

# The MEMORIAL MESSENGER



NOVEMBER 2021



Homecoming. What do you think of when you hear that word? For us at Memorial UMC, it is a relatively new thing involving hearing from previous pastors, special music, a meal. It's a gathering of friends we haven't seen in a while and a remembrance of where we've been.

This year we are following that same model. But it is more than just another church service. It is an opportunity to regain some ground we lost during 2020. A chance to breathe a sigh of relief that while we aren't clear yet, we see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Homecoming is also an opportunity to reconnect friends who have drifted into the comfort of pajama and easy chair worship. Perhaps to see our own potential once more as the church has more pews filled, even if it is for one Sunday. To revisit the place where we raised our children, met new friends, and said goodbye to old ones.

This year will be different in some ways. (it always is) We have lost some friends and we will take a moment to remember them. We will celebrate a milestone. (a surprise) And we will have parts of our meal catered.

I encourage you to come and see your friends; to worship God in this special place; to be prepared for blessings and amazements. If you need a way to church, let us know. If you need special accommodation like a wheel chair, let us know. Let's celebrate our church and the blessed future to come!

Scott



# Church in the Park

Sunday October 31, 2021



NEXT CHURCH IN THE PARK IS APRIL 24TH, 2022



# THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## Flower Donors for November

11/07 Joe & Nancy Harper  
11/14 Charles & Kay Price  
11/21 Jerry & Gwen Ferguson  
11/28 V.L. & Pat Stonecipher

## Lay Speaker-November

11/07 Art Miller  
11/14,21,28  
Bebe Combs

## Events & Happenings

11/07 Homecoming Sunday  
11/3 Wednesday Night Fellowship 5:30pm  
Every Wednesday unless changed  
11/04, 11/18 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30pm

### Upcoming on December 2nd

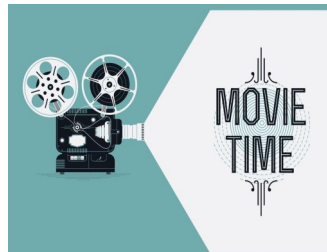
Our church has reserved 20 tickets for Christmas With The Chosen movie at Tinseltown theater in Oak Ridge on Thursday, December 2nd at 4:00. We'll all have dinner together afterwards at a restaurant for fellowship and discussion. Tickets are \$14.50 and need to be paid for in the church office. The first 20 people are assured a reserved seat. Come join us as we celebrate the true Spirit of Christmas together as a church!

The Church is really *one big family*.

## Wednesday NIGHTS are Here!

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 at 6:00 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.

Youth Program starts at 6:00 pm with our New Youth Director, Jenny Nichol.



## REMEMBER TO PRAY

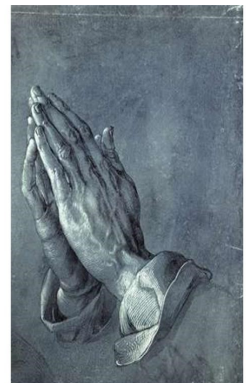
For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle with fighting this pandemic. Pray for our first responders, our doctors & medical professionals that are on the front lines trying to preserve life. Pray for our Service Men, Women,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

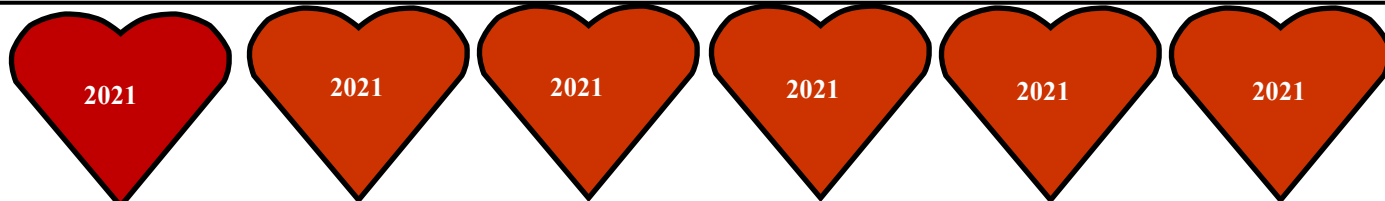
## JUST PRAY

*"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.





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

God continues to give us opportunities to show His love in our world - at home, school, work, at church, in our neighborhoods, in our families, everywhere we go! Some recent examples include:

Eight of our MUMC members are participating in tutoring elementary school students.

