

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

JUNE 2022



When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks. Acts 2: 1-3a

Sunday, June 5th, we celebrate the permanent arrival of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. Much has been said, and much could be said about the Advocate, Comforter, Mighty Wind, or Heavenly Dove. Yet, we seem afraid to say much. The Holy Spirit has been neglected in the church for some time and coopted by others for a time as well.

I am by no means an expert on the Paraclete (Greek for the Holy Spirit). I know by Scripture and observation that He works in us and in the world in many diverse ways. He is the giver of diverse Spiritual gifts and moves in boisterous ways in some and quiet ways in others. I have seen Him in quiet contemplative worship and the kind that involves loud guitars and drums.

Jesus told Nicodemus "'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

What I know is this, God the Father sent the Son to live, suffer, die, and rise again for us. Jesus promised that the Spirit would come and dwell within and among us. And if every good gifts comes from the Father, and Jesus attests to the source, why should we fear?

Today, when the Body of Christ is divided and divisive, when our zeal for God's kingdom has waned, and churches are closing, should we not embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit to unite and strengthen? Should we not open ourselves to the possibility that we should open the cloisters of our hearts and invite in the Holy Spirit to bring real change and rekindle our hearts for God?

Scott

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for June

June 5th— Denise & Allen Smith

June 12th – John & Kathleen Jones

June 19th - Jim & Denise Davis

June 26th—Bobbie Sellers

Lay Speaker for June

Nancy Thrasher

Lay Speaker for July
Sherry Livengood

Lay Speaker for August
Sutton Kay

Lay Speaker—September
Art Miller

Events and Happenings for JUNE

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

Sun. 06/06-06/08 Annual Conference
Lake Junaluska, N.C.

Thurs. 06/02 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30

Wed. 6/15 Cottage Prayer Group @
Gail & Bill Gallaher's home

Thurs. 06/16 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30

Tues. 6/21 Church Council 6:30-7:30

Wed. 6/29 Cottage Prayer Group @
The Stonecipher's Home

"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, etc.

Also, a large refrigerator/freezer has been donated to the Food Pantry so that fresh produce items can be given to our clients along with our usual non-perishable goods. Feel free to donate items such as margarine, American cheese slices, items with long expirations dates. You can also bring produce from your gardens on the Wednesday before Food Pantry. Just another way that Members of Memorial UMC show their LOVE!



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**



BEE ATTITUDES



In early May we parked cars for the Antique Festival, making about \$60.00 for our summer programs.

During the month of May we also were in charge of the Mission Buckets and ended up with a total of **45 Buckets**. They are on their way to Zimbabwe as we dropped all of them off on Tuesday May 31st.

We are proud of our Youth for their support and hard work they did on this program and know that the congregation at Memorial UMC are behind us and generous with their Love of Mission Projects.

To GOD be the Glory!

Jenny Nichol





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. Make your checks to MUMC with the Advance # in the memo line.

Fellowship PODS ~ MUMC ~ Update

To update everyone on the Friendship pods, we have two segments active right now, the Walking Group and the Golf Group. We have interest in the other two groups but have not put anything together so far. With it being summer and vacations we will get more interest in them later one.

If you are interested now, sign up on the bulletin board sheets or give one of the coordinators a call.

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

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!

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

Finance News

Below is the Year-to-date giving and expenses report through May 31, 2022

May Budget Giving: \$ 17,251.00

Year-to-date Giving: \$91,449.00

May Budget Expenses: \$26,600.03

Year-to-date Expenses: \$100,223.12

May balance: **-\$9,349.03**

Year-to-date Balance: **-\$8,774.12**

May expenses are higher than our usual monthly expenses because a large yearly payment was made. Most months do not have a large lump payment such as this. Memorial UMC continues to pay our bills and meet our obligations on a timely basis.

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. 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

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.

June 15th - Bill and Gail Gallaher
June 29th - VL and Pat Stonecipher
July 13th - Joe and Nancy Harper
July 27th - Gibby Seals

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

Evangelism/Ministries-2022



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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



**"Defend the cause of the fatherless."
- Isaiah 1:17**

Memorial UMC has adopted Isiah 1:17 House as our Children's Charity in place of Holston Homes. This will be our 5th Sunday designated offering.

We are on our way to being a terrific sponsor as our first offerings for them totaled \$1,252.00.

We will keep you updated with news of the Anderson County house that is in progress now.

Thank you faithful members of Memorial UMC !!

Birthdays for JUNE 2022

June 1-Cole Sellers, Sophie Hitson, 06/11 John Lomax, Sharon McCarty, Bill Steinkamp, 06/12 Suzan Moore, 06/21 Jeff Maxwell, Claire Pietrzak , 6/22 Brady Sellers, 6/23 Buford Bray.



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).



Church is
not a place.
It's a body --
a family with
blood ties
through
Jesus Christ.



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

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 ~ MAY 2022

| In Memory of: | Donor: | Designated Fund |
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| Bill Loy | Bill & Ouida Steinkamp | General Missions |
| Audrey Van Pelt | Bill & Ouida Steinkamp | General Missions |
| Audrey Van Pelt | Tom & Nancy Thrasher | Trustees Fund |
| Ruth Layton | Tom & Nancy Thrasher | Trustees Fund |
| Audrey Van Pelt | Ellie Green | Food Pantry |
| Audrey Van Pelt | Deane & Sutton Kay | General Memorials |
| Audrey Van Pelt | Andrea Fritts | Food Pantry |
| Audrey Van Pelt | V.L. & Pat Stonecipher | Food Pantry |
| Audrey Van Pelt | Jim Ern & Sarah Medley | Food Pantry |
| Audrey Van Pelt | Betty L. Hitchcock | General Memorials |
| Charles Stonecipher | Jim & Denise Davis | Ida Gamble Scholarships |
| Charles Stonecipher | Jim Ern & Sarah Medley | Ida Gamble Scholarships |
| Becky Stewart | Jim Ern & Sarah Medley | Ida Gamble Scholarships |
| Charles Stonecipher | Mark Medley & Family | Ida Gamble Scholarships |
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| Charles Stonecipher | Sharon McCarty | Food Pantry |
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| Charles Stonecipher | Bill & Ouida Steinkamp | General Memorials |
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In Honor of:

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| Sharon McCarty | Laura Kramer, Va. | Ida Gamble Scholarships |
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