

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

APRIL 2022

We live in what has been called the information age. Where we once received news from around the world in days or hours, now we see actual events on our television or computers in minutes. A matter of minutes can mean the difference between life and death.



With cell phones we can call **from** almost anywhere **to** anywhere. Through the internet, we can communicate with even the most remote places in the world in mere moments. What was once subject for the evening news is now shared in an instant. Because of this, lives can be saved due to quickened reaction, time and researchers can collaborate half a world away.

The strange thing with our **ability** to communicate is that we seem to lack the **desire** to communicate. Where once we would converse, now we argue, debate, and shout. We can talk and converse, but do not wish to do so. That would be signal personal defeat because if we would have to let our guard down, and we might discover that we have something to learn.

In a prayer before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed for His followers, "that they may be one." (John 16:12-15) Notice that Jesus didn't say that it would be of some advantage to splinter into groups to serve different theological edges or perhaps those who preferred contemporary worship to traditional hymns. He prayed for unity in the body.

In my overly simplistic way of thinking, I think of things like this: If "loving God" with our best is the 'greatest commandment', then not offering God our best must be the 'worst sin'. Does it not follow that to choose division over unity is outside the will of Jesus who desires for us to be as one?

I'm not suggesting that we should let go of our passions and convictions. But what if we acknowledge that some things are more important than personal convictions based on personal interpretation. Love, unity, and salvation through Jesus Christ does not need my interpretation, or qualifiers, or disqualifiers. They are simple truths that stand on their own.

In other words, could we as a church center ourselves around the maxim of "in essentials (love of God and neighbor, salvation through Jesus, etc.) unity, in non-essentials (baptismal formulas, church polity, etc.) liberty, in all things, charity"? Paul wrote, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." 1Cor 13:7 Can we not bear our differences for the love of God and our neighbor? Just food for thought.

† Scott

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for April

April 3— Nancy & Hollis Large

April 10 – Robert Ball McGinley

April 17 - Altar Guild—EASTER SUNDAY

April 24 - Church in the Park

Lay Speaker for April

Nancy Large

Lay Speaker for May

Jim Ern Medley

Lay Speaker for June

Nancy Thrasher

Events and Happenings for April

Tues. 04/05 Delta Kappa Gamma 5:00p

Wed. 04/06 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p

Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p

Choir Practice 7-8:00p

Thurs. 4/07 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30pm

Wed. 04/13 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p

Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p

Choir Practice 7-8:00p

Thur. 4/14 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00p

Sun. 4/17 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00am

At Kathleen Jones Farm

4/17 Easter Service at 10:30am

4/17 Egg Hunt & Carnival 11:30 in

Church Courtyard by the Youth.

Wed. 4/20 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p

Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p

Choir Practice 7-8:00p

Thur. 04/21 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30p

Sun. 04/24 Church in the Park

Wed. 04/27 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p

Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p

Choir Practice 7-8:00p

Church in the Park is coming!

On Sunday, April 24th we will be having church at the usual shelter in Norris Dam State Park. We will be having a covered dish luncheon after the service and the Church will provide the meat (ham and chicken tenders), drinks and paper products. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary so that you can select what you want to bring. Please try to attend this service.

Thank you,

Pat Stonecipher

Hospitality/Kitchen Committee

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 to recover from the pandemic. 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. And lastly, pray for Ukraine.

JUST PRAY

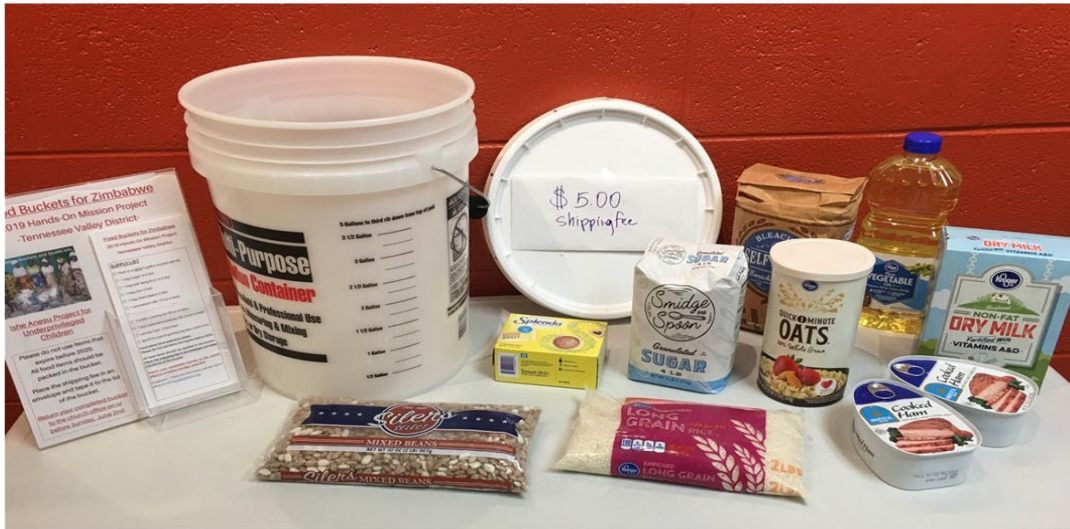
“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.”

