

# The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

MAY 2022



## Kingdom Math

In the Miracle of the five loaves and two fish, (Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:30–44; Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–14) Jesus takes the offering of a young boy and makes it sharable with a large crowd. He takes a finite number of resources and multiplies them for the masses. According to the world's math, each person should have gotten the equivalent of a couple of crumbs and a few fish scales. But math whiz Jesus takes the very little and makes it an abundance.

He blesses the meal of scarcity and then divides it among the many. And there was enough for a feast with leftovers. Jesus still takes the scarce and makes abundance. Most notably, He takes our short lives and makes them eternal. He takes our weakness and makes them strength. He takes our shortcomings and makes them blessings.

Lately, during our time of “scare”-city, He has taken our few in church and has been gradually adding to those numbers. While some are still afraid of crowds, God has provided an increase. What a blessing it has been to watch.

What if... we put ourselves in the story as the young boy who offered his meal and allow God to provide the increase? Could we see more people fill the pews, more people around us fed, and more glory to God?

Just a little food for fodder.

Scott

# THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## Flower Donors for May

May 01— Jim & Denise Davis

May 08 – Wesley Men's Class  
Mother's Day

May 15 - John & Wilma Lomax

May 22 - OPEN

May 29 - Bill & Leslie Stone

## Lay Speaker for May

Jim Ern Medley

## Lay Speaker for June

Nancy Thrasher

## Lay Speaker for July

Sherry Livengood

## Lay Speaker for August

Sutton Kay

## Lay Speaker for September

Art Miller

## Events and Happenings for April

- Wed. 05/04 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p  
Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p  
Choir Practice 7-8:00p
- Thurs. 05/05 Delta Kappa Gamma 5:00p
- Thurs. 05/05 FOOD pantry 5:30-6:30
- Tues. 05/10 Church Council Mtg/6:30pm
- Wed. 05/11 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p  
Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p  
Choir Practice 7-8:00p
- Wed. 05/18 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p  
Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p  
Choir Practice 7-8:00p
- Thur. 05/19 FOOD Pantry 5:30-6:30p
- Sun. 05/22 High School Seniors/College  
Graduates Sunday. Cake/Ice Cream  
After in Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 05/25 Fellowship Dinner 5:30p  
Bible Study/Youth 6-7:00p  
Choir Practice 7-8:00p
- Sun. 05/29 Bucket Dropoff— Last day  
*Filled Buckets only, please.*

## "Food Pantry News"

Attendance has been going up steadily since the first of the year and that's a good thing! The BLESSING BOX has been a great addition in that the hungry can get Food any time, day, night or weekends. If you clean out your pantry and have extras feel free to put in the Blessing Box, any-time you're nearby. The box can also use toiletries, paper goods, baby goods, feminine hygiene items.

