

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

★ ★ ★ OCTOBER 2022 ★ ★ ★

HOMECOMING October 30, 2022

Here are a few pics from 2021! Don't forget to mark your calendar this year!



2022 will be no different! Great speakers, awesome music and a fantastic meal served afterwards. The Hospitality Committee is putting together great things; they work hard to decorate, cook and serve all who come to share our meal. Don't forget to thank them.

This year the meat entrees are Ham and chicken fingers, along with the usual drinks with

The rest of us need to bring casseroles, vegetables, salads and desserts. Or, whatever you want! The sign-up sheet will be in the lobby on October 11th. Let's make 2022 a year to remember!!



OCTOBER 2022

Coming Soon

Am I alone in the anticipation of things to come? I remember being so excited about the Lord of the Rings coming to the big screen that I actually prayed that the Lord allow me to live to see the second and third movies. As I write this, I am excited to take some time for rest and relaxation. I am also excited about this although not in the same way.

Seasons come with anticipation. Summer gives way to Fall colors. Fall leads to the anticipation of Christmas and snow. Spring brings new life and restoration to our world, and the cycle repeats itself.

When Jesus left the earth, he promised to return. He said that it would happen before that present generation had passed. Was Jesus feeding the sense of nervous anticipation which we over the millennium have lost? Do we not believe that Jesus is coming soon? Are we missing something?

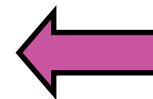
Years ago, a movement happened across our country as signs appeared on road sides. "Jesus is Coming! Are You Ready?" The excitement of Jesus eminent return is followed by the question of our readiness. But the question stands. Jesus is returning... are we ready for His return? Are we doing the things He expected of us?

May you find that childlike sense of anticipation, like a young person on Christmas Eve... Jesus is Coming. Let's get excited! AMEN

Scott

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

<u>Flower Donors for October</u>	<u>Lay Speaker for October</u>	<u>Events and Happenings for Oct.</u>
October 2nd— Ken & Susan Overstreet	Nancy Harper	10/3 Staff Parish Meeting @6:30 10/4 Delta Kappa Gamma @5:30 10/5 Wed. Night Fellowship @ 5:30 10/6 Food Pantry @ 5:30-6:30pm
October 9th — Phil Wenk	<u>Lay Speaker for November</u> Jimmy Freels	10/12 Wed. Night Fellowship @5:30
October 16th— Mr. & Mrs. George Moschis	<u>Lay Speaker—December</u> Various	10/19 Wed. Night Fellowship @5:30 10/20 Food Pantry @ 5:30-6:30
October 23rd— Becky Williams		10/26 Wed. Night Fellowship @5:30 10/30 HOMECOMING SERVICE @10:30 WITH MEAL & FELLOWSHIP@11:30
October 30th— Steve & Bebe Combs		



What is this???

Have you seen one up close?

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, more than ever!

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



Evangelism/Ministries-2022

This 2002 Ministry report covers activities that include Outreach, Evangelism, and Missions.

1. This year there was an expansion of service to the community to help feed families challenged in meeting food needs. This expansion was assisted both by direct contributions from the church membership and by the awarding of a small grant through United Way. Food distribution was accomplished primarily through the following activities: Blessing Box and Food Pantry with food and clothing distribution.
2. Service to the clients of Anderson County Senior Citizens program included the following projects:
 - A. Christmas gifts to the clients based on individual personal needs determined by the staff of the Anderson County Senior Citizens program at Mariner Point.
 - B. Intentional relationship building with our church by taking a music program to the Senior Center once a month and eating with the senior clients during these visits.
3. Participating in support of the Isaiah 117 Home with a special offering of \$1600 and then routinely designating fifth Sunday Offering to this organization that is providing physical and emotional support in a safe and loving environment for children awaiting foster care placement.
4. Our church had a record contribution of 45 buckets of food presented to the Holston Conference for shipment to Zimbabwe. This program was under the direction of the church youth.
5. A pilot afterschool tutorial program was offered for third graders at Clinton Elementary. Four students participated and parents and teachers said there was an improvement in their end-of-the-year test scores.
6. A donation of \$1400.00 was given by the membership to assist with recovery from flooding in Waverly, Tennessee. A designated offering of \$1250.00 to UMCOR for the Eastern Kentucky flooding was also given. Two designated offerings of \$1358.00 to UMCOR for the Ukrainian war victims in addition to focus prayer efforts for Ukrainian War and specifically a Ukrainian family related to a member of our congregation.
7. Our church continues to be a sponsor for the Boy and Girl Scouting Programs in our community.
8. A policy was developed to provide church guidance for community people with urgent needs who "walk-in" seeking help. This will go into affect in October 2022. We will help with gift cards for gas & food.
9. Four activity pods were developed with the intent of inviting members of the community to participate in the activities of bowling, golf, walking, and cards. Our intent is to strengthen our relationship with the community.

