries

In memory of

- Patricia Wood
by Ernie Wood

KnitWITS

In memory of

- Nelda Grace Barnett
by Gerrie & Bill Hansford

Martha's Garden

In memory of

- Skip Layne
by Jill Layne

Music Fund

In memory of

- Bob Bryan • Lamar Watson
by Mrs. Genie M. Palmer
- Mark Lawrence
by Martha Cobb, Margaret & Bob
Wendorf, Reg & Peggy Baker

Outreach Ministries

In memory of

- Bob Bryan
by Mr. & Mrs. Victor H. Hanson, III

Sr. Adult Ministries

In memory of

- Bob Bryan
by Sam & Betty Sumner, Reg & Peggy
Baker
- Dick Coffee • Mack Lofton
by Kathy Roebuck Powell, Reg & Peggy
Baker
- Richard McDaniel
by Reg & Peggy Baker

Sr. Minister's Discretionary Fund

In memory of

- Michael Stewart
by Katy & Charles Terry

The WAY

In honor of

- Drew Clayton
by Susan Davis



SURSUM CORDA
in concert
DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL
Sunday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.
Canterbury United Methodist Church
Free admission

Ola Gello: *Dark Night of the Soul*
Jacob Avshalomov: *How Long, O Lord*
J.S. Bach: *Komm, Jesu, Komm*
and more



MEDICAL MINISTRY
HEALTH screening

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

One Day Health Screening
with Life Line Screening
Wednesday, November 6
Starting at 9 a.m.

UMW NEWS



United Methodist Women Look Behind the Headlines

U.S. Poverty rate remains mired at record 46.5 million Doctor offers a second chance for African women with post-childbirth ailment.... Gypsy king pushed for girls' education....Montgomery latest to ban new quick-loan businesses. All of these were headlines in our local papers during the past couple of months, and all of these articles have been highlighted in the past year by our United Methodist Women.

Behind these headlines are the larger stories that we as United Methodist Women need to be aware of to become agents of change...

The nation's poverty rate remained stuck at 15% last year despite America's slowly reviving economy. More than 1 in 7 Americans were living in poverty, not statistically different from the 46.2 million of 2011 and the 6th straight year the rate has failed to improve. Poverty is one of our Mission Studies for 2013 and 2014.

Many girls in parts of sub-Saharan Africa have no choice in whom to marry or when to have children. Many of these 12 and 13 year old girls have difficult labor and delivery and are left with injuries from childbirth that leave them impoverished and rejected by their families. This issue was presented by the Reading Program book, Forgotten Girls.

There are some 12 million Roma (Gypsies) in Europe today, making the region's largest ethnic minority. We are coming together to study the Roma this year and next at our United Methodist Women's Schools of Christian Mission and in our local units. As a resource for participants in the study and as a window onto the complex reality of the Roma in today's Europe, the May 2013 issue of Response magazine looks at the daily life and challenges of the Roma.

Several cities in Alabama have enacted a ban on new business licenses for pay-day lending companies. These short-term lenders have been controversial among Alabama lawmakers for several years. Critics contend the companies charge exorbitant interest rates and target lower income people.

As United Methodist Women, we become aware of what is going on in our world. The Mission studies and reading are not always easy to discuss..... they are topics that take courage to delve into. But as United Methodist Women, we are growing in our faith and realizing that we need to understand difficult situations in our country and the world. When you have studied or read about a topic, suddenly the headlines jump out at you and you begin to see where we might be able to take action. Join us, and be ready to become agents of change!

— Karen Sanders

For more information or to join a UMW Circle, please contact:

*Karen Sanders, UMW President at sandersrolltide@charter.net or
Meg Lilly, Membership Nurture and Outreach, at mcl5255@gmail.com*

*Canterbury UMW webpage is found at www.canterburyumc.org/umw.
Or find us on the Canterbury church page at www.canterburyumc.org
and then look for United Methodist women under the Service heading.
Join us on Pinterest at <http://pinterest.com/UMWWomen/>.



UMW Cheeseballs

The UMW will once again be preparing cheeseballs. The cheeseballs are festively wrapped for Christmas giving. Proceeds from cheeseballs sales go to missions which support women and children. You may pick up an order form from the church desk, or see a UMW member. Cheeseballs will be \$8.00 each and will be available for pickup on Sunday, Dec. 8th and Sunday, Dec. 15th. Questions? Call Carrie Coons 205-901-2770.