## 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."*

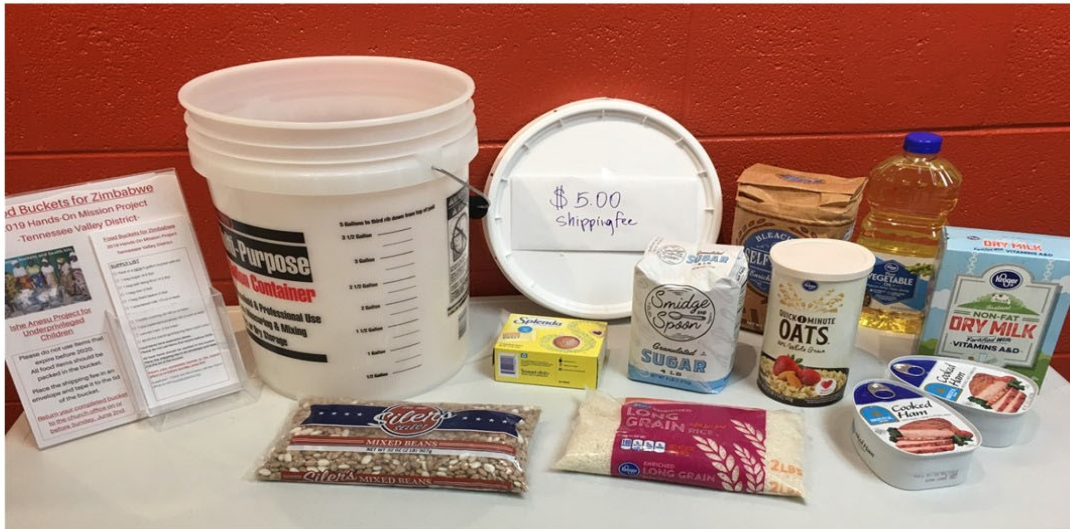
Philippians 4:6



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

Hurry!  
Time SHORT

## 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](mailto: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.

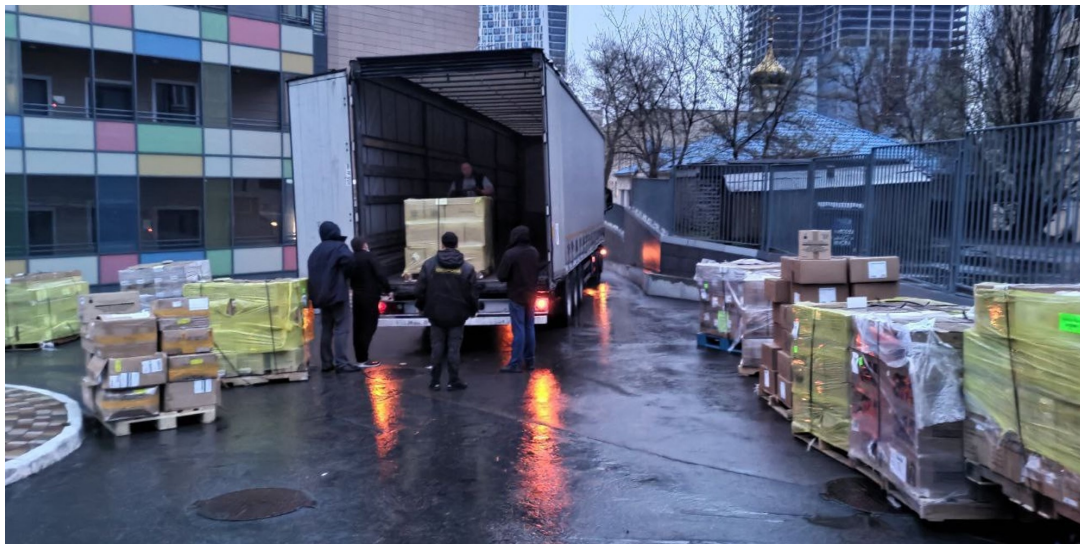
This is a YOUTH UMCOR Project by Memorial UMC for Zimbabwe.





**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.**



April 22, 2022

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the Arlene Campbell Foundation – a Texas-based humanitarian organization focused on Ukraine – and Ohio Health are collaborating to send 47,895 pounds of medical supplies and equipment worth \$935,000.00 to three hospitals in Kyiv, Ukraine. AEC Parcel Services is handling transport of the supplies, which are being sent in three shipments.

# Finance News

Below is the Year-to-date giving and expenses report through April 26, 2022

April Budget Giving: \$ 18,303.00

Year-to-date Giving: \$73,993.00

April Budget Expenses: \$15,227.00

Year-to-date Expenses: \$70,941.00

April 26th balance: +\$3,076.00

Year-to-date Balance: +\$3,052.00

Please note that we are still behind in year to date giving to support our budget projections. Our budget goals through year to date are \$87,172 and actual giving is \$70,941. Thus, we are behind by \$16,231 for budgeted/expected expenditures. *The wonderful news, however, is that we are cash flowing – we are able to pay our bills and continue to support community and church obligations and goals. Just think what we could accomplish with a fully funded church!*

Thank you so much for your continued faith in God's plans for Memorial UMC! 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.mumclinton.org](http://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](mailto:info@mumclinton.org). Thank you for your faithfulness.

Bebe Combs  
Finance Chair



## Youth News



BEE-Attitudes Schedule for May

May 7th, Antique Festival Parking—8am. We are going to try for donations to allow visitors to park in our lot.

