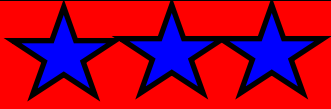
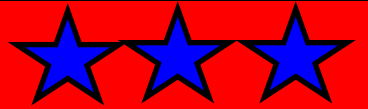


The MEMORIAL MESSENGER



AUGUST 2021



I am a believer in the practice of pilgrimage, not in the sense that many have where there is a destination which is our goal. No, the mechanics of pilgrimage is the journey and while its purpose is time with God, an important part of that process is “tuning out” the noise of the world.

When I was in seminary, I realized the need for separate; to quieten the voices in our heads so that we might hear that One still small voice that is trying to get through to us. I would take the time to seek solitude at a nearby monastery. Silence was observed on the campus and it was golden! If the past year has reminded me of anything, it is the value of that quiet time.

Elijah was hiding one night in a cave on Mount Horeb. God woke him from his sleep and said that He would reveal himself to Elijah, if Elijah would only stand and listen. God sent a great wind, and then an earthquake, followed by a fire. But Elijah didn't find God in the noise and chaos. God could only be revealed through the quiet.

There is a half truth in the story. God WAS in the wind, and the earthquake, and the fire. And of course, God was in the cave with Elijah.

Too often we seek God in the noise and bustle of life. In music and gatherings. Don't get me wrong, the important part is the seeking. We might find elation or emotion in those cases, but that is not the same as God. No, we find God when we become vulnerable by stepping aside for a while to hear God speak in the quiet or through the Scriptures.

I encourage you to take the time. Seek that still small voice calling to you in the quiet. Be still and know that He is God.

† Scott



THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for August

08/01 Elenora Edwards
08/08 Jim & Libby Freels
08/15 Bill & Alice Connell
08/22 Bill & Gail Gallaher
08/29 V.L. & Pat Stonecipher

Lay Speaker-August

Sutton Kay

NEW Event happenings

08/08 Communion Sunday
08/08 Boy Scouts Eagle Ceremony 3:30
08/11 Wed. Night Dinners & Bible Study
08/15 Confirmation Classes start (time TBD)
08/29 Wendel Werner at 10:30 Church Service

Becky Williams is still recuperating. She is temporarily at Meadow View Senior Living, Room 304, across from the Museum of Appalachia. Becky's phone is 865-591-5304. Physical therapy is on-going.

Dr. Wenk is in transition back home from his daughter's home in Nashville.

Vickie Underwood would like to express her gratitude to the Church members & friends for the hugs, the tears, the food & flowers, the fellowship & love shown her & her family due to the loss of their mother, Nadine Underwood. The Church is really *one big family*.

Wednesday NIGHTS are BACK!

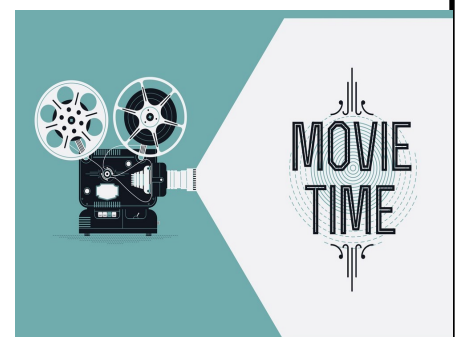
School starts August 9th in Clinton and Anderson County, and that means it's time to fire up Wednesday night activities here at MUMC! Beginning on Wednesday, August 11th we will be back in full swing with dinner and classes. Dinner will be served at 5:30 followed by a movie. The movie will be held in the new MUMC Movie Theatre. Didn't know we had a movie theatre? You may know it as the new Holy Grounds Coffee Cafe where folks have been gathering on Sunday mornings for coffee and donuts. Starting Aug. 11th and for the next 6+ weeks we will be watching a new biblically based series called The Chosen.

