

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER



JANUARY 2021



What will you be when you grow up? That is a question every child ponders and every parent dreams about for their child. Early on, the answers are usually limited to fireman, astronaut, or teacher. But when that same child gets to middle school, the question becomes one which requires choice and action. At that point (sadly) the young person is put on track towards college or vocation.

Some children become pigeon-holed early on due to economic status of the family, nurture, and maturity of the child. Some are fast tracked because of advantages the other group lacks. It's at this point that the child gets redirected to something other than their dreams.

Dreams are important. Dreamers shape the future. They add a missing piece of the puzzle. The writer of Proverbs wrote, "without a vision (dream) the people perish." And we are told that it is part of God's plan that we have this.

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." Joel Ch. 2

It is imperative that we allow ourselves to envision the future that God has planted within us. What will the church look like in the future? How do we faithfully address the great commission to make disciples, the great commandments to love God and our neighbors, and the great compassion to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and care for widows?

Anything less than those three emphasizes and we are just **playing** church rather than **being** the church that Christ established. Like the pigeon-holed child, we have little hope of living into our full potential. Because of that, the hungry go unfilled, the lost are never found, and because we have no vision, we perish.

Let us be encouragers of dreamers and visionaries. Let our church be fertile ground for new ideas of outreach, evangelism, and mission. Let us put our best foot forward and be the church which in 2022 sets the tempo for others.

God bless each of you and Happy New Year.

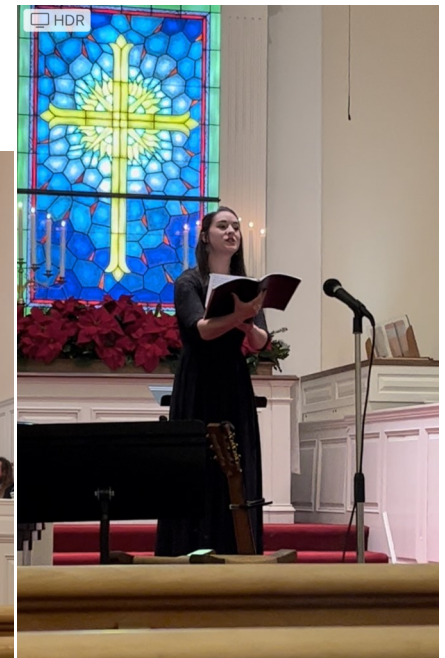
Scott.

One more quote...

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.

I hope someday you'll join us, and the world (church) will be as one."

Lessons and Carols 2021



*The Music was outstanding, the message enlightening,
the fellowship and the food was out of this world.*

A good time was had by all.

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

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for January

Jan 2nd-Vickie Underwood
Jan 9th- Mark Medley
Jan 16th-Tyrone & Judy Foster
Jan 23rd-Bill & Alice Connell
Jan 30th-Leslie & Betty Sellers

Lay Speaker for January

V.L. Stonecipher

Lay Speaker for February

Jim Ern Medley

Lay Speaker for March

Nancy Large

Events and Happenings for January

01/06 Food Pantry
01/13 Trustees Meeting 6:30
01/15 Safe Sanctuary class 1:00-3pm
01/18 Church Council Meeting 6:30
01/20 Food Pantry
01/21-23 Resurrection-Pigeon Forge
If interested call Jenny Nichol @
304-840-7404

Wednesday Nights are planned for 1/05, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26. *Be There!*



REMEMBER TO PRAY

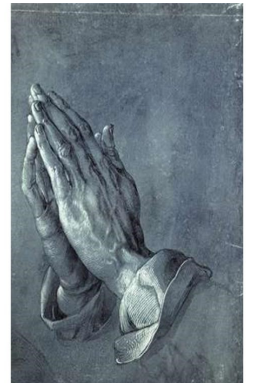
For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle with fighting this pandemic. Pray for our first responders, our doctors & medical professionals that are on the front lines trying to preserve life. Pray for our Service Men, Women, 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 ending the year behind on budget dollars, we have cut expenses so that helps make up some difference. We have made significant progress in the last few months. (These #'s will change somewhat when year end adjustments & payables are done). To all who support our church, the entire church thanks you. We have a great future at Memorial doing God's work.

December Budget Giving: \$23,329.00
December Budget Expenses: \$24,450.80
December Balance: -\$1121.80

Year-to-date Giving: \$246,439.11
Year-to-date Expenses: \$235,265.89
Year-to-date Balance: +\$11,173.22

As we celebrate a New Year, 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.

Thanks so much for the support in 2021. The BeAttitudes had fun celebrating the Kings Birthday.

