

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER



OCTOBER 2021



What is it about church that you find important? Why do we even have a church? What is it you love?

A world religion? Do you love being part of a “Christian” church?

Protestantism? Is it being a part of a large splinter group than left its parent church?

Methodist? Do you get warm fuzzies thinking about the Book of Discipline or John Wesley?

Holston Conference? Being connected from Rising Fawn Ga. To Trade Va.?

Or is the most important thing (outside of our very real relationship with Jesus Christ) our connect with our own local church?

To me, it is of some small importance that under Christ, I am a Christian, Protestant, Methodist pastor from the Holston Conference in the Tennessee Valley District. But like many of you, my first love is the local church. Memorial United Methodist Church. You.

Being connected is important. We can see the evidence of these larger structures. But our nuclear family meets at 323 N. Main Street in Clinton. It is the faces, smiles, and sometimes tears of those who are connected to our local church.

I know that there is some angst about what the United Methodist Church is facing. But that will not prevent us from the joy of a meal together or singing praise to our God. We don’t typically think of the possibilities while we are giving food to the hungry or sealing bricks at the church. When our focus is on kingdom things, these tertiary matters fade into the background.

What will happen at General Conference and beyond? I have some ideas. BUT the Sunday after that meeting, we will still be Memorial UMC – Clinton. As your Pastor I will be with you during that future time; I will work hard to maintain the integrity of our church serving our community. Anything added to that is gravy. And I believe that there is a path that preserves our connection while giving us time to understand new things. Be patient and be the church. God has the rest.

Scott

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for October

10/03 Ken & Susan Overstreet
10/10 Dr. Phil Wenk
10/17 Mr.&Mrs. George Moschis
10/24 Becky Williams
10/31 Steve & Bebe Combs

Lay Speaker-September

Nancy Harper

NEW Event happenings

10/03 Communion Sunday
10/06 Wednesday Night Fellowship 5:30pm
Every Wednesday unless changed
10/07, 10/21 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30pm

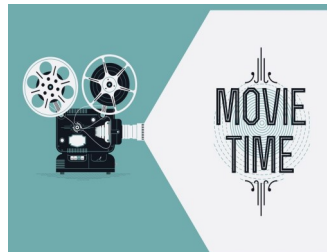
1)Becky Williams is still recuperating. She is temporarily at Meadow View Senior Living, Room 304, across from the Museum of Appalachia. Becky's phone is 865-591-5304. Physical therapy is on-going.

2)Dr. Wenk is home!

The Church is really *one big family*.

Wednesday NIGHTS are BACK!

Come join us for great food, real fellowship, and an opportunity for a deeper faith in Jesus. Church family style dinner at 5:30 followed by The Chosen, a biblically based series on the life and ministry of Jesus. There's even Coke and popcorn! Come join us! It's never too late to check it out.



REMEMBER TO PRAY

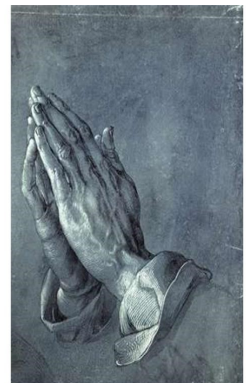
For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle with fighting this pandemic. Pray for our first responders, our doctors & medical professionals that are on the front lines trying to preserve life. Pray for our Service Men, Women, 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.



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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 Our church is doing such a wonderful job of sharing God's love throughout our community. And isn't that what Jesus asks of us? I have heard of and seen some beautiful Acts of Love this month.

Did you know that one of our members built several log benches for his older neighbor to rest on while he does his morning walk? How kind and loving! Not to mention back breaking! Several people have been cleaning out closets and making good use of their gently used items. Goodwill is happy to have the things we no longer need and that others would be so grateful to have.

Have you seen our Food Pantry lately? Pat and her two sweet granddaughters, Adah and Ingrid, have given it a much needed face lift. It looks awesome and much more organized. And Yaya is making it fun memories while instilling lifelong lessons. Another of our members has been fixing two extra meals three times per week for a bedridden neighbor. That's love and care right there!

Thanks, church, for sharing the love of Jesus! We are continuing to let our community see that Love is here.

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Acts
of Love

Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry has been busy re-stocking shelves and adding new items to our existing list. We have changed the time to 5:30-6:30pm to accommodate those working and/or childcare or ride issues. We are always in need of volunteers to stock shelves, fill bags, etc. so don't hesitate to come pitch in. In fact, here's a few pics of our *Volunteers.*



Finance News

Memorial still NEEDS YOU!

The following shows the amount of budget money we have received and our expenditures through August as well as year-to-date figures. As you can see, we did not do well in September, and have a larger deficit for the year.

