

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

MARCH 2023



I love you. Among all the great tomes of literature, all the songs ever written, and the works of the great poets, no words are more beautiful. A short synopsis of the Bible could be that it is God's message to people saying "I love you." God places the first couple in a garden where they don't have to till the soil, but eat in abundance. They don't pull weeds but enjoy the flowers. They don't trim the branches of the trees, but enjoy the shade.

But I love you also opens us to the possibilities of pain. People argue and fight. Spouses die and relationships break. People will disappoint. In the garden, people disappointed. Our relationship was strained, but it was not broken.

Centuries later, after so many interventions by God to reconcile with the people, God brought His message of I love you through the person of Jesus. He healed relationships, bodies, and souls. His message was the same as in the beginning, love. Love God and love our neighbors. That's God's way. God did not fail us. We failed God. We turned on Jesus and Jesus, who was God's message of I love you, took on our pain on the cross. You might think oops, we did it again, but it was God's plan and He did the reconciling.


Do not mistake your disappointing actions and choices as making you a disappointment to God.

God has plans for you. God loves you. God adores you. God even likes you. Praise God because he feels that you are worth it!

Scott



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Child. Choir, Youth, 7:00 Adult Choir	2 5:30-6:30 Food Pantry	3	4
5 9:00 Holy Grounds 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Church Service W/Communion	6 6:00 Scouts	7 Delta Kappa Gamma 5:30	8 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Child. Choir, Youth, 7:00 Adult Choir	9	10	11
12 9:00 Holy Grounds 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Church Service Daylight Savings	13 6:00 Scouts	14 6:30 Church Council Meeting	15 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Child. Choir, Youth, 7:00 Adult Choir	16 5:30-6:30 Food Pantry	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
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I DON'T
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I HAVE
Jesus



EASTER LILIES
ORDER FORM ~ 2023



Orders for Easter Lilies to decorate our Church during Easter are now being taken by the Altar Guild.

A \$20.00 donation for two Lilies will help cover the cost.

Please return this completed form by placing it in the offering plate or bringing it to the Church Office **by March 24th**.
Your check should be made payable to Memorial United Methodist Church.

GIVEN BY: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____





The Chili/Soup Cook-off was a smashing success. Over 70 people came for food, fellowship and to crown the winners. Gail Gallaher won for Best Chili and Josh Allen with the help of Steven won Best Soup. All the food and desserts were over-the-top! Mark your calendar for February of 2024 so that you don't miss it. Money was raised for the Children's Music program, \$442.00, and it will be put to good use soon. A BIG SHOUT-OUT to the Kitchen Committee for pulling this all together & making it look so beautiful !



MEMORIAL BAKES



The First "Memorial Bakes" was held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 15th & 16th, 2023.

Ten bakers and 1 financial supporter produced 75 individually wrapped bake goods which were put together into 23 gift bags for delivery.

The "Goodie Bags" were delivered to 3 assisted living facilities, 16 homes and the Church Staff.

It was a wonderful blessing to see and have a short visit with our Church Family members who have not been able to be with us on Sunday.

The next "BAKE" will be on March 15th. We encourage all who love to bake to do so in March. Bring your freshly baked goods (individually wrapped or in baggies) to the Church by 3:00 on Wednesday the 15th, or bring to the Wednesday night supper that evening at 5:30.

Spreading Christian Love through Baking.

Joe Harper, driver.
Nancy Harper, the talker.

Children's News

As you are aware this year we restarted a Children's Music Program here at Memorial. Our initial goal was for three children and God blessed us with 7!

Thus far we have spent time working on Musical notation, playing hand chimes, and singing. In the near future we will present these lessons as part of a worship service. This will be the first of many to come.

We are so excited to be able to work with these very special children, watching them grow and learn how to participate in Church.

They are the future of our church if we show them how and what it means to be members of Gods congregation. Thank you for all of your love and support!

Josh Allen



Jesus  *me*
This I know



jesus loves you

Finance News

The first two months of 2023 have been good for Memorial. Thanks to your continued faithful giving we are doing well. Let's keep up the good giving and keep our church going in a positive way.

February Budget Giving: \$19,810.00

February Expenses: \$21,157.11

February Balance: -(\$1,347.11)

Year to Date Giving: \$45,829.00

Year to Date Expenses: 40,914.16

Balance Year to Date: +\$4,914.84

Please continue to support your church with your financial gifts. We are making a difference in people's lives in the church and in the community.

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

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

To the dedicated members serving our prayer chain. They are fearless, love and care for everyone and show this in their devotion to be truly "Prayer Warriors". No crisis too big for them because God answers prayers. **Thank all of You!!!**

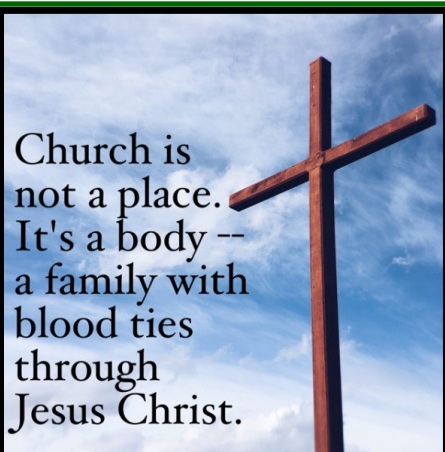
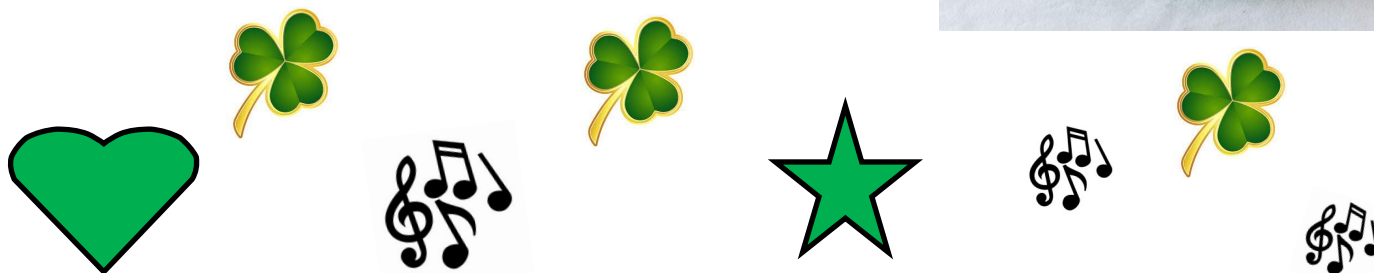


Birthdays for MARCH 2023

03/05 Ben Sellers, 03/16 Greg Prater, 03/17 Pat Stonecipher,
03/19 Joyce Barnes, 03/23 Cal Kirkpatrick, 03/28 Marie Hickson

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

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



DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS As of 02/28/2023

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. Does anyone know how to get in touch with Alice???

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 ~ FEBRUARY 2023

In Memory of:

Donor:

Designated Fund

Linda Toman	Deane & Sutton Kay	General Operating Fund
Linda Toman	Harper Maxwell	General Memorials
Linda Toman	Ouida & Bill Steinkamp	General Memorials
Linda Toman	Mark Medley & Family	Food Pantry
Linda Toman	Nancy & Tom Thrasher	Trustees Fund
Linda Toman	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Linda Toman	Andrea Fritts	General Operating Fund
Linda Toman	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry
Linda Toman	Bill & Leslie Stone	Food Pantry
Linda Toman	Jim & Denise Davis	Food Pantry
Linda Toman	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Food Pantry
Alberta Grace	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry



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