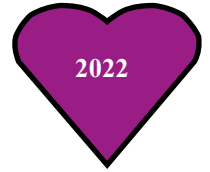
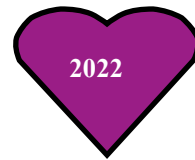
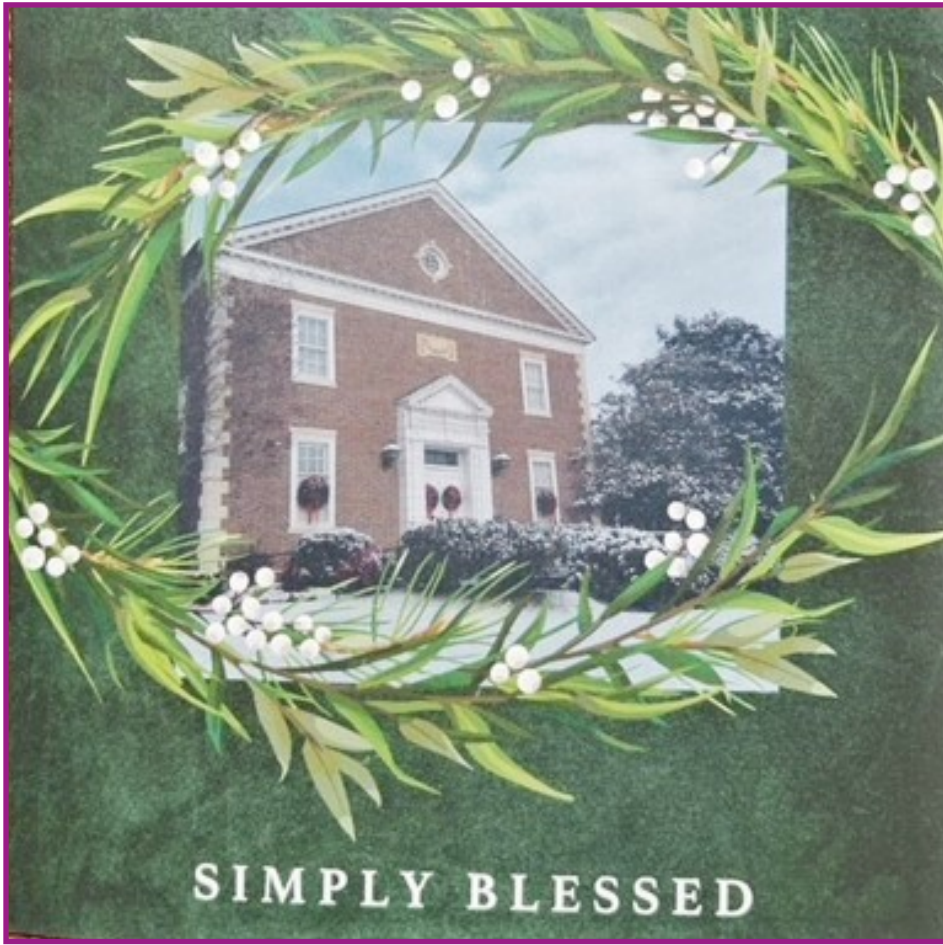
In 2022 we look forward to Resurrection in Pigeon Forge Jan 21st-23rd. Check out <https://www.resurrectionyouth.com> for more information. Let's go into this New Year trusting in the word. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and future.."

January Schedule: January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 6-7:00 in youth room.

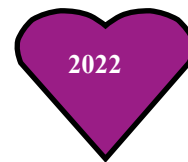
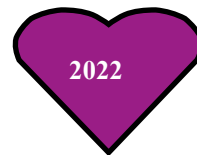
See Yah in 2022.

Jenny





21
Acts
Of Love



Last year's 21 Acts of Love at Memorial UMC shined a bright light on the generosity of this congregation. As we followed Jesus's commandment in Matthew 22:37-39 to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves, we gave our community a chance to see how we put LOVE on display. Whether that was a kind word, a selfless act, financial help, time spent with others, or any other number of ways, the possibilities and the opportunities were and continue to be endless. The world is in need of, and I would even say hungry for, that kind of love.

As we close the book on 2021, let's keep our Acts of Love going and growing! I love Jesus's command that's found in Matthew 5:48. The Message version says, "Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you." So in 2022 let's continue to grow in our own understanding of God's love for us. As we do, through individual Bible study and as we gather for worship and study, we will each grow more in our love for Him and for each other.

As I reflect on just how graciously God lives toward us, individually and as a church, my heart overflows with gratitude. I want to then live the way Jesus described: generously and graciously toward others. What might that look like this year for our church? Only God knows what lies ahead in 2022, but as we continue to show His love others will be drawn to Him and His love here at Memorial United Methodist Church. That's a part of 2022 that we can all look forward to!

Donna Parke

Evangelism/Ministries-2021

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTRIES REPORT FOR 2021

A grateful heart is a loving heart. The 21 Acts of Love Program this year reminded us that God's love in our hearts requires intentional action and service. And we have responded accordingly, accepting the challenges of a year of pandemic recovery. We have evidenced giving, caring, praying, and serving hearts.