Philippians 4:6



YOUTH MINISTRIES

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Hands on Mission Project **TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT** **FOOD BUCKETS**



Pack in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid.

- 1 bag sugar (4- 5 lb.)
- 1 bag self-rising flour (4 - 5 lbs.)
- 1 bag rice (2 lb.)
- 1 bag dried beans (2 lb.)
- 1 powdered milk (10 oz. or less)
- 1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)
- 1 box Splenda/sucralose (50 ct. or less)
- Canned Ham (2 lb. total)

*Shipping for each bucket - \$5.00

Last Day for bucket collection – 5/29/2022

Delivery Date to District – 5/30/2022

Please contact Jenny Nichol here at MUMC at 304-840-7404 or email her at Jennynichol.umm@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with bucket filling or any other thing that needs doing.

This is a YOUTH UMCOR Project by Memorial UMC for Zimbabwe.



United Methodists and others wanting to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people since the invasion of Russian forces can do so now through UMCOR and Advance gifts. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made for Advance project # 14053A.

To Help Ukrainian Refugees outside of Ukraine in neighboring countries such as Poland, Slovakia, Romania or Hungary use UMCOR Advance project # 982540. Make your checks to MUMC with the Advance # in the memo line.

A Prayer for Ukraine by Bishop Debra-Wallace –Padgett

O God, We come before you today with heavy & troubled hearts about what is unfolding in Eastern Europe. The unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Russia boggles our minds and grieves our hearts.

We pray for the people of Ukraine in this moment. We especially ask for their protection, guidance, strength and hope as they deal with the death, fear and destruction that comes with war.

We pray for reconciliation in the face of this war and violence. We ask for YOU to move among leaders and influencers in that region and around the world to bring peace.

Show us what we can do to further peace in this and other circumstances. In the meantime, we pray.

God, have mercy on us all.

In the name of Jesus, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Copied from the Holston Conference Newsletter.

Finance News

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

MARCH Budget Giving: \$ 14,300.00

Year-to-date Giving: \$54,015.00

MARCH Budget Expenses: \$19,286.00

Year-to-date Expenses: \$55,677.00

MARCH balance: \$ -4,996.00

Year-to-date Balance: \$+1,662.00

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.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

"Food Pantry News"

Clean out YOUR pantry! If you have any unused food items in your pantry please consider placing them in our new Blessing Box. You can place them yourself in the box or drop off at the church office and we will stock them for you. The Blessing Box is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Another Ministry of Memorial UMC!!



And a big SHOUT-OUT to Bill Stone for taking this project from a vision to a completed structure.

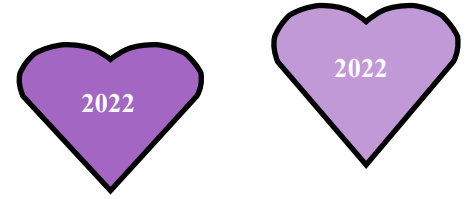
Not only is it functional,

It's beautiful.

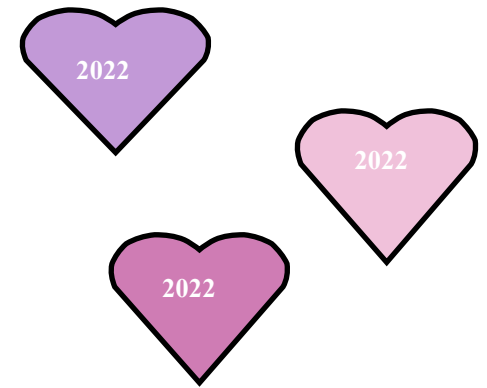
Thank you Bill Stone.