Your Servant in Christ
Nancy Large
Chairperson



Finance News

I know that Finance reports are pretty boring to most people. Please give the information below about Memorial UMC's year-to-date giving and expenses your attention because you need to know where we stand.

September Budget Giving through September 26: \$15,922.00

September Expenses through September 26: \$18,616.00

September Balance through September 26: **-\$2,694.00**

Year-to-date Giving through September 26: \$149,496.00

Year-to-date Expenses through September 26: \$179,098.00

Year-to-date Balance through September 26: **- \$29,602.00**

Our church history is that during the summer months giving drops dramatically and this year it is no different. However, we really need to begin the upturn in giving that we traditionally experience. All of us love our church and want it to thrive spiritually and financially. You have responded so wonderfully to our special needs, and we thank you so much! I know that you will continue to respond to the budget needs. Please consider trying to catch up with your giving. If you are not able to be at church, try to mail in your tithe or give with the on-line options.

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. 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

Youth News

Hap-BEE Fall y'all !

This season is underway, and the **Bee Attitudes** have been enjoying the flocking fun!

1st we flocked ourselves, then our Neighbors at St. Marks. And that helped promote more migrations. don't forget you can get a DIY flock kit that is perfect for desktop flocks.

We have Parking for Fall fest this weekend 30th-3rd. Please donate to park with the youth and check out their table of crafts and other items they have available.

Booking for RESURRECTION 2023 coming up. Reach out to me if your youth want to receive information.

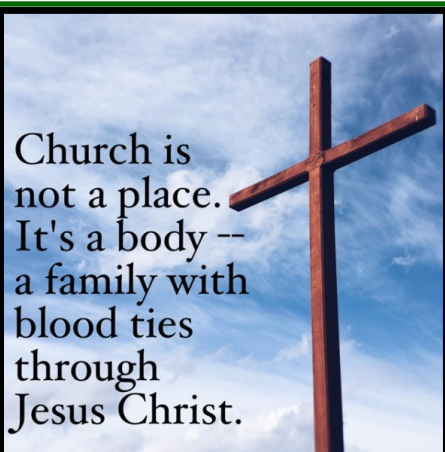


Birthdays for October 2022

10/1 Melissa Hughes, William Connell, 10/2 Donna Parke, 10/6 Christine Dorsey, 10/8 Sutton Kay, 10/10 Cathy Brown, Ellie Green, Pattie Harmening, Susan Gamble, 10/11 Clyde Horton, 10/12 Art Miller, Mary Ann Conner, 10/13 Patrick Thomas, 10/14 Bill Van Pelt, Robbie Reed, 10/15 Becky Williams, 10/16 Aaron Simmons, 10/18 Nancy Thrasher, 10/20 Robert Harmening, Matt Schrider, 10/21 Alex Burton, 10/22 Penny James 10/23 Bill Stone, Shane Miller 10/26 Patty Shoemaker.

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 9/30/2022

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 ~ SEPTEMBER 2022

In Memory of:

Donor:

Designated Fund

Otto & Marie Briscoe	Bill & Donna Briscoe	General Budget



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