

# The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

★ ★ ★ SEPTEMBER 2022 ★ ★

## Church in the Park



We went to Norris Dam State Park

Sunday August 14th, 10:30am

After the outdoor worship service, we had a wonderful lunch

The Church provided the entrées (grilled hot dogs with fixings and chicken fingers).  
Thank you to the kitchen committee for all their planning, arranging, decorating, etc.

Without you it would be brown bags from Hardees or wherever!

The congregation did not disappoint with the Salads, Veggies and Desserts galore!

We even had coffee and doughnuts before the service, wow!

It was a beautiful Sunday, spirit filled and so enjoyed by all.



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## Don't Drink The Water!

Water has been in the news a lot lately. Drought, outdated plumbing in large cities, a Marine base with tainted water that has caused long term health problems, and the list goes on and on. Water is without question the first of many priorities our world needs to sustain life and we can only live days without the precious commodity.

Water in the Scripture represents God's providence. God produced water from a rock to sustain the Israelites in the Wilderness, just after God opened the sea for them to escape Egypt. But water can also represent judgement. The flood in Genesis, bitter waters in Numbers 5 signifying marital infidelity, and the poisoning of the waters in Revelation.

There are some old sayings about "something in the water", and "don't drink the water". These have little to do with the substance of H<sub>2</sub>O, and more to do with the social pushback against change. (although, I have also heard in cases of pregnancy, that there must be something in the water). The point is that when things get awkward or tense, we have to place explanation or blame somewhere.

Our culture is changing. There is push and there is push back. There is left and right. Stop and go. Sometimes we become frustrated because we simply don't like change of any kind. Sometimes its because we are introverts and those obnoxious extroverts are disturbing our peace. Often, we find that change is inevitable and affects us in ways we don't like. I liken it to a pendulum. Sometimes the pendulum must swing back and forth several times before finding center.

There are two opt options we have when adjusting to change. We can fight change knowing that we are only 1 person in a world of eight billion inhabitants. (think grains of sand on the beach or drops of water in the ocean) We can demonstrate or shout, write letters and attend rallies. You might effect change and you might find yourself at the center of pain and frustration.

Option two is to turn it over to God in prayer. Pray that the God that changes the seasons can change the situation **or** that God will change our own hearts so that we can have peace with ourselves and our neighbors. Remember, God has a plan and an outcome! May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. AMEN

# THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## Flower Donors for September

Sept. 4— Deane & Sutton Kay

September 11th—  
Ouida & Bill Steinkamp

September 18th—Art Miller

September 25th—  
Sarah & Jim Ern Medley

## Lay Speaker for Sept.

Donna Parke

## Lay Speaker for October

Nancy Harper

## Lay Speaker—November

Jimmy Freels

## Lay Speaker-December

Various

## Events and Happenings for Sept.

9/01 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30pm

9/06 Delta Cappa Gamma 4:30-6:30p

9/07 Wednesday Night— starts 5:30p

9/10 Sexual Ethics Training @ 1st Farragut  
(Scott attending)

9/12-13 Stewardship Seminar, Concord

9/14 Wednesday Night—starts at 5:30p

9/15 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30pm

9/21 Wednesday Night—starts 5:30p

9/23-9/30 Scott on Vacation

9/28 Wednesday Night— starts 5:30p



## 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





# Finance News

Below is the Year-to-date giving and expenses report through July31:

July Budget Giving: \$15,392.00

July Budget Expenses: \$16,810.63

Balance: **\$1,418.63**

Year-to-date giving: \$121,652.30

Year-to-date expenses: \$140,929.70

Year-to-date Balance: - **\$19,277.40**

Budget giving through August: \$11,872.00

Please consider trying to catch up with your giving. If you are not able to be at church (vacations, summer fun, company, etc.), 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.

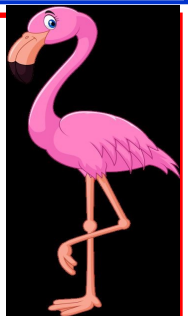
There are several ways you can send in your contributions/tithes: Mail: Memorial UMC 323 N. Main street Clinton, TN 37716. On-line Check Pay: You can have your checks sent directly from your bank - the bill pay option offered at most banks. On-line: Visit our website: [www.mumclinton.org](http://www.mumclinton.org). 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



Fall is almost upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed the super the youth chose for the 5th Wednesday as much as they enjoyed planning and making it. Blessed be those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied

The Bees have motivational and praising stickers available for purchase as well. Please reach out to any of them for more information.