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In February we decorated rocks and pollinated Market Street.

In March we got a custom gaga pit and it is a youth favorite physical activity.

In April, the Easter Carnival was a buzzing great time. We collaborated with St. Mark's for the egg hunt.

At present, we are working on VBS plans and will keep you updated. We just keep buzz zing around!





# Evangelism/Ministries-2022



## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

In you are interested in joining a Jail Ministry Team, for your protection you are required to have 8 hours of training which will be offered this year on May 17th and 19th from 6-10pm at the Anderson County Detention Center.

The team of which I have been a part for 15 years will be resuming our ministry the first Thursday morning in May. Each of us are so excited to be able (post-Covid) to return to this ministry. We too will be at the training session.

If you are interested in volunteering in the jail, please call me with questions or share your interest with me.

Thank you so much.  
Nancy Large

## Isiah 1:17 House

When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their welfare, they are usually brought to the Department of Children's Services Offices to await placement with a foster family. This wait can be several hours to nearly a full day. These children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing.

Isaiah 117 provides a comforting home where these children instead can be brought to wait – a place that is safe with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snugly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while DCS staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good foster placement.

Proposed Anderson County House



April 27th was our first "Sing-A-Long" with clients coming to the Senior Citizens Center of Anderson County at Mariner's Point. We had a good crowd for a first ever event and beautiful music. Accompaniment provided by our Bill Stone and Scott Wilks along with Choir members who sang along as well.

The Seniors were so appreciative this will not be a one-time event. Next event will be announced in advance for all to come and enjoy.

Thank you for your support.  
Nancy Large



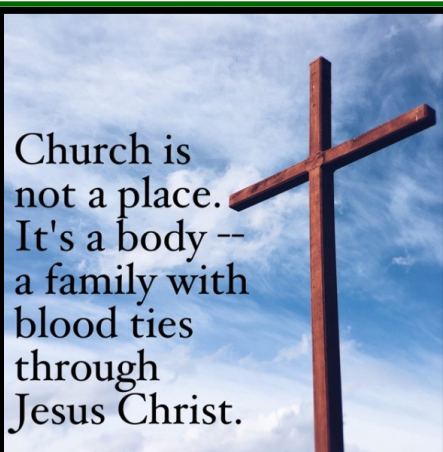
# Birthdays for MAY 2022

05/01 Juanita Smith, 05/04 Cheryl Conner, 05/05 Zander Ford, 05/06 Jerry Ferguson, Ingrid Feels  
05/07 Joe Walker, 05/10 Gabriella Rhea, 05/15 Zayden Ford, 05/18 Martin Hennessee, Sarah Freels  
05/21 Chuck Parke, 05/29 Amy Graham

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 [InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com)  
or call the Church Office (865-457-2287).



## **DON'T FORGET OUR** **EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS** **As of 4/30/2022**

### 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

# Fellowship PODS @ MUMC

A few months ago, several of us met with Pastor Scott to discuss ways we could increase the social bonds in our church and provide gateways for new members. One of the concepts we agreed to try is "Friendship Pods". This is simply some opportunities for our church members to socialize and potentially invite new members. We have initially decided to launch four of these friendship pods with the following focus and coordinators:

Bowling – Donna Parke – 423-284-5459  
Cards – Nancy Harper – 865-457-1503  
Golf – Chuck Parke – 770-597-8127  
Walking- Bebe Combs— 865-216-2951

As we all know, this has been a difficult time with some of the divisive issues facing the Methodist Church. Let's focus on what unites us rather than what divides us while we get together and have some fun!

If you are interested in participating, just call the coordinator listed above or sign up on the sheets posted outside the sanctuary on the bulletin boards. The details of how often, when, and where will get worked out based on the interest. There isn't any long-term commitment – just show up when you can and have some fun with your friends. Feel free to invite others as well. Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

Regards,  
Chuck Parke

## MEMORIALS ~ MARCH 2022

In Memory of:	Donor:	Designated Fund
Elenora Edwards	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry
Bill Loy	Steve & Bebe Combs	General Memorials
Bill Loy	Andrea Fritts	Food Pantry

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