

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

JANUARY 2021



From the Pastor's Pen



As we head into 2021, we should have a vision, right? While we are limited only by the inability to meet in person, we are still the church.

The greatest commandment says that we are to love God with our hearts, minds, soul and strength. The second one is to love our neighbor as ourselves. (Matthew 22:37-38)

What if, in 2021 we make it our intention to show purposeful acts of love to our neighbor? And what if we set a number, such as 21 (for 2021) as a goal? Would the world be somehow different at the end of the year? Would we be changed? Gamble. Watch the short video below, you'll have to copy and paste to your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBHp8onprl4>

Along the way, we'll work individually and together. Occasionally we'll do something as a church. We have our first church act coming very soon! But the rest is up to you.

What is an Act of Love? It might be adopting someone who needs a friend. It could be a card or box of cookies sent to a college student or shut-in sent during a rough time. Maybe it could be paying for the meal of a stranger who looks as if they need a pick me up. The possibilities are endless.

Keep a record of your Acts of Love. We want to share with one another (anonymously) and encourage one another. 2020 is behind us. **Let's enter 2021 with 21 Acts of Love for God and our neighbor.**

Scott



Finance News

January 8, 2021

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. Below is information on the preliminary end of year receipts and expenditures. The 2021 budget and final figures (2020) will be sent to you in February. Financial giving through December 31, 2020 is \$222,802 and expenditures are \$248,974 for a shortfall of \$26,172.

There are several ways you can send in your contributions:

Mail: Memorial UMC 323 N. Main Street, Clinton, TN 37716

On-line Check Pay: You can have your checks sent directly from your bank under the **bill pay option** offered on-line at most banks.

On-line: Visit our website: www.mumccclinton.org. You will find alternate giving methods under the **GIVE** option on the top right side of the website.

Thank you, members and supporters of Memorial, for your faithfulness,
Bebe Combs, Finance Chair

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Since late July, Food City Gift Certificates have been distributed on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month. The return of families needing food has been over whelming. The Food Pantry has served 91 families total.

On December 17th we were able to give an extra \$25.00 Christmas gift certificates to 57 families. Praise the Lord! Your extra giving for Christmas and the faithful donations by Memorial UMC members allowed us to give extra help to these families for the Christmas Holiday. *Please keep up your good work so we can keep up ours.*

If you know of anyone in need have them call the Church Office for information & signup. God Bless everyone of you for caring so much. **YOU ARE THE BEST!!**

Denise Davis, Pat Stonecipher & Gibby Seals

Birthdays for January 2020

01/02 Phil J. Wenk	01/05 Vickie Underwood	01/06 Bertie Grace Farrar
01/06 Mayce Jane Farrar	01/08 Scott Burton	01/12 Cindy Boshears
01/12 Don Conner	01/17 Ken Overstreet	01/23 Kathleen Jones
01/30 Kaye Johnson	01/31 Olivia Kelly	

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

Since we cannot Hug any of these Birthday people due to "you know what",
let's continue our Birthday Card or call campaign, especially for those homebound or in assisted living facilities. All of the addresses are





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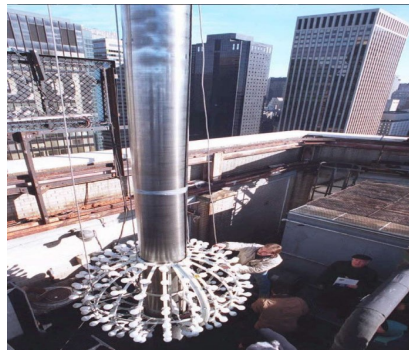
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Happy New Year 2021



UPDATE~Christmas Gift Outreach 2020

In addition to the bags of presents for 8 children we had enough funds to pay ahead on the family's electric and water/sewer bills for a couple of months.

What a blessing your caring has been to this family.

THANK YOU Memorial Members!

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 professionals that are on the front lines trying to preserve life. Pray for our Service Men, Women, and their families at both at home and abroad, Pray for your neighbors, Pray for our School teachers and all the staff required to keep schools and learning going.

JUST PRAY

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." Philippians 4:6

THANK YOU

To the dedicated members serving our prayer chain. They love and care for everyone and show this in their devotion to be truly "Prayer Warriors". No crisis too big for them because God answers prayers. Keep up the good work; we all need YOU.



MEMORIALS FOR DECEMBER 2020

In Memory of:	Given By:	Fund
Mark Alderson	Denise & Jim Davis	Food Pantry
Bill Martin & Jim Berry	Betty Martin	General Memorials
Otto Briscoe	Joe & Pam Rainey	General Memorials
Otto Briscoe	Nancy Prosser-Marshall	General Memorials
Maude Riggs	Leslie & Bill Stone	Children's Ministries
Maude Riggs	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry
Maude Riggs	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Children's Ministries
Maude Riggs	Andrea Fritts	Food Pantry
Maude Riggs	Charles & Janice Thomas	General Memorials
Maude Riggs	Canon & Canon Engineers	General Memorials
Maude Riggs	Karen & Buford Bray	General Memorials
Maude Riggs	John & Ann Loggins	Children's Ministries
Maude Riggs	Ellie Green	Children's Ministries
Louise Egner	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry
Susan Hedden	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Food Pantry
Susan Hedden	Ernest & Laura Payne	General Memorials

In Memory of:	Given By:	Fund
Deane & Sutton Kay	Candy Fox	Food Pantry

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

Zoom Sunday school class every Sunday @ 9:30. New study on the book "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado.

The link for Sunday school is on the Facebook page and in Scott's email for Sunday service.

Sunday Church service available on youtube.com, search for Memorial United Methodist Church or use the link in Scott's email every week or from our Facebook page.

Mere Christianity Zoom class on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00pm. Scott leads this and the link is in his email, or contact him for further information.

Church Council meeting on Tuesday February 2nd @7:00. Link will follow closer to the date.

OFFICE HOURS FOR JAN: MONDAY & THURSDAY 10:00-2:00

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