Evangelism/Ministries-2022



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Acts of Love



April is the month that we begin a pilot musical program at the Anderson County Senior Center at Mariner Point. On **Wednesday, April 13 at noon**, Memorial UMC is directing a sing-a-long at the Senior Center. Bill Stone is coordinating the music, and with Bill's multiple musical talents, this will be a treat. He plans to include both sacred and secular music. The members of our church who are available are urged to attend, enjoy singing along with the music, and begin forming or strengthening a relationship with someone who participates routinely in their program. We are requesting that you intentionally sit with someone other than a regular attender of our church as the first step in building a relationship. Our hope is that as we continue with the program we can define other service opportunities to seniors in our community.

Thank you for your support.
Nancy Large



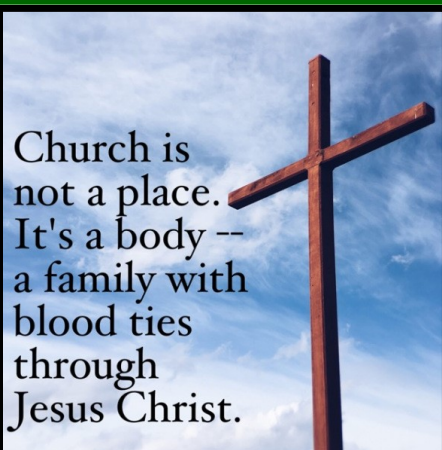
Birthdays for April 2022

04/03 Adah Freels, 04/04 Brian Hitson, 04/05 Carol Long, 04/11 Diane Stakes, 04/12 Leslie Stone, 04/13 Sarah Beth Pietrzak, 04/13 Romy Hitson, 04/14 Gwen Ferguson, 04/18 Georgia Pietrzak, 04/19 Boyce Evans, 04/19 Byron Hale (97), 04/19 Harper Maxwell, 04/20 Eli Kirkpatrick, 04/21 Sarah Rhea, 04/22 Holly Meier, 04/23 Jim Davis, 04/24 Denise Davis, 04/24 Mike Harmening, 04/27 Linda Toman

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 Instant-ChurchDirectory.com or call the Church Office (865-457-2287).



DON'T FORGET OUR **EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS** **As of 3/31/2022**

Away from Home:

Winki Watkins, The Grove, Apt. #149, 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:

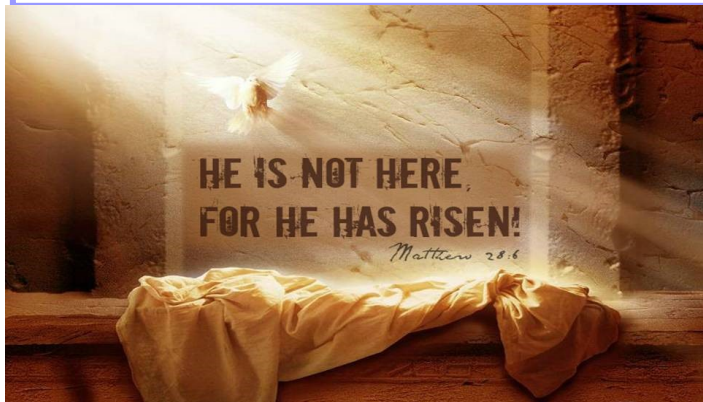
Becky Williams is recuperating at Meadow View Senior Living, 111 Acuff Lane, Room 304.

Call her at 865-591-5304

MEMORIALS ~ MARCH 2022

In Memory of: **Donor:** **Designated Fund**

Doreen Graf	Jim & Denise Davis	Food Pantry
David Kirkpatrick	Buford & Karen Bray	General Memorials
Elenora Edwards	Late John & Arne Jones	General Memorials
Bill Loy	Jim Ern & Sarah Medley	General Memorials
Susan Hedden	Buford & Karen Bray	General Memorials
Bill Loy	Deane & Sutton Kay	General Memorials
Elenora Edwards	Jim & Libby Freels	Ben Edwards Fund
Elenora Edwards	Tn. Press Association	Ben Edwards Fund
Elenora Edwards	Vickie Underwood	Ben Edwards Fund
Elenora Edwards	Buford & Karen Bray	Ben Edwards Fund
Elenora Edwards	Dr. & Mrs. Joe Rainey	Ben Edwards Fund
Elenora Edwards	Carolyn B. Huff	Ben Edwards Fund
Elenora Edwards	Georgiana Vines	Ben Edwards Fund
Elenora Edwards	Stephen L. Alligood	Ben Edwards Fund



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