

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER



DECEMBER 2021



Today, I have been thinking about my own traditions growing up in East Tennessee. I would believe that we share many of the same experiences and memories.



By the time I was school age, around the second or third grade my parents had settled in the area of Kingsport. Since my dad's parents were still alive and living in Oak Ridge, we spent major holidays with them. Back then we traveled down 11W through Bean Station before finding Clinton Highway and making that climb by the airplane gas station.

I remember hearing Christmas music, Cas Walker, and the NORAD Santa reports as we traveled. Arriving at my grandparent's house, the place smelled of Camel unfiltered cigarettes, baking from the kitchen, and the beginnings of our Christmas dinner where aunts and cousins would gather for the feast around 2pm on Christmas day.

My grandparent's house was decorated for the season with decorations that are now considered antiques. I have no idea how old they were back then, but they were quite old. The tree was always fresh cut Frasier Fir that smelled like pine sap. My sister, myself, and two cousins spent the evening finding something to do, but without exception always received a warning about the ruler my grandmother kept in a kitchen drawer. I never saw it used. The threat was enough to keep us in line.

At bed time, we would settle into pallets or cots wherever they could be placed. Of course, at least one adult slept in the living room with the tree in case we dared to go foraging during the night. The next morning the first one awake did all they could to discretely wake the other kids who would make enough noise to wake everyone else.

I'm sure you can imagine the rest of the day which was filled with presents, food, football. While Jesus wasn't talked about, looking back I know that He was there. In our family, he was like Paul's statue to the unknown God in Athens. Looking back, I'm thankful that the truth about Him was revealed to me.

May your holidays and holy-days be full of memories; may you make new ones to cherish; and may the Christ child be at their center!

Scott

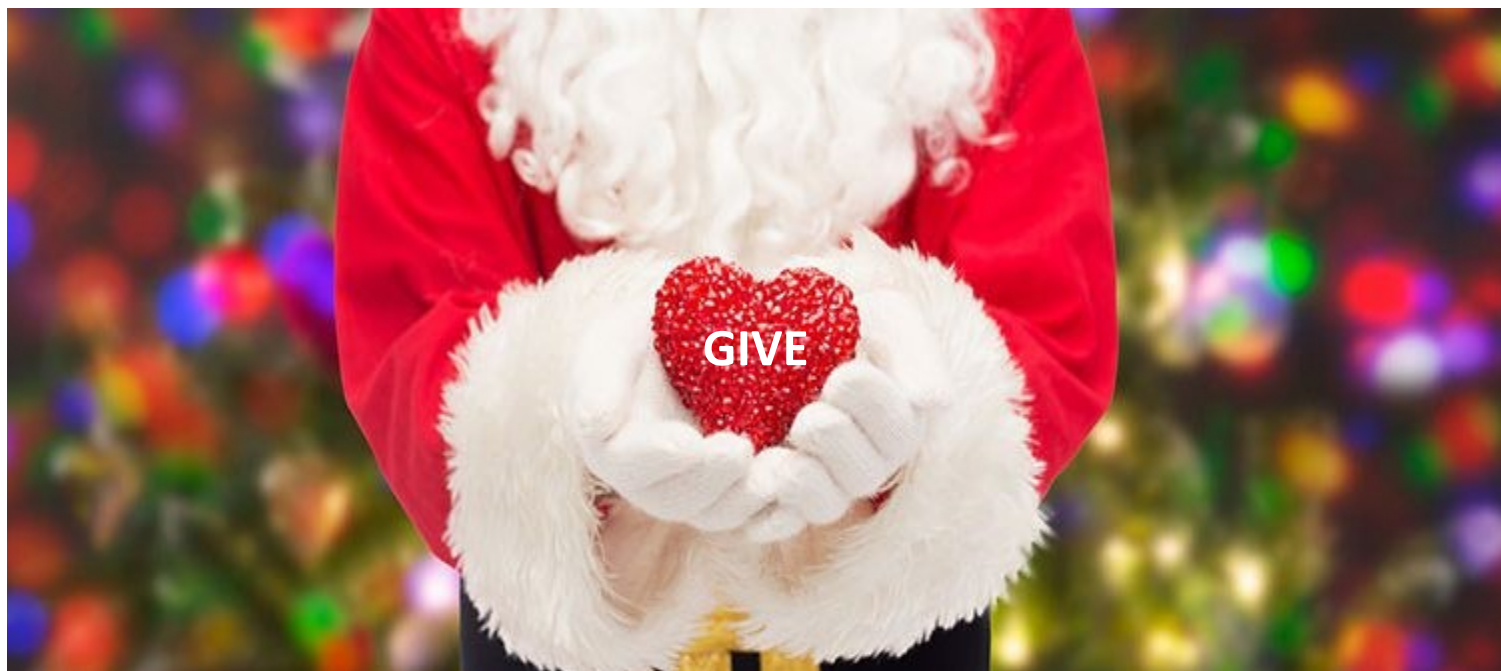
Homecoming 2021



The Music was outstanding, the sermon enlightening , the fellowship heart-lifting and the food was out of this world.

A good time was had by all present.

A Big Thank-you to the Hospitality Committee for their hard work!