UMW November 2013 Meetings

Circle 1

Chair: Clayton Walton 871-6380
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m.
Church, Room A127
Nursery provided

Circle 2

Chair: Sally Morris, Jane Howard
Monday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
Host: Tricia Drew, 4105 Kennesaw Dr.
Hostess: Susan Davis

Circle 3

Chair: Peggy Teel 541-1446
Monday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.
Host: Katy Terry, 3308 Hermitage Rd. 35223
Hostesses: Ellen Tucker, Sue Patrick

Outreach Supper Circle

Contact: Julie Cox
337-7161, juliercox@hotmail.com
Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., light supper
Church, Room 226

Circle 5

Chair: Ann Bloodworth 879-6938
Monday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.
Church, Room 226

Circle 6

Chair: Ginger Cowley 967-8592
Monday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.
Host: Lee Rives, 1300 27th Place So. #31
Hostesses: Claire Goodhew, Judy Daniel

Circle 7

Chair: Anne Berte 957-0882
Monday Nov. 18, 11 a.m.
Lunch at noon, Church, Room - John Wesley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Operation Christmas Child

This year to celebrate Advent, Canterbury Children will be participating in "Operation Christmas Child", sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child strives to send shoeboxes of goodies to needy children all over the world. By packing an empty shoebox with simple items like toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, we can help bless a child who may never have had the joy of receiving a gift.

During the month of November, each Sunday School class will have several shoeboxes to fill for a child of similar age. Every child is being asked to bring in items to fill their class shoeboxes. Lists of acceptable items will be available on the "Children's Chatter" and the Canterbury website. The boxes must be on their way by November 24th. Samaritan's Purse also asks for a donation for each box to cover the shipping, so we are asking that each child donate \$5.00. Please be on the lookout for more information to follow.

Thank you so much in advance for making Christmas for these children a little brighter and spreading the good news of God's love.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Melissa Colvin
colvin.melissa@gmail.com



food drive

Your gift makes a difference!

Canterbury's 6th Grade Confirmation Class will be collecting non-perishable items

NOVEMBER 6 - 24

for

OAK MOUNTAIN MINISTRIES

Two Drop-off Locations

- Upper Commons Booth and
- Donation Site in Parlor



Contact Susan Wilborn for additional information at susan.wilborn@canterburyumc.org

Any non-perishable, non-breakable food items are appreciated. Suggested items:

- Peanut butter & jelly • mustard • mayo • ketchup •
- corn meal • corn muffin mix • cooking oil • flour •
- Hamburger Helper • mac & cheese • pasta & pasta sauce •
- rice • canned fruit or vegetables • canned meat •

OUTREACH/MISSIONS



Gift Wrap sign ups are taking place now! Come help this important fundraiser for Family Promise (formerly BHN) in a fun way: wrapping holiday gifts at Brookwood Mall. Sign your small group up, your Sunday School class or a group of friends! December 12, 13 and 19, 9am-9pm (And don't forget to shop and bring your own

gifts by!) Contact: Cindy McDougald at 871-4695 or cindy.mcdougald@canterburyumc.org.

Family Promise (formerly BHN) is coming to Canterbury November 10-17. Please let us know if you can help provide a meal, spend the night or do laundry to help make these families in transition more comfortable while staying in this shelter program. Norita Murray welcomes your hearts and hands in this crucial ministry to those living in our community. Contact: rmurrayiv@charter.net.

Festival of Three Kings! Gift lists will be at the round desk at the main entrance on Sunday, November 10 and will be due on December 1. Please help us make 240 children have holiday happiness! The Festival will be held on Saturday, December 14th. Contact: Cindy McDougald at cindy.mcdougald@canterburyumc.org

Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center Clothing Drive. Donations of gently used clothing and household items will be accepted in the Canterbury parking lot, November 1-3, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Donations are tax deductible and will directly support the Foundry's mission. For more information, contact Catherine Montgomery at cmontgomery75@charter.net.

Thanks so much for the Great Day of Service! What a beautiful day with so many hearts and hands Following Jesus and Serving Others! (keep your shirts and wear them for Stop Hunger Now February 12-13, 2014!)

CANTERBURY STUDENTS



Journey Retreat

Journey is here!!! We ask for your continued prayers as we enter into this HUGE and amazing weekend. We are taking 150+ Jr. High youth and 40 Sr. High leaders and over 30 adult volunteers! We are so excited about the wonderful things that God is going to do in the minds and lives of these students.