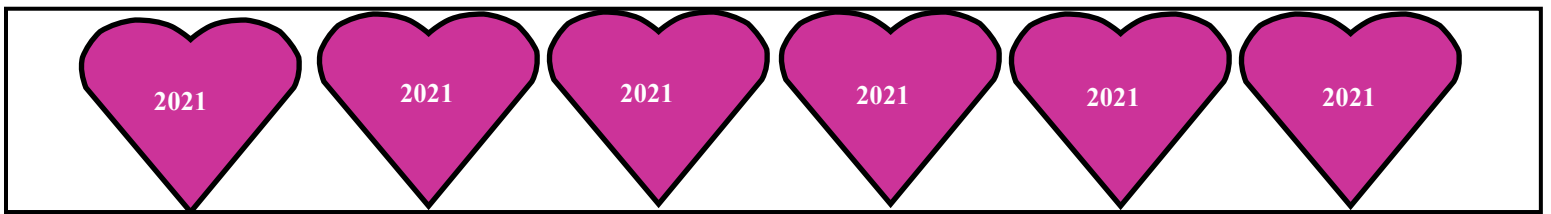
The Chosen is a fictionalized (think historical fiction, only biblical) fresh look at the Gospels for those who have been reading the Bible for years as well as for folks who are just curious about who Jesus is and was. It is shown through the time of the Bible but with our language and style of TV programming. Personally, I was hooked from the first episode. It is so well done; the acting, the scenery, the Story, are all wonderful. The first episode introduces Bible characters such as Mary Magdalene, Matthew the tax collector, Peter, and of course, Jesus. Subsequent episodes reveal Bible stories such as Jesus turning water into wine, the story of the woman at the well, and gathering each of his disciples for his upcoming ministry. The episodes are not done in order of any books of the Bible, allowing new participants to join at any time. Each episode will run for approximately 40 minutes with discussion and pertinent Bible reading. And yes, we will have popcorn! Lead by Donna Parke

The next Wednesday night (18th) Nancy Large will be leading the Youth on Jim Cymbala's "The Holy Spirit and Prayer". And, we will have a Bible Study starting on the 18th OR the 25th with content and leader a surprise. Just put Wednesday Nights on your calendar as dinner at the Church!

I hope you'll come join us!

Donna Parke





Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22: 37-39

Throughout this hot summer of 2021 the members of Memorial UMC have been taking these words of Jesus to heart and showing God's love all over our church and community. Some of the 21 Acts of Love that have been recently shared are as follows:



21 Acts of Love

- Many folks are sharing their garden crops with neighbors and church family and making breads, cakes, cookies, and pies from them too.
- Several people have helped with watering the flowers and shrubs at the church.
- One member has fitted more than 50 students for their high school band uniforms and is altering them.
- Several ladies are working together to feed a local school's football team an awesome before-game dinner of pasta, salad, bread, and desserts.
- Lots of school and classroom supplies have been purchased to help get the upcoming school year started off on the right foot.
- Sunday school classes will be providing and serving meals for Wednesday nights beginning on August 11th.
- Additionally, trash has been hauled, dogs have been kept for vacationing neighbors, monetary loans and donations have been made, elderly people have been cared for, youth have been sponsored for mission trips, and young people have been loved and cared for in numerous ways. All done for the glory of God.

I am amazed by all the love that is shown by our church members to each other and throughout our community and world. I am inspired to do and be better by so many of the loving acts that I hear about, and I know you are too. I'm looking forward to making Blessing Bags, that I learned about from a member, with my granddaughters next week and helping them to see how doing even small acts of love can fulfill the great commission that Jesus set before us.

Donna Parke

Finance News

Memorial NEEDS YOUR HELP.

August 2021

The following shows the amount of money we have received and our expenditures through July as well as year-to-date figures.

We received \$13,090 in July and spent \$22,606 for a shortage of \$9,516. Please note that we had 3 payroll periods in July which raised expenditures. Year to date, we have received \$120,824 and spent \$141,008 for a year-to-date deficit of **\$20,184.00**

As we begin full fall activities, we pray for and need your continued prayers, support, and tithes to continue to serve God and spread the word of Christ. We count on you to be part of us and you can count on us to be your church family.

Thank you for your continued financial support to our church.

There are several ways you can send in your contributions/tithes:

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 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.

Questions? Contact the church:

Church Phone: 865-457-2287

Email: info@mumccclinton.org

Thank you, members and supporters of Memorial, for your faithfulness.

Bebe Combs, Finance Chair

Reminder: Finance Committee Meeting August 17, 6:30pm



Outreach/Tutoring Committee



The tutoring committee met on Tuesday, July 20th in order to provide information and answer questions for potential volunteers.

We now have five volunteer tutors for elementary school students, three potential subs, and one school-church liaison. We also have several individuals who have volunteered to tutor high school students. All tutors will have a background checks.

We are working with CCS to recruit ten students who could benefit from tutoring in language arts and math.

