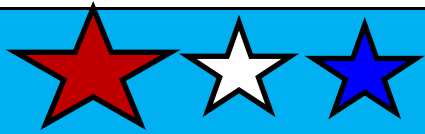


The MEMORIAL MESSENGER



JULY 2022



Who remembers the song, “Be careful little eyes what you see?” It was a staple of VBS and children’s ministry for ages. It told us to be aware, there are things we can say, hear, and see that aren’t good for us. Of course, some took it to the extreme of banning books, art, and music.



We live in a time when messaging comes to us in all kinds of forms. Commercials, internet ads, news print, and radio. But contrary to what the commercial says, just because it’s on the internet doesn’t make it true. Not every message is true, and not all stories are “just the facts, ma’am.”

The church has not been exempt from its handling of facts. After all, the Bible can be a confusing book for those who don’t do the deeper reading. My favorite example of this is the characterization of Mary Magdalene as a woman of ill repute. It isn’t there. Look it up. Do the same for the important things you read. Look for reputable sources and question everything.

In the book of Acts, Luke commends, “The people of Berea (who) were more open-minded than the people of Thessalonica. They were very willing to receive God’s message, and every day they carefully examined the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was true.” They were open minded but also wise enough to go to the primary sources to fact check what they were hearing.

Sunday, I admonished you to “keep the faith.” To that I would add Jesus message to His followers, “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” Matthew 10:16 kjv.

Keep the Faith

Scott

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for July

July 3rd— Buford & Karen Bray

July 10th— John & Susan Gamble

July 17th—Cathy Brown

July 24th—Vickie Underwood

July 31st—Pat & V.L. Stonecipher

Lay Speaker for July

Sherry Livengood

Lay Speaker for August

Position open
Please apply
Great benefits
Super Staff

Lay Speaker—September Art Miller

Lay Speaker for October Nancy Harper

Events and Happenings for JULY

There will be no Wednesday Fellowship Dinners or Choir Rehearsals for July. Will re-start in August.

7/04-7/08 Carol on Vacation. Call Scott if any emergencies come up.

7/10 Delta Kappa Gamma Executive meeting 10:00-2:00, Fellowship Hall

7/13 6:00-? Cottage Prayer Group at the home of Joe & Nancy Harper. Please let Nancy know if you're coming 865-457-1503

7/17-7/21 Scott in D.C. for seminars

7/25-Delta Kappa Gamma 9:30 am

7/27—Cottage Prayer Group at the home of Gibby Seals. Please let Gibby know by

Calling her at 865-919-8627

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

We have a two OPEN dates for Altar flowers for the sanctuary.

They are:1st Sunday in May, 4th Sunday in May. If either of these dates interest you, please contact Libby Freels at 865-919-6742 or Kathleen Jones at 865-363-0979. If interested in working in the flower beds around the Church, they could use your help with raking, pulling weeds, etc. Call Kathleen Jones if you can help!

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.”



Finance News

Below is the Year-to-date giving and expenses report through June 29:

June Budget Giving: \$ 14,635.00

June Budget Expenses: \$23,871.03

Balance: <\$9,236.00>

Year-to-date Giving: \$106,084.00

Year-to-date Expenses: \$124,094.12

Year-to-date Balance: - <\$18,010.12>

Summer is always the time of year when our regular giving goes down. This year is no different. However, I ask that you try to catch up with your giving. If you are not able to be at church (vacations, summer fun, company, etc.), please try to mail in your tithe or give with the on-line options.

Memorial UMC continues to pay our bills and meet our obligations on a timely basis, and we want to be able to do this.

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.mumccinton.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@mumccinton.org.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Bebe Combs , Finance Chair

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday Nights



NEWS

Memorial United Methodist feels like one big happy family. Let's all get together this summer and have some relaxing fellowship and fun!

We're slowing down the pace and will be meeting in homes every other Wednesday at 6:00 for Cottage Prayers. We'll have dinner and a short devotional and some great conversations. Maybe some corn hole too!