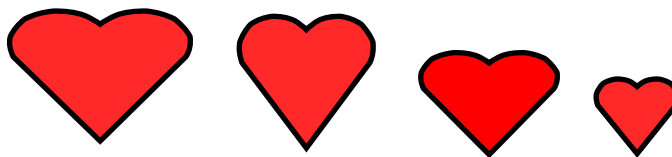


Dear Church Members and Friends:

It was announced a few Sundays ago that instead of a school family we were adopting the Senior Center of Anderson County as our Christmas giving project. Each year the Senior Center gets a wish list from their clients and the items listed below are the popular requested. These are items that we take for granted (for the most part) but would bring a smile to a Senior face. To date, The office is not filled to the brim so let's dig deep and fill up the Christmas baskets for all who need. The deadline is December 10th! The Spirit of Christmas is here and with us all.

If you can't get to the store we are accepting cash/check donations. Please leave at the Church Office.

Love to all,
Harper Maxwell and Mary Hatmaker



Kleenex
Baby wipes
Candy
DVD Movies
Books/Novels
Adult coloring books
Adult coloring pens, markers
Gloves, Hats, Socks
Health & Beauty aids
House shoes
Postage stamps
Warm throws
Hand sanitizers
Lotion

Denture Cleaner tablets
Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Combs, hairbrushes
Deodorant, Body sprays
Umbrellas
Sweaters, jackets
Shampoo
Towels, wash cloths
Coffee, Creamers
Fruit/ Fruit Baskets
Razors, shaving cream
Hair spray
Pajamas
Reading glasses

Sunglasses
Journals, Notebooks
Candles
Pain relievers, rubs, etc.
Aspirin, Tylenol, etc.
Nuts, candy, snacks
Gowns (sleeping)
Fast Food gift cards
Gasoline cards
Small gift cards

Bigger items requested: Large warm blankets, Grocery store gift cards, Long outer sweaters- mostly Large, XL, XXL, Cans of coffee, Laundry detergent, Gas cards, postage stamps.

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for December

12/05 Betsy Jernigan
12/12 Patti Harmening
12/19 Altar Guild
12/26 Altar Guild

Lay Speaker-December

Various members of
the Congregation
each week

Events & Happenings

12/06 Church Council Meeting, 6:30
12/08 Wednesday Night Fellowship
12/15 Wednesday Night Fellowship
12/16 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30pm
12/19 Christmas Program 7:00pm
12/24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

The Church is really *one big family*.



REMEMBER TO PRAY

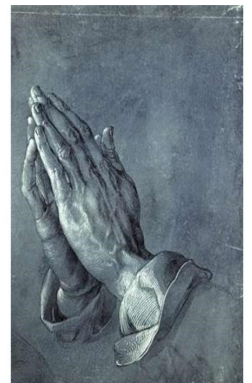
For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle with fighting this pandemic. Pray for our first responders, our doctors & medical professionals that are on the front lines trying to preserve life. Pray for our Service Men, Women,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



Finance News

I am overwhelmed by the wonderful response to our giving needs. Even though we are still behind for the year, we have made significant progress. To all who support our church, the entire church thanks you. We have a great future at Memorial doing God's work.

November Budget Giving: \$28,975

Year-to-date Giving: \$200,007.86

November Budget Expenses: \$15,523

Year-to-date Expenses: \$211,528

November Balance: \$13,452

Year-to-date Balance: --\$11,520.14

In addition to the November Giving, \$23,102 has been received for the 2022 budget year.

As we celebrate Advent, we pray for and need your continued prayers, support, and tithes to continue to serve God and spread the word of Christ. We are your church family and we are so happy that you are part of us.

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.mumclinton.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@mumclinton.org. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Bebe Combs, Finance Chair

Youth News.....

BE ATTITUDES.

Beatitudes are excited about the Holidays and will be sending home information about our upcoming performance. Date to be announced.

We will meet every Wednesday, regardless of what other groups are doing unless Clinton City Schools are out.

December dates are 1st, 8th and 15th, these dates we will be practicing our program.

We will pick back up after the New Year on January 5th.

Mark your calendars for Resurrection! January 21-23, 2022.

Jenny



Birthdays for DECEMBER 2021

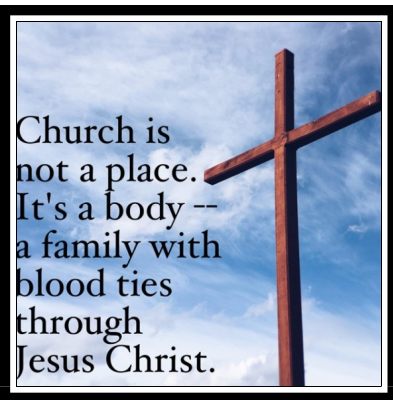
12/01 Jimmy Freels, 12/5 Luke Hatmaker, 12/6 Nancy Large , 12/8 Sutton Kay
12/8 Carol Luzader, 12/11 Josh Allen, 12/17 Ella & Shollie Thomas
12/17 Teresa Evans, 12/20 Tracy Burton, 12/20 Pam Rainey, 12/22 Taylor Stone,
12/23 Elenora Edwards, 12/25 Scott Wilks, 12/27 Seth Carroll, 12/31 Todd Miller

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 12/02/2021**

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

MEMORIALS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

In Memory of:

Ora Lee Perkins

Donor Name

Deane & Sutton Kay

Designated Fund

Choir



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