First, we have just cooperatively demonstrated it with two major projects. The churchwide Christmas project of helping seniors through the Senior Citizens Program of Anderson County resulted in a financial giving of \$2,583.00 as well as an abundance of requested gifts to meet their specified needs. The UMCOR offering to help serve the victims of the tragic storms in Kentucky and West Tennessee was \$2,270.00. Especially this Christmas as we look at the stark needs of people served in both projects reminds us of just how blessed we are. Response to the needs occurring because of a flood early in the fall, resulted in an offering of \$1202.00 being sent to the Methodist Church in Waverly, TN. In addition, many members *all year* have been quietly serving in the community and in the church in many kinds of situations. One of the greatest gifts we are giving to others is a caring, supportive relationship developed as we give our time through activities such as listening, visiting, transportation needs, direct service, companionship, visits, food, cards, etc. An active prayer chain and a phone ministry to shut ins intentionally involved many of our elderly members. A pilot tutoring program, assisting four third graders from Clinton Elementary Students, has been initiated with nine adult volunteers, many of which are retired and active educators from our membership. It is going well.

Gratitude was expressed to the Anderson County Health Department through a special offering that funded and provided two meals served to employees as they tirelessly immunized the community against COVID in cold, rainy, snowy weather this past winter. In the conference global mission bucket project, we gave the highest number of buckets per membership of any church in the conference. Twenty families accepted the challenge to adopt a child through Compassion International. Previously established, the ministries of the Ida Gamble Scholarship, the Food Pantry, and Funeral dinners remain active. One of the couples of our church passed out packages of hot chocolate during the downtown Christmas parade. Some members are carrying care packages in their cars to distributed to the homeless when an opportunity presents itself.

We expect this coming year to be even more impactful as each of us accept the challenge of being a minister of our church. It must be emphasized that this list does not include all the service given to the church and church activities. These were chosen from activities communally or individually performed within the three committees defined as ministry - Missions, Evangelism, and Outreach. Let each of us actively seek the activity of God and the help of the Holy Spirit in all the situations we encounter, and gratefully thank Him for each of those blessings. Let us actively encourage others to join (rejoin) us regularly in all the programs of the church as our hearts are filled with gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us. Our prayer is that our service will glorify our heavenly Father as His light shines through us to the world to make a difference in the life of someone else.

Presented by Nancy Large

Ministries Coordinator

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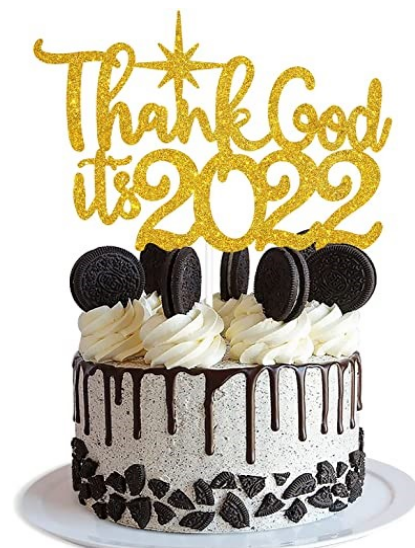
Birthdays for January 2022

01/02 Phil Wenk, 01/05 Vickie Underwood, 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

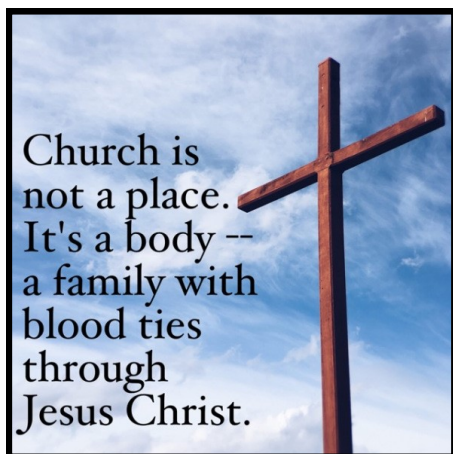
Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday Memorial Members,

Happy Birthday to YOU!



Since we're not supposed to 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 12/30/2021

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, 111 Acuff Lane, Room 304.

MEMORIALS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

In Memory of:	Donor Name	Designated Fund
David Kirkpatrick	Bill & Ouida Steinkamp	General Memorials
David Kirkpatrick	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	General Memorials
David Kirkpatrick	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	General Memorials
David Kirkpatrick	Mark Medley & Family	General Memorials
Bill Martin	Sue Martin & Family	General Memorials
Myrna Loy Williams	Bill & Ouida Steinkamp	General Memorials
Myrna Loy Williams	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Music Fund
Myrna Loy Williams	Deane & Sutton Kaye	Maggie Hennis S.S. Class
Myrna Loy Williams	Andrea Fritts	Food Pantry
Allan Lee Williams	Rebecca Williams	Altar Guild

In Honor of:

Deane & Sutton Kaye	Candace D. Fox, Wells, VT.	Food Pantry
Josh Allen	Mary Hatmaker	Music Fund



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