MYF November 17

We will be having a combined Jr. and Sr. High worship service that will be followed by fun fellowship! We would love for you to join us!



Turkey Bowl—December 1

We are continuing our tradition of the annual turkey bowl dodge ball tournament! It should be great fellowship and fun between the Sr. and Jr. High! Make sure to get your team together and be prepared for some fun competition!



Festival of Three Kings

Festival of Three Kings is a really fun holiday experience where Canterbury students will get to play with kids from outside of our church community while their parents pick up their gifts. We will be partnering with youth from eight other churches in Birmingham. Stay tuned for information on dates, times and how you can get involved!

Save the Dates!

- Discovery - February 7-8
- Sr. High Mission Trip - June 8-14
- Jr. High Mission Trip - July 1-18



**Avondale
SAMARITAN
PLACE**
A COMMUNITY HUB FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

*AVONDALE
SAMARITAN PLACE*

GIVING THANKS!!

We have truly been blessed with the resources available at Avondale Samaritan Place. We have a wonderfully refurbished gym, the new Carpenter's Hands built storage shed, meaningful relationships established thus far, outstanding location and, most of all, amazing VOLUNTEERS! The Day of Service was a blessing in so many ways!!! Thank you to all of those that joined us that day.

I have a question: What would Canterbury's Outreach look like without those volunteers? Honestly. We all see how much we can accomplish together (look at the successes from Stop Hunger Now and the Day of Service). Who would build the needed wheel chair ramps? Who would pack, distribute and

visit with the people that need a bag of food? Who would clothe the needy? Who would serve dinner at the Firehouse Shelter? Who would help bring Christmas to the kids at the Three Kings festival? Who would tutor at the STAIR program? And the list goes on and on.

Have you done this? Are you currently doing this? I salute you and thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you haven't had the time or opportunity yet, give it a try. God said "Love your neighbor." Who is your neighbor? My neighbor is in the Avondale Community. My neighbor is at the Church of the Reconciler. My neighbor is the guy that sleeps under the bridge at HWY 280 and Lakeshore. My neighbor is the group that needs a meal at Firehouse Shelter.

We can all agree that the need is great in the Birmingham area. You only have to drive a couple miles from Canterbury to see it. Something that I have learned – I get more out of serving than I ever thought I could. Fulfillment. Satisfaction. Knowing that I am a very small part of something much bigger and better. Please, come join us. I trust it will enrich your life as well.

—Adam Guthrie

CARPENTER'S HANDS

Blessed to Serve

As the holiday season approaches, it is a good time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. We often take for granted the little things that make our lives so blessed.

One of Carpenter's Hands clients sent a thank you letter recently that helped me put all of those little things into perspective. That client was Mrs. Martha Bennett. Mrs. Bennett was a recipient of a wheelchair ramp from Carpenter's Hands. She was in need of a ramp due to an unexpected mishap she experienced during the April 27, 2011 tornado. Mrs. Bennett does her best to provide for herself and others without asking for assistance. But, in this situation, so many of her family and friends had lost jobs recently and instead of helping herself, she chose to help others with water and power bills until they found employment. She was fortunate to have a friend that knew of our program and urged her to apply for assistance.

"I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation to your organization for the handicap ramp that was recently built at my home. I am very appreciative that this assistance was available to me. I believe your organization does an excellent job assisting those in need and is a worthy cause. It is my desire to make a contribution so that your organization can continue to help others.

I want you to know that Adam and John, along with other volunteers, performed their duties with such a delightful spirit! As I observed them, it was plain to see the enjoyment they experienced in rendering this very valuable service." MRS. MARTHA BENNETT

This was a two day project (a Saturday and a Monday) consisting of a few regular volunteers and several members of her family. We all had such a great time. Even her daughter-in-law learned how to use the drills and the nail gun! We did pause for a funeral that came down the street – horses and buggies none-the-less.

