

The season has changed, it is now Spring, a time when new life springs forth and in our homes, we start putting away the things of Winter. Heavy coats will be stored until next year and lighter colors and materials will soon be worn.

Recently, the CDC announced that our adversary, Covid-19 has been downgraded from pandemic to endemic. While that doesn't mean that we should throw caution to the wind, (or masks in the trash) life is one step closer to "normal."

With the season of Lent upon us, wouldn't this be the "right time" to renew our commitment to one another? While some have reduced the number of worship services per month, doesn't it feel like the right time to come back and reconnect? You are after all loved and missed. And while absence does make the heart grow fonder, extended periods of absence can bring sorrow.

Let us renew ourselves to the growth and service of the church while we ourselves grow and serve Christ. Let us remind ourselves that He is indeed coming again, and like virgins and wedding guests of Jesus' parables we don't want to be left out.

Come and see what's happening at your church!

+ Scott

Editorials Etc. from Members.....

If you give up when it is Winter you miss the promise of your Spring and the beauty of your Summer and the fulfillment of your Fall.

Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge by one difficult season.

Persevere through the difficult patches and the better times are sure to come in time.

Aspire to inspire....before you expire.

Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply. Speak kindly and the leave the rest to God.

Happiness keeps you sweet, Trials keep you strong. Sorrows keep you human, Failures keep you humble, Success keeps you growing, but only God keeps you going.

Take care and be safe for me.

Thank you for being a very important part of the seasons of my life.

God Bless You and keep you in his care through all the seasons of your life.

Lastly, I'll send you a thought and a wish for continued good health, much joy and happiness.

As well as many blessings now and always along this journey called life.

This was a special message that a very special relative would leave me with before departing.

It is by hope and joy that it will bring you special comfort as it has done for me for many years.

Submitted by Clyde Horton....

All are Welcome to submit Editorials, Etc. for the Newsletter. Drop it bye the Church Office, Fax or Email.



Flower Donors for March	<u>Lay Speaker for March</u> Amy Graham		ents and Happenings for March 03/01 Delta Kappa Gamma 5:00p Church Council 6:30p-YAK Room
March 6th— Joe & Pam Rainey	<u>Lay Speaker for April</u> Nancy Large	Wed.	03/02 Wednesday Club 11-2:00p Fellowship Dinner 5:30p Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p Ash Wednesday Service 7:00p
March 13 – Bill & Alice Connell	<u>Lay Speaker for May</u> Jim Ern Medley		03/03-Food Pantry 5:30-6:30p 03/09 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p Choir Practice 7-8:00p 03/16 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p
March 20 - Tom & Nancy Thrasher		Thur.	Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p Choir Practice 7-8:00p 03/17 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30p
March 27 - Sam Franklin Florist		Wed.	03/23 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p Choir Practice 7-8:00p
NOTE: Still having a problem with finding the "electronic" door un-locked. Please re- member to push the YALE button on the OUTSIDE of the door when you leave. Thank You!!!		Wed.	03/30 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p Choir Practice 7-8:00p

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 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. Thank You!!!





Below is the Year-to-date giving and expenses report:

February Budget Giving: \$26,823.00 February Budget Expenses: \$18,383.00 February Balance: \$8,440.00 Year-to-date Giving: \$39,470.00 Year-to-date Expenses: \$36,368.00 Year-to-date Balance: \$3,102.00

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. Thanks to each one of you who supports our Church. You have blessed the Church and in turn you are blessed.

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

Bebe Combs Finance Chair

Trustees Report

We have been busy this beginning of a new year.

Repair work at the Parsonage for soffit & fascia is being done. Painting the trim in late Spring is being looked into.

A window repair for a panel of a storm window is being priced.

Repair of the doors to the HVAC building is being discussed as a possible service project for Troop 131.

Clint Jones will continue as our lawn care person.

A "Dumpster Day" will be scheduled for after Easter.

While we are trying to save money for the upcoming replacement of the HVAC units, many smaller repairs spring up, as they do for all our households, and they need our attention. Please consider designating your "Memorial" or "Honorarium" donations to the Trustees Building Repair or "Other" funds to help cover the many repair projects being done at the Church and the Parsonage.

Thank you. Nancy Thrasher

Evangelism/Ministries-2022



We're looking for members who love to "make music" with musical instruments and/or their voices . We are going to take a "sing-a-long" to the Senior Center at Mariner's point to sing and fellowship with the senior clientele.

If you would like to be a part of this activity and/ or attend this event and help build relationships with the seniors, please let Nancy Large know. After we see the interest from our membership, we will set up a schedule. Right now, we are looking at April. A firm date will be announced soon. The Director of the Senior Center was really excited about the idea and felt the seniors would really enjoy it.

The Ministries Committee is also working with Jenny Nichol for an exciting summer program for the Youth.

Thank you for your support. Nancy Large









Thank you to all who joined in. And THANKS to The Kitchen Committee and these special ladies!











Birthdays for March 2022

03/03– Ben Sellers, 03/16 Greg Prater, 03/17 Pat Stonecipher, 03/19 Joyce Barnes, 03/23 Cal Kirkpatrick, 03/28 Marie Hickson

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday Memorial Members,

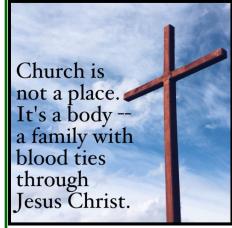
Happy Birthday to **yOU**!





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 check InstantChurch-Directory.com or call the Church Office (865-457-2287).





DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS As of 2/28/2022

Away from Home:	
Winki Watkins, The Grove, Apt. #105, 734 Emory Valley Phone: 865-248-9976	Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830
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 L	iving, 111 Acuff Lane, Room
Call her at 865-591-5304	



Memorials ~ February 2022

In Memory of:

Donor:

Designated Fund In Memory of: Donor

Myrna Loy Williams Elenora Edwards **Flenora Edwards** Elenora Edwards Elenora Edward Elenora Edwards Elenora Edwards

Vickie Underwood Betty McCarty Deane & Sutton Kay Gail Stinnett Art Miller **Dorothy Bowles** Steve & Bebe Combs Mark Medlev John & Helena Jones Meredith Combs Reed Mary McGill **Timely Topics Club** Doug Horne Jeanie Randall Connie S. Burns Jim Brent Robert G. Paul Ben Edwards Fund Sarah & Jim Ern Medley Ben Edwards Fund Carolyn S. Jenkinson Jeff & Harper Maxwell Ben Edwards Fund Ellie Green Ben Edwards Fund **Ouida & Bill Steinkamp** Ben Edwards Fund

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