# The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## MAY 2020

In honor of the Holy Humor Sunday that could have been...

### Ten Reasons Eve Was Created

- 10. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.
- 9. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.
- 8. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.
- 7. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor's, dentist, or haircut appointment for himself.
- 6. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.
- 5. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.
- 4. As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.
- 3. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
- 2. As the Bible says, It is not good for man to be alone!
- 1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched his head, and said, "I can do better than that."

Seek the blessings where you are. God has you here for a reason. Smile because he has you in his plans and has promised to prosper you and give you eternal, abundant life. Be happy because you are loved!

**Pastor Scott** 

### \*REMEMBER TO PRAY\*

For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle with fighting this pandemic. Pray for our first responders, our doctors & medical professional that are on the front lines trying to preserve life. Pray for our Service Men, Women, and their families at this un-nerving time both at home and abroad. Pray for your neighbors who may be quarantined to their home.

# Birthdays for May 2020 5/01 Juanita Smith 5/04 Cheryl Conner 5/05 Zander Ford 5/06 Don Gray Jerry Ferguson Ingrid Freels 5/07 Joe Walker 5/10 Gabriella Rhea

### Financial Update from Memorial UMC

April 30, 2020

Dear Friends and Members of Memorial UMC,

We are certainly living in interesting times. We are scared and frustrated, "socially distant" from our friends and family, unable to worship together even as we most need comfort and limited in how we help others.

God is presenting us with other ways to worship and serve. We thank him for our personal worship and Bible study, Pastor Scott's on-line sermons and emails, Josh's wonderful music, on-line Sunday School. God hears us and is providing us with new opportunities to serve him.

Thank you for your continued financial support to the church. Your support means we can pay our bills and salaries so that we can continue to function soundly during and after quarantine times. However, as you can see from the report below, we need your continued financial support.

### January through March 2020

Receipts: \$56,339.70 Expenses: \$68,986.11 Shortfall: **\$10,646,41** 

### There are several ways you can send in your contributions:

Mail: On-line Check Pay: You can have your checks sent directly from your bank under the Memorial UMC

322 N. Main Street

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On-line: Visit our website: <a href="www.mumcclinton.org">www.mumcclinton.org</a>. You will find alternate giving methods under the GIVE option on the top right side of the website.

Questions? Contact the church: Church Phone: 865-457-2287 Email: info@mumcclinton.org

In Christ's name,

Bebe Combs, Finance Chair Pat Stonecipher, Financial Secretary

### **Food Pantry News**

The church may be closed for services but the Food Pantry has been busy, busy. They have donated to individuals, The Senoir Center and Clinton Middle School to name a few. The Pantry is looking very bare now but will start re-stocking when news of re-opening comes.

Many Thanks to the volunteers who devote their time to this worthwhile cause.

### **Church Council News**

The next Church Council meeting will be scheduled ahead of the Church re-opening. That date has not been determined yet by the Conference (Bishop). Once announced there will be a special Email to all members instructing of meeting date, time, etc.

### Not forgotten.....

Bettye K. Seivers passed away April 22, 2020 in Franklin, TN. She was 87 years old. There will not be a service at this time in Nashville at the Calvary United Methodist Church where she was a member due to the current indoor restrictions on gatherings. A graveside service will be held for family and friends on Friday May 1, at 1 pm EST in East Tennessee at Grandview Memorial Garden located at 219 Longmire Rd. Clinton, TN. Holly Gamble Funeral Home in Clinton, Tn is handling the arrangements. Please keep the family in your prayers.



### Lauren Burton

Lauren attended Clinton High School for 4 years. While attending high school, she also attended Roane State Community College as part of the Middle College Program. In May she will earn both her high school diploma along with a college associate's degree. At CHS, Lauren is a member of the National Honors Society, has a 4.24 GPA, and is ranked in the top 6% of her class. At Roane State she was on the Dean's List, President's List, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Collegiate Honors Society. Lauren keeps up with her studies while volunteering locally and working part time with kids. Lauren will be attending ETSU this fall to study nursing and plans to specialize in neonatal care. As parents, we are very proud of Lauren! She is beautiful, determined, and we are very excited to see what the future holds for her. Tracey Burton

### Grace Schrider

Grace attended Clinton High School all four years. She was a member of the National Honors Society and the BARK club. Her Senior year she was a member of the Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership of Anderson County program. During her four years at CHS, she ran on the track team and was Captain of the CHS soccer team all four years, and lettered in both sports all four years. She received many awards and recognitions in soccer throughout the four years, with All District, All Region, and MVP for Most goals of the year her Senior year.

Grace will be attending Tennessee Tech University and majoring in Fashion Design and Merchandising with a minor in International Business. We are very excited for her future. She is a beautiful young lady, inside and out, with a big heart and many wonderful goals. We cannot wait to see where her life takes her! Darcy Schrider



# MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u> <u>Given by:</u> <u>Requested Fund:</u>

Carolyn Moxley Gillis John M. Gillis (Dallas,TX) General Memorials

Kim Eby Food Pantry

In Honor of: Given by: Requested Fund:

Bill & Leslie Stone. Art Miller &

Logan Prater Deane & Sutton Kay Music: Hymnals



Charles & Bettye Seivers

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