If you, your Sunday school class, friends, office, or organization would like to volunteer with Carpenter's Hands, we meet every Monday-Thursday by the CUMC parking deck at 8:15am. Please let us know when you are able to volunteer so we can plan accordingly to best utilize your skills. All you need to bring is a sack lunch and a servant's heart. There are two Saturday workdays this month – November 2nd and 16th. If you have a group that would like to volunteer on a different date, please contact us. We will work something out. For questions, to donate, or to volunteer, contact Sam Williamson at 874-1540 or Adam Guthrie at 205-999-3963. They can also be reached by email at sam.williamson@canterburyumc.org or adam.guthrie@canterburyumc.org. —Brandy Motes



Thanksgiving Packing Event

Sunday, November 17
Canterbury Hall immediately following the worship services

Come help us pack 1,250 Little Brown Bags for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Thousands of children in Birmingham City Schools participate in the free breakfast/lunch programs at their schools. As a matter of fact, over 90% of the students enrolled receive food assistance of some kind. When school is not in session, these children have very little to eat because their parents are not financially able to fill in with food at home. The Little Brown Bag ministry distributes food bags filled with healthy kid-friendly snacks in an attempt to fill this void of healthy food during school holidays.

The delivery of Little Brown Bags is always fun. If you'd like to help with the Thanksgiving deliveries on Monday, Nov. 18 & Tuesday, Nov. 19, contact Susan Bellows at susanbellows@charter.net.



The FOUNDRY
RESCUE MISSION AND RECOVERY CENTER

CLOTHING DRIVE
NOVEMBER 1ST - 3RD

9 AM - 2 PM
CANTEBURY PARKING LOT

MATURE ADULTS



American Village Trip

Plan to visit Historic American Village with friends from Canterbury in remembrance of our American historical beginnings on Thursday, November 7th. This Colonial-style village is set on more than 100 rural acres, just south of Birmingham near Montevallo.

Costumed interpreters guide visitors on a trip back in time to America's journey for independence. Bring your imagination and sense of humor. We will board the bus at 1 pm. Call Gloria for details at 874-1534.



Hope as Holidays Approach

For persons who have lost loved ones during the past year (or years) we offer a chance to be encouraged on Thursday, November 14th at 2 pm in the Church Parlor. Strategies for dealing with the holidays will be given by The Reverend Dr. Dixon Mitchell.

If you have lost a spouse or a grown child or a significant person, please plan to join us for a time of planning as the holidays approach without the one you love.



Evensong Service for Christ the King Sunday: *Music of Hugo Distler*

Canterbury Church Choir

James Sullivan, oboe • Daniel Szasz, violin • Lisa Wienhold, flute

Sunday, November 24 at 5:30 PM

In the Sanctuary

FINANCE

Contributions

IRS regulations require all donations be received or postmarked by December 31st to receive contribution credit on your 2013 giving statement.

Online Giving

The Online Giving option is located on Canterbury's website www.canterburyumc.org. Enter your email address as published on the church's records and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Stock

Gifts of stock should be transferred before the market closes on December 31st. Please notify Jan Coats in the Finance Office (874-1551) with the details of your stock transaction and to confirm instructions for transferring ownership to the church.

The finance office will be open on Tuesday, December 31st until noon. A receptacle will be available at the front desk all day if you wish to drop off donations.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you wish to place a poinsettia or a wreath in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Canterbury Center, fill out the form below. Furnish necessary information, enclose your check for \$15 for poinsettias and \$40 for wreaths made payable to Canterbury, and earmark it "Poinsettias." Send to Carolyn Davis at the church office by December 1.

- In Memory In Honor
 Wreath Poinsettia

Given For _____

Given By _____

Your Phone _____



The Canterburian

350 Overbrook Road, P.O. Box 130699
Birmingham, Alabama 35213-0699
205-871-4695

Web Site

www.canterburyumc.org

Directions

Off Highway 280, at Brookwood Mall,
take Mountain Brook Parkway east to
Overbrook Road and turn left.

Ministers

[Dr. Bill Morgan](#)

[Rev. Warren Nash](#)

[Rev. Sam Williamson](#)

[Rev. Drew Clayton](#)

[Rev. Julie Holly](#)

[Rev. Sheryl Thornton](#)

[Dr. Oliver Clark](#)

[Rev. Leon Precise](#)

[Dr. Dixon Mitchell](#)

FINANCIAL REPORT

MINISTRY OPERATING BUDGET

Income through Sept. YTD	\$3,446,601	Oct. Income Budget	\$291,749
Expense through Sept. YTD	\$3,553,589	Received through Oct. 15	\$131,937
Difference	\$(106,998)	Needed by October 31st	(\$159,812)

The Monthly Calendar of all church activities is on our website: www.canterburyumc.org