Several members are making visits with those who aren't able to join together for worship.

One member helped his elderly neighbor get safely back home when he found her outside at 6AM. He then had a difficult discussion with her family that helped them decide to move her to assisted living. He's now working with them to clean out her house.

Isn't it inspiring to see how God will use us when we make ourselves available to Him?



Wednesday nights continue to add new faces for both youth and adults. Dinner is served at 5:30 in the fellowship hall followed by youth activities and The Chosen at 6:00. There is always room for you! Come join us!

Donna Parke

## Evangelism/Ministries

Fall cleaning and clearing is over. Right?!!! Please consider giving good used clothing to KARM, located next to Tractor Supply on the East side of Oak Ridge. When you are donating your items (clothing, toys, house wares, etc.) to KARM, you are accomplishing several objectives. 1. Sales at the store are used for providing shelter and food to the homeless; 2. rehabilitation for those struggling with addiction; 3. training people in recovery for entry level jobs; and 4. allowing our church to receive vouchers for items that can be purchased at KARM by people we directly serve. When you donate, remember to give the attendant our church phone number of Memorial UMC so they can credit our account for vouchers.

The plans for our Church-wide Christmas family giving will be announced in the December Newsletter. This is always one of our most exciting activities for the year. Don't miss it !!

Nancy Large

# 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.

October Giving	\$18,567.00	Year-to-date Giving	\$171,032.00
September Expenses	-16,519.00	Year-to-date Expenses	-195,961.00
Balance	+2048.00	Year-to-date Balance	-24,929.00

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](http://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](mailto:info@mumccClinton.org).

Thank you for your faithfulness. Bebe Combs, Finance Chair

## Youth News.....

### BE ATTITUDES.

The beatitudes are found in the 5th chapter of Matthew, these blessings are given by Jesus during the sermon on the mount. Each is offering a future reward. Our youth is a reward for the church, they are the future. Beatitude is derived from the Latin word "beatiudo" meaning blessedness. We have chosen this for our youth group name, however, it will be modified a smidge to reflect the great attitude these kids have while together. I hope to be a blessing to them as much as they already are to me.

In the coming weeks, we will meet on November 3rd, 10th and 17th. We will NOT meet on the 27th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thanks, Jenny



# Birthdays for NOVEMBER 2021

11/02 Donna Wilks 11/05 Joe Harper 11/09 Brian Ford 11/10 James Howard  
11/11 Kay Price 11/11 Richard Flanders 11/16 Glen Murrell 11/17 Darcy Schrid-  
er 11/17 Kim Prater 11/18 Madison Kelly 11/20 Ben Edwards  
11/21 Matt Kirkpatrick 11/26 Steve Jennings 11/29 Andrew Meier

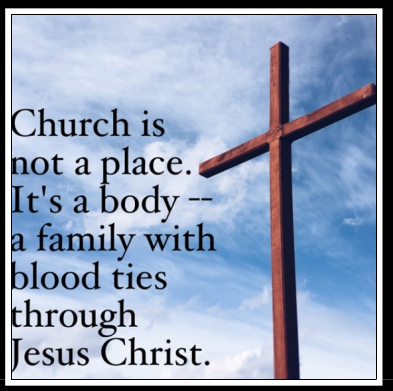
Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,



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 assist-  
ed living facilities. All of the addresses are in the Church Directory or call the office if needed.  
Or check [InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com).



Church is  
not a place.  
It's a body --  
a family with  
blood ties  
through  
Jesus Christ.

## **DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS** **As of 10/28/2021**

### Away from Home:

Winki Watkins, The Grove, Apt. #105, 734 Emory Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Phone: 865-248-9976

Bill Connell, NHC of Oak Ridge, 300 Laboratory 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

Juanita Smith, 301 Cross Street, Clinton, TN. 37716 865-463-8336

### Temporary Care:

Becky Williams is recuperating at Meadow View Senior Living, Room 304.

