

# The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## MARCH 2023



In many traditions, outside of Methodism, the most holy time of the year is the time between Maundy Thursday and Easter morning. This is called the Easter Triduum. It marks the institution of Holy Communion and the mandate to love one another, the trial and crucifixion, Jesus' descent to preach salvation to those who had not heard the Gospel, and of course the resurrection.

While we are still in the season of Lent, we miss Holy Saturday as an opportunity to remember Jesus sacrifice and on-going work of salvation. Even in spite of humanities treatment of the Son of God, Jesus was at work bringing salvation to the margins.

You may be reading this after Easter and that's alright. But if you get the opportunity on Saturday to stop and reflect, remember Christ desires that no one should suffer death and hell and even carried this Good News to the grave for those who died before His saving work on the cross.

What good news we have that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Happy Easter. Come and share in the celebration!

Blessings,  
Scott



# April 2023

| Sun                                       | Mon                               | Tue                                  | Wed                                                                       | Thu               | Fri                             | Sat                                             |
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|                                           |                                   |                                      |                                                                           |                   |                                 | 1                                               |
| 2 Palm Sunday<br>With Children's<br>Choir | 3                                 | 4                                    | 5:30 Meal<br>6:00 Bible Study,<br>Child.Choir,Youth,<br>7:00 Adult Choir  | 6 Food<br>Pantry  | 7 Good Friday<br>Service @ 6:00 | 8                                               |
| 9 EASTER<br>Sunday                        | 10                                | 11                                   | 12:30 Meal<br>6:00 Bible Study,<br>Child.Choir,Youth,<br>7:00 Adult Choir | 13                | 14                              | 15                                              |
| 16                                        | 17                                | 18                                   | 19:30 Meal<br>6:00 Bible Study,<br>Child.Choir,Youth,<br>7:00 Adult Choir | 20 Food<br>Pantry | 21                              | 22 Special Hol-<br>ston Conference at<br>10:00. |
| 23                                        | 24                                | 25 Church<br>Council Meeting<br>6:30 | 26:30 Meal<br>6:00 Bible Study,<br>Child.Choir,Youth,<br>7:00 Adult Choir | 27                | 28                              | 29                                              |
| 30 Darcy Schrider<br>recital at 2:00      | 30<br>Community Sing<br>At 4:00pm |                                      |                                                                           |                   |                                 |                                                 |



# Easter 2023



*Christ is Alive. Indeed.*





# 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.



*jesus loves you*



*Palm Sunday April 2, 2023*



# Finance News

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

March Budget Giving: \$19,568.00  
March expenses: \$19,251.87  
March Balance: +\$316.13

Year to Date Giving: \$65,647.00  
Year to Date Expenses: \$60,158.72  
Balance Year to Date: +\$5,488.28

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.mumccclinton.org](http://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](mailto:info@mumccclinton.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

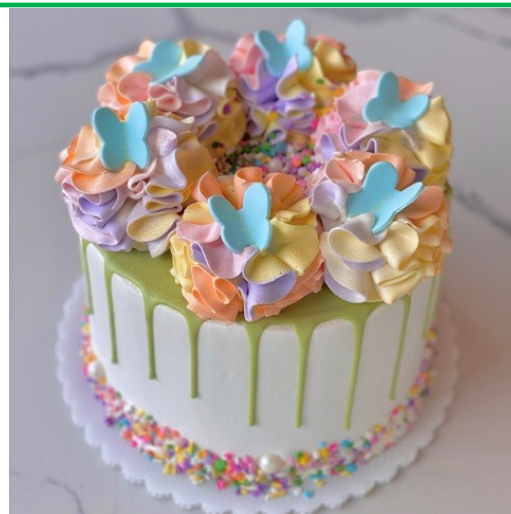
To the dedicated members serving our prayer chain. They are fearless, love and care for everyone and show this in their devotion to be truly "Prayer Warriors". No crisis too big for them because God answers prayers. **Thank all of You!!!**



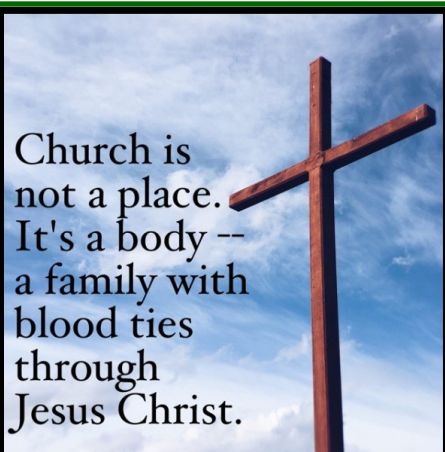
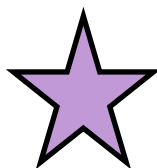
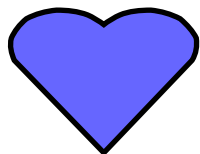
# Birthdays for APRIL 2023

03/03 Adah Freels 04/04 Brin Hitson 04/05 Carol Long, Jenny Nichol  
04/12 Leslie Stone 04/13 Sarah Beth Pietrzak, Romy Hitson  
04/14 Gwen Ferguson 04/18 Georgia Pietrzak 04/19 Harper Maxwell  
04/20 Eli Kirkpatrick 04/21 Sarah Rhea 04/22 Holly Meier  
04/23 Jim Davis 04/24 Denise Davis, Mike Harmening

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).



Church is  
not a place.  
It's a body --  
a family with  
blood ties  
through  
Jesus Christ.

**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 ~ MARCH 2023

**In Memory of:**

**Donor:**

**Designated Fund**

|                     |                                                                      |            |
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| Allan Williams      | Rebecca Williams                                                     | Music Fund |
| Ruth & Frank Layton | Rebecca Williams<br>Richard & Missy Snead<br>Chuck & Yvonne Williams | Music Fund |
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