You'll have to come join us! Please call or text Donna Parke (423-284-5459) so our hosts will know how many burgers to throw on the grill! Thanks to the following folks who have graciously agreed to host us for the month of July.

July 13th - Joe and Nancy Harper

July 27th - Gibby Seals

If you have specific questions please contact Donna Parke at 423-284-5459.

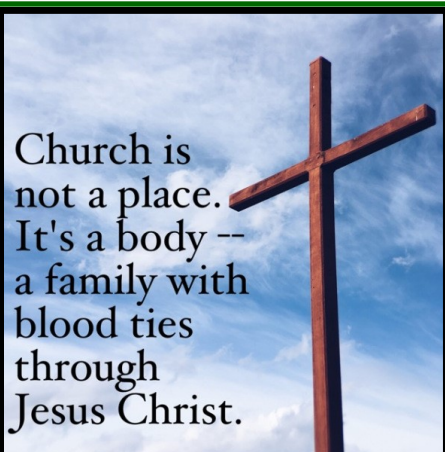
Birthdays for JULY 2022

7/01 Karen Bray, V.L. Stonecipher, 7/02 Logan Prater, 7/03 Mary Helen Hitson, 7/06 Mark Medley, 7/09 Steve Combs, Alyssa Meier, 7/10 Crystal Sellers, Terry Austin, 7/11 S. Tyrone Foster, 7/13 Walter Freels, 7/16 John Jones, 7/18 Betty Sellers, 7/19 Abbey Wilks, Mara Wilks, 7/22 Brian Hatmaker, 7/26 Michael Freels, 7/30 Lauren Burton, 7/31 Gibby Seals, Sherry Livengood.

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



DON'T FORGET OUR **EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS** **As of 5/30/2022**

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

Alice Connell, NHC of Oak Ridge, 300 Laboratory Rd., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830

At Home:

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



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 and to help with refugees outside of Ukraine can be made for Advance project # 982540.

Trustees Report

Trustees Report
June 21, 2022

There are many projects happening, behind the scenes, to bring to your attention.

1. Rick Weldon has completed the work at the Parsonage.
2. Harrison Dean will be painting the trim at the Parsonage this fall
3. Bill Stone has changed 8 of the 9 light bulbs in the Chancel area, making it much brighter and hopefully a little cooler.
4. The rear storm door of the Parsonage shattered last week. Bill Stone and Steve Combs are making arrangements for repair/replacement as soon as possible.
5. Steve, Bill and Hollis Large are working on placing a new door on the HV/AC building. We thank Hollis for making the hinges that will be used

This year's major project is repairing another section, of the alley-side retaining wall.

The Trustee's plan to spend up to \$5000.00 out of our dwindling designated funds account.

A wonderful opportunity has been placed before the Trustees

A member of our church family, who wishes to remain anonymous, has offered to make a matching funds opportunity available to help kickstart the repair work needed on the alley side retaining wall. The total cost of this section of the retaining wall is between \$15,500 and \$17,000. The Trustees will contribute \$5,000 toward this project, from their designated funds.

The offer is to match up to \$10,000.00 in contributions! The contributor has asked that any remaining funds held in the *Trustees' Designated Funds- Wall projects*, to help meet future wall repair needs. John Cole, our brick mason, will be able to begin as early as late July. Will you help the Trustees, and our church, take advantage of this generous matching funds opportunity?

MEMORIALS ~ JUNE 2022

In Memory of:	Donor:	Designated Fund
Elenora Edwards	Ronnie & Marjorie Phillips	Ben Edwards Fund
Charles Stonecipher	Joe & Nancy Harper	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Becky Stewart	Joe & Nancy Harper	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Pat Wenk	Johnanna Sprague	General Memorials
Deane & Sutton Kay	Diane Stakes	Ida Gamble Scholarship



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