Call her at 865-591-5304





## *Hospitality and Kitchen Committee*

*For the remainder of this year and all of 2022 there's a newly established committee to handle all of the Hospitality and food needs for the church. Gail Gallaher is the Committee Chair with Pat Stonecipher and Kathleen Jones as co-chairs. Having these 3 ladies together makes no challenge too hard. They also have a list of Kitchen helpers whom they can not do without.*

*For the remainder of 2021, they are covering the Homecoming Dinner after Church on November 7th. The dinner will be partially catered by Longhorne Steakhouse at Turkey Creek. Veggies and desserts will be provided by the ladies of the church.*

*On December 19th, after the Christmas program there will be desserts /Punch served.*

*February 27, 2022 will be the Chili and Soup Cook-off/Mardi Gras themed event.*

*April 24, 2022 will be Church in the Park. Food to be determined.*

*May 15, 2022 Graduating Seniors & Scholarship recipients honored. Food TBD*

*August 14, 2022 will be Church in the Park. Food—TBD*

*October 30, 2022 Homecoming for 2022. Food—TBD.*

*These are the scheduled events for 2022, so far. If any food needs come up (other than Funerals) do contact Gail Gallaher or Pat or Kathleen. The events listed above are planned dates BUT are subject to change as needed.*

**WELCOME TO THE HOSPITALITY / KITCHEN COMMITTEE!!**



Dear Community or Church Partner,

The Anderson County Office on Aging and Senior Center needs your help! This year has been extremely difficult for our Anderson County Seniors. Many have suffered from isolation, fear and uncertainty. Every year with the help and support of our community we are able to provide a Christmas Gift to a wide range of seniors, many of these gifts are delivered to them at their home by Volunteers and Staff of the Office on Aging. If you or your organization can help us in any way to bring joy to our area seniors it will be greatly appreciated. There are many ways to donate you can adopt seniors and supply a gift, you can buy items and we will put gifts

Kleenex	Denture Cleaner tablets	Sunglasses
Baby wipes	Toothpaste, toothbrushes	Journals, Notebooks
Candy	Combs, hairbrushes	Candles
DVD Movies	Deodorant, Body sprays	Pain relievers, rubs, etc.
Books/Novels	Umbrellas	Aspirin, Tylenol, etc.
Adult coloring books	Sweaters, jackets	Nuts, candy, snacks
Adult coloring pens, markers	Shampoo	Gowns (sleeping)
Gloves, Hats, Socks	Towels, wash cloths	Fast Food gift cards
Health & Beauty aids	Coffee, Creamers	Gasoline cards
House shoes	Fruit/ Fruit Baskets	Small gift cards
Postage stamps	Razors, shaving cream	
Warm throws	Hair spray	
Hand sanitizers	Pajamas	
Lotion	Reading glasses	

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MEMORIAL UMC TOOK ON THIS CAUSE IN 2020 AND DELIVERED A VAN FULL OF ITEMS ASKED FOR.

WE NEED TO DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!! WITH EVEN MORE!!  
BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ANYTIME BEFORE DEC.  
10TH. GIVE SOME ONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Carol Luzader  
Coordinator



# MEMORIALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Ruth Layton	Buford & Karen Bray	Trustees
Ruth Layton	Phil & Greer Shinall (Ga.)	Trustees
Frank & Ruth Layton	Winkie Watkins & Family	General Memorials

## In Honor of:

Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Winkie Watkins & Family	General Memorials
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## **Memorial United Methodist Church**

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Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:00. Closed Friday.

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### Serving God's People

Rev. Scott Wilks  
Joshua Allen  
Carol Luzader  
Jenny Nichol  
Beverly Johnson

Pastor	<a href="mailto:parsonwilks@gmail.com">parsonwilks@gmail.com</a>
Music Director/Organist	<a href="mailto:churchemail87@gmail.com">churchemail87@gmail.com</a>
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Youth Ministries	<a href="mailto:memorialumccclinton@gmail.com">memorialumccclinton@gmail.com</a>
Housekeeping/Custodian	<a href="mailto:memorialumccclinton@gmail.com">memorialumccclinton@gmail.com</a>



## Poinsettias and Wreaths Order Info 2021

Orders for Poinsettias and Wreaths to decorate our Church during Christmas are now being taken by the Altar Guild.

A \$35.00 donation for poinsettias and wreaths will help cover the cost of decorating the Sanctuary and outside the Church.

Please return the completed form by placing in the offering plate, mail, or bring to the Church Office by **Monday Dec. 6th**.

You may make your contributions in Memory of those past on, or in Honor of those still with us and serving the Lord or just friends or relatives you'd like to Honor.

Make your check payable to the Church with a notation of wreath/poinsettias 2021.



## POINSETTIAS AND WREATHS ORDER FORM ~2021

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Please contact any Altar Guild Member