September Giving	\$10,761.00	Year-to-date Giving	\$152,188.00
September Expenses	-18,107.00	Year-to-date Expenses	-179,194.00
Balance	-7,346.00	Year-to-date Balance	-27,006.00

As we continue 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 for your faithfulness. Bebe Combs, Finance Chair

And, Now You Know.....

Good News! Very soon we will be adding a youth director to our rolls. Jenny Nichol is a member of St. Marks UMC and has been engaged in our Wednesday evening fellowship meals and lessons. Jenny brings a youthful exuberance and some great ideas on how to engage youth in our community. Welcome Jenny!





Trustees Report



The Trustees have decided to put off replacing the gutters for at least another year. However, anyone would like to help take down the downspouts, clear debris out of them, and the underground pipe, should please contact Chuck Parke at (770) 597-8137.

Sealing the bricks and mortar of the building is a very important next step in the preservation of Memorial UMC. Sealing the bricks was started in September, and hopefully will be finished before Christmas and the colder temperatures of January and February. Sealant has been purchased and is stored in the shed, as is the extension ladder. Anyone is welcome to help at any time, in spraying or rolling the sealant onto the wall. Chuck is also the contact for this project.

Nancy found out, this week, that the grant we had applied for, was not awarded to the city of Clinton this time around. We will try again next year.

The week of October 18th, Harrison Dean will return to paint the kitchen and front stairwell.

As always, if you would like to help support the Trustees in these and other projects, your donations would be appreciated.

Birthdays for OCTOBER 2021

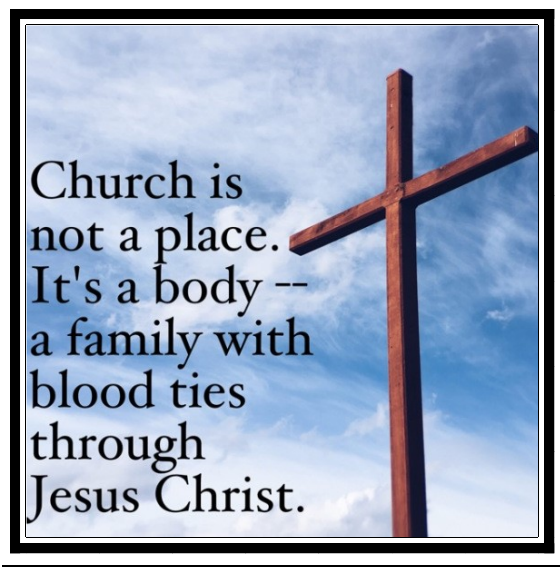
10/01 William Connell, Melissa Hughes 10/02 Donna Parke, Audrey Van Pelt
10/06 Christine Dorsey 10/08 Sutton Key 10/09 Leslie Sellers 10/10 Ellie Green
10/10 Cathy Brown, Susan Gamble 10/11 Clyde Horton 10/12 Art Miller
10/12 Mary Ann Conner 10/13 Patrick Thomas 10/14 Bill Van Pelt, Robbie Reed
10/15 Becky Williams 10/16 Aaron Simmons 10/18 Nancy Thrasher
10/20 Robert Harmening, Matt Schrider 10/21 Alex Burton 10/22 Penny James
10/23 Bill Stone, Shane Miller 10/26 Patty Shoemaker

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 InstantChurchDirectory.com.





DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS

As of 09/28/2021

Away from Home:

Winki Watkins, Brookdale Apt. #105, 734 Emory Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Phone: 865-248-9976

Bill Connell, Canterfield of Oak Ridge, 200 Bus Terminal Rd., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830

At Home:

Alice Connell, 427 Highland Dr., Clinton, TN 37716 865-457-4070

Byron Hale, 308 Delta, Clinton, TN. 37716 865-457-3609

Clyde Horton, 1118 McAdoo Street, Clinton, TN. 37716 865-457-9216

Temporary Care:

Becky Williams is recuperating at Meadow View Senior Living, Room 304.
Call her at 865-591-5304

MEMORIALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

In Memory of:	Given By:	Fund:
Bill Stone, Sr.	Mark Medley	Trustees
Bill Stone, Sr.	Pat & V.L. Stonecipher	Music Fund
Ruth Layton	Peggy Burton & Family	Ida Gamble Scholarships
Ruth Layton	Mark Medley	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Robert & Judy Hayes, Maryville	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Ouida & Bill Steinkamp	General Memorials
Ruth Layton	Karen & Rick Shinall, Atlanta	Trustees
Benny Houser	Peggy Burton & Family	Ida Gamble Scholarships
Ruth Layton	Betty Martin	Trustees
Frank & Ruth Layton	Jo Suggs	Ida Gamble Scholarships
Ruth Layton	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Johnanna Sprague, Waterford, MI	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Eleanor Green	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Mary Alice Shinall, Atlanta	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Deane & Sutton Kay	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Pat & V.L. Stonecipher	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Carroll & Linda Walker, Talbot	Trustees

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