BEE on the lookout for the flock, and not just Jesus'. The youth are planning to add color to the town for a FUNdraiser to help cover the cost of the Lock-in as well as other events they want to be a part of.

Important dates coming up are the Fall Antique Festival, Sept. 30– Oct. 1. The Bees will have a table set up greeting visitors & taking parking donations. Lock in planning has begun and more information will be sent out soon.

Jenny Nichols



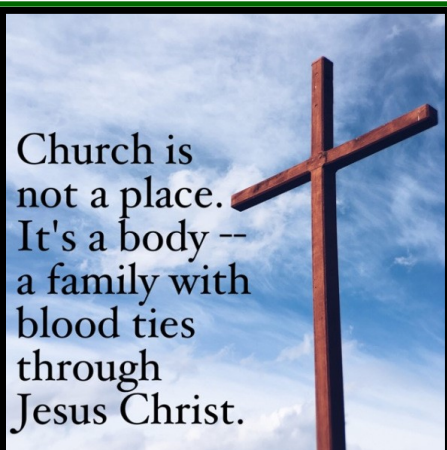
# Birthdays for September 2022

9/5 Zavie Ford, 9/8 Joe Rainey, 9/10 Sarah Burton, 9/10 Stone Hatmaker,  
9/11 Joni Simmons, 9/12 Will Stonecipher, 9/16 Jim Ern Medley, 9/17  
Grace Schrider 9/20 Lillie Kay Reed, 9/24 Libby Freels, 9/25 Scott Rhea,  
9/26 Sarah Medley, 9/28 Judy Foster, 9/28 John Gamble,  
9/29 Nancy Harper, 9/29 Nicole Flanders

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



**DON'T FORGET OUR**  
**EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS**  
**As of 8/31/2022**

## 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

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

# Trustees Report

## WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!

\$10,000.00 was raised, and has been matched by a very generous member of our church family. This, along with \$5,000.00 from the Trustees Designated Funds, provides \$25,000.00 for the refurbishment of the retaining wall.

John Cole began work at the Main Street end of the alley, the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who helped raise these funds so quickly! And THANK YOU to our benefactor, for challenging our members to raise money for this project! Additional funding is ALWAYS needed for the maintenance of both properties.

Monies given toward the Retaining Wall fund can ONLY be used towards the retaining wall project. Any funds left from the alley side repair have to be saved for use to fix another area of the wall in the future.

As stated before, those Designated Funds available to the Trustees (less than \$5000.00 after the wall project and work at the Parsonage), are in need of replenishing through monthly donations. We simply cannot let the properties get to a point of no return. Please, consider giving additional funds each month designated to the Trustees.

### Storm damage:

Minor flooding occurred inside the building, during the storm on July 20<sup>th</sup>, that dumped 6-7 inches of rain downtown. The drain, at the bottom of the handy-cap ramp could not handle the amount of water that poured down. It didn't help that the drain was partially clogged with sediment. A more concerted effort to keep that drain cleared each month will be made.

Also flooded, were the Fellowship Hall bathrooms and storage room. Special shout out to Crystal who, fortunately worked the next morning, made the discoveries and cleaned up the messes.

The other area of concern is the drain at the bottom of the outside stairwell to the basement. That drain is extremely slow, allowing water to fill the stairwell. After the storm, there was nearly 2 feet of water at the bottom of the steps. The door held most of it out of the building. We are looking to cover the area to prevent water from going down the steps.

FYI- Our church owns the parking spaces on the left side of Memorial Dr. (the alley). The Antique stores own the area behind the building on the right side. We have a sign up that keeps the owners, or customers, from using our spaces on Sundays. Please, park in the spaces on LEFT side of the street, so they have a place to park.

Thank you!

Nancy Thrasher



# MEMORIALS ~ AUGUST 2022

In Memory of:	Donor:	Designated Fund
Audrey Van Pelt	Steve & Bebe Combs	Music Fund
Diane Stakes	Steve & Bebe Combs	Music Fund
Charles Stonecipher	Steve & Bebe Combs	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Becky Stewart	Steve & Bebe Combs	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Jessica Graham	Pat & V.L. Stonecipher	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Jessica Graham	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Id Gamble Scholarship
Jessica Graham	Bill & Leslie Stone	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Audrey Van Pelt	Johnanna Sprague*	General Memorials

\*correction from June '22



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