

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2022



Hello Memorial Family,

As you know Christmas is a huge part of our Christmas story. what better way for us to celebrate the birth of Christ than our Lessons & Carols service. This year it will be on Sunday December 18th at 7pm. Directly following the service there will be a reception in the fellowship hall.

This year we are featuring several of our very own children. Please come and enjoy their beautiful voices and, as usual, join in with some congregational singing!

All are welcome, so spread the word! There is no greater joy than sharing our joy with others.

*Sincerely,
Josh Allen*

P.S: For the reception, please bring your favorite Christmas finger food or treat to share.



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What are your family traditions leading up to Christmas? Last Sunday we heard about Michael and Sarah Freels new tradition of the Christmas ladder which replaced the traditional Christmas tree in their home. Some travel for holiday gatherings. Some will open presents on Christmas Eve, others on Christmas morning.

My early memories include a Christmas Eve drive from Kingsport to Oak Ridge for a family gathering. We would drive down 11W through Bean Station where we would stop at Stuckey's then up Clinton Highway passing the airplane, all while listening to Paul Harvey and the Santa report from Norad. Christmas day was one of opening presents in a house full of clocks (hundreds of them) and a feast of epic proportions. We were inundated with the smells sounds and sights of Christmas.

Our church will be enjoying many of our traditions this year. There will be seasonal music, messages, poinsettias, and food. On December 18th at 7pm, we will be treated to a program of sacred music and Christmas Eve will be celebrated with communion and candles at 6pm.

Whatever your traditions, celebrate them. Share them. Come and be a blessing to your church family and know that we walk in the same anticipation of the coming of Christ. Let's celebrate Him together!

Scott



THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

<u>Flower Donors for December</u>	<u>Lay Speaker for December</u>	<u>Events/Happenings for December</u>
December 04— Betsy Jernigan	Various	12/01 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 12/04 Holy Grounds 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 12/06 Church Council 6:30 12/07 Fellowship Dinner 5:30
December 11— Patti Harmening		12/10 Boy Scout Lock-in 7pm-7am 12/11 Holy Grounds 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Last day for Sr. Citizens Xmas gifts
December 18—Altar Guild		12/12 Deliver Sr. Citizens gifts 12/14 Wed. Night Fellowship @5:30 12/15 Food Pantry @ 5:30-6:30 12/18 Holy Grounds 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Christmas Program @ 7:00 Reception following in Fellowship Hall
December 25—Altar Guild		12/24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm 12/25 Christmas Morning Service @10:30

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!



Finance News

We have some great news to share about our budgeted finances. You have responded to our need for more money wonderfully! This follows our Church history of receiving more funds as we approach the Christmas season. Below are the November and yearly budget income and expenses. {Please note that these figures DO NOT INCLUDE your generous giving for special projects.}

November Budget Giving: \$30,860.00
November Expenses: \$16,837.00
November Balance: \$14,023.00

Year-to-date Giving through November: \$208,289.00
Year-to-date Expenses through November: \$213,473.00
Year-to-date Balance through November: - **\$5,184.00**



I also want to urge you to turn in your pledge estimate for 2023 so that we have an idea of our projected income. Thank you so much in advance. Your are much appreciated for your support of the Church.

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.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
Finance Chair



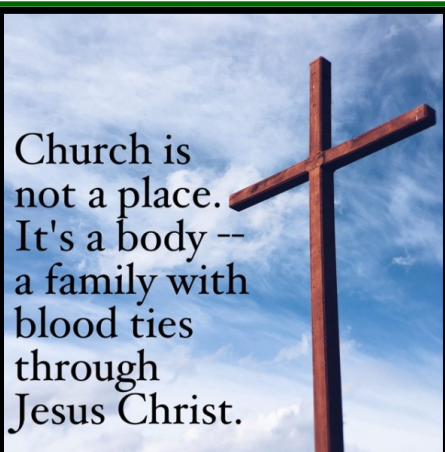
Birthdays for December 2022

12/01 Jimmy Freels, 12/05 Luke Hatmaker, 12/06 Nancy Large,
12/08 Carol Luzader, 12/11 Josh Allen, 12/17 Ella Thomas, Shollie Thomas &
Teresa Evans, 12/20 Tracy Burton, Pam Rainey, 12/22 Taylor Stone,
12/25 Scott Wilks, 12/27 Seth Carroll, 12/31 Todd Miller

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 10/30/2022

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:

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 ~ NOVEMBER 2022

In Memory of:

Donor:

Designated Fund

Byron Hale	Deane & Sutton Kay	Men's Wesley Bible Class
Byron Hale	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Id Gamble Scholarship Fund
Byron Hale	Tom & Nancy Thrasher	Trustees Fund
Byron Hale	Mark Medley & Family	Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund
Byron Hale	Jim Ern & Sarah Medley	General Memorials



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