

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

★ ★ ★ AUGUST 2022 ★ ★ ★

Church in the Park



We're going to the Norris Dam State Park
Sunday August 14th
After the outdoor worship service, we will have lunch

The Church is providing the entrée (grilled hot dogs with fixings and chicken fingers), all of the utensils, paper-goods and drinks.

The congregation is needed to assist with side items and desserts. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer. The last Church in the Park we had wonderful and plentiful food items brought. Please repeat.

If anyone has park pictures from other services the Office would really like to have them. Email to: memorialumclinton@gmail.com.

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



AUGUST 2022

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. Matthew 6:19 NIV

I think about this saying of Jesus with a little angst. So much of what we do in this life is about accumulating "stuff". Bigger houses, new cars, nice coifed yards in private subdivisions. Isn't that the American dream? Aren't we supposed to not only keep up with the Joneses, but now have the Joneses envious of us?

I have observed, and experienced that whatever I put human value in is subject to decay and rust. Nowhere has this been more evident than with cars. Right after the girls were born, we bought a nice Mazda. It was the gem of my wife's eyes. It was champaign silver. Sounds luxurious, doesn't it?

About a week after we bought the car, we went to celebrate at Ye Olde Steak House in South Knoxville. Ten minutes into our meal there was a dreadful sound and the announcement, "would the owner of a silver Mazda, report to your car." What we found was crazy. A car pulling into the parking lot had been hit by an oncoming car. It sent the rear axel of the one car into the passenger door of our nice new Mazda.

While the disappointment of damage to our no longer pristine car set in, so did the reality that I had exited that same passenger door moments before. Ten minutes could have been a turn for eternity if not for the grace of God.

When this life is over and we stand before the throne, God will not commend us on our accumulation of wealth, our nice house, or the champaign silver car we owned. What we will be rewarded for is the way we loved our neighbor... our poor neighbor, our lonely neighbor, or hungry neighbor. In doing these things, we show not only obedience to God, but our love for God.

While you watch your investments and 401(k)s suffer, think about what your investments in the kingdom of God look like today. I guarantee that there is no loss for hearts working to please God by loving our neighbor.

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Flower Donors for August

Lay Speaker for August

Events and Happenings for Aug.

August 7th— OPEN

Art Miller
Filling in-position open
Please apply
Great benefits
Super Staff

8/04 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30

8/14 Church in the Park

8/18 Foot Pantry 5:30-6:30

August 14— Church in the Park

Lay Speaker for Sept.

8/21 Sunday School for all Children starts

Art Miller

8/24 Wednesday Nights return, more info coming.

August 21—Jim & Libby Freels

Lay Speaker—October Nancy Harper

July 24th—Vickie Underwood

Lay Speaker-November Jimmy Freels

July 31st—Pat & V.L. Stonecipher

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

We have 3 OPEN dates for Sanctuary Altar flowers

They are: 1st Sunday in May, 4th Sunday in May, 1st Sunday in August. If any 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:

July Budget Giving: \$ 15,217.00
July Budget Expenses: \$16,803.00
Balance: <\$1,586.00>

Year-to-date Giving: \$121,477.00
Year-to-date Expenses: \$140,922.00
Year-to-date Balance: - <\$19,445.00>

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.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

Wednesday NIGHTS are Here!

Almost

Wednesday night Fellowship Dinners will re-start on August 24th.

As of today, the times will be the same. Dinner at 5:30 pm, Bible Study at 6:00, Youth meeting at 6:00, dismissal at 7:00pm

Dinner Menus have not been released at this time.

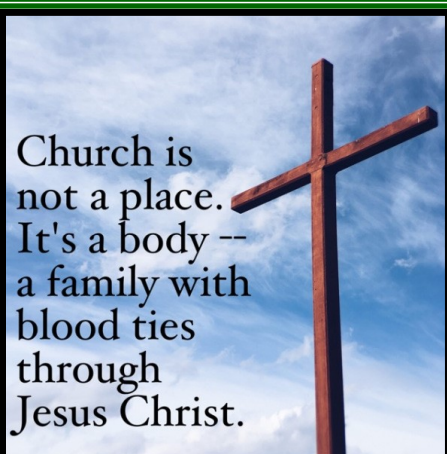
Birthdays for AUGUST 2022

8/01 Marilyn Murphy, 8/02 Karen Cary, 8/3 Maya Flanders,
8/04 Kim Eby, 8/06 Clara Thomas, 8/12 Mary Hatmaker,
8/13 Deane Kay, 8/14 Anne Ford, Bill Ross, Terry Moore 8/20 John Pryse, 8/21
Tom Thrasher, Annie Meier 8/27 Bill Gallaher, Peggy Burton, 8/28 Winki Wat-
kins, 8/29 Megan Thomas, 8/30 Andrea Fritts.

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 7/30/2022

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 has moved to Florida. Will update her address when available.

At Home:

Byron Hale, 308 Delta, Clinton, TN. 37716

865-457-3609

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 ~ JUNE 2022

In Memory of:

Donor:

Designated Fund

Diane Stakes	Judy Foster	Trustees-Wall
Audrey Van Pelt	Becky Williams	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Diane Stakes	Jan Herweg-MO.	General Memorials
Diane Stakes	Andrea Fritts	Food Pantry
Diane Stakes	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Food Pantry
Audrey Van Pelt	Peggy Burton	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund

In Honor of:

V.L. Stonecipher	JOY Class	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Josh Allen	Becky Williams	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Jim Ern & Sarah Medley	Becky Williams	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Deane & Sutton Kay	Becky Williams	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Mark Medley & Family	Becky Williams	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Clyde Horton	Becky Williams	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Jim Ern & Sarah Medley	Richard & Melissa Snead	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund

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