Tutoring is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 8th from 3:00 until 4:00 pm. Students will be walked from CES to Memorial by Kathleen Jones or Betty Sellers.

If you have any questions or would like to help call Kathleen Jones 865-363-0979 or Betty Sellers 865-607-7452

Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry continues on. We have transitioned back to bags of actual food (instead of Food City gift cards) and our attendance is down. Other Food Banks are experiencing the same. No one really has an answer as to why but we all think positively and know they will come back. In the meantime, we are busy packing bags of food for the next pantry, Thank you Memorial UMC for your continued support, and the volunteers who help us each and every time. We appreciate you so much!



DON'T FORGET!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH !

10:30 AM

Sunday August 29th

10:30am

Educator, Jazz Pianist, Composer

Wendel Werner

Will Be Leading Worship
Memorial UMC Clinton Tn
323 N. Main St



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

**JOIN OUR
TEAM!**

**WE NEED
YOU!**

Needed: Volunteer Sunday School Teachers for elementary age children.

No special skills needed. Two hours once a month, on a rotation schedule. Prepared Lessons. 1-4 children.

Men or Women may apply, equal opportunity employer. Rewards are the looks in the eyes of children!

Contact Carol Long, Scott Wilks or the church office. Apply soon, we need you!

Birthdays for August 2021

08/01 Marilyn Murphy 08/02 Karen Cary 08/03 Maya Flanders 08/04 Kim Eby
08/05 Richard Snead 08/06 Clara Thomas 08/12 Mary Hatmaker 08/13 Deane Kay
08/14 Anne Ford, Terry Moore, Bill Ross 08/20 John Pryse 08/21 Tom Thrasher
08/21 Annie Meier 8/27 Peggy Burton, Bill Gallaher 8/28 Winki Watkins
8/29 Ann Ross, Megan Thomas 8/30 Andre Fritts

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 in the Church Directory or call the office if needed. Or check Instant-
ChurchDirectory.com.



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 home and abroad, Pray for your neighbors, Pray for our School teachers and all the staff required to keep schools open and learning going, and for our First Responders and our Police Officers who keep us protected every day.

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 JULY 2021

In Memory of:	Given By:	Fund	In Memory of:	Given By:	Fund
Nadine Underwood	Louise Presley, Seymour	Music Fund	Nadine Underwood	Shawn Newell	Landscaping
Nadine Underwood	William Underwood	Music /Landscaping	Cecil Conner	Ellie Green	Music Fund
Nadine Underwood	Art Miller	Music Fund	Cecil Conner	Bebe & Steve Combs	Music Fund
Nadine Underwood	Ouida & Bill Steinkamp	Music Fund	Cecil Conner	Peggy Burton	Ida Gamble
Nadine Underwood	Bebe & Steve Combs	Music Fund	Cecil Conner	Rebecca Williams	Holston Homes
Nadine Underwood	Bill & Gail Gallaher	Landscaping	Margaret Eager	Bebe & Steve Combs	General Mem.
Nadine Underwood	Judy & Ty Foster	General Memorials	Collenne Oakes	Peggy Burton	Ida Gamble
Nadine Underwood	Suzanne Proctor, MN.	General Memorials	Don Gray	Bebe & Steve Combs	General Mem.
Nadine Underwood	Jim Ern & Sarah Medley	Landscaping			
Nadine Underwood	Peggy Burton	Ida Gamble Scholar.			
Nadine Underwood	Don Hedden	Music Fund			
Nadine Underwood	Marth & Byron Cook,	Landscaping			
	Lew & Alice Beth Royce				
Nadine Underwood	Helen Fetzer	Music Fund			
Nadine Underwood	James W & Melissa Charles	Landscaping			
Nadine Underwood	Michael & Margaret May	Landscaping			
Nadine Underwood	Francie Elrod	Landscaping			
Nadine Underwood	Fetzer Family, Marie Bryant	Landscaping			
Nadine Underwood	Leslie & Betty Sellers	Landscaping			
Nadine Underwood	Melinda Sutton	Landscaping			

"Baby It's still HOT Outside"

If you would like to help keep our new shrubs and flowers looking beautiful, we can use your help! We would like teams of two volunteers per week to help water our gardens in the front and back of the church. A sign-up sheet is available in the Church Office. We are only scheduled **through Aug. 1st** week. Please call or come by to choose your week. Thanks so much! Kathleen Jones. 865-363-0979

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