

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

JULY 2023



Today, my thoughts are on the children of the church. Not just any church, or the church in the broad sense. I'm thinking about the children of Memorial UMC. It's summer and I wonder how they are doing. During the summertime, families travel and parents take advantage of the more flexible schedule of no school.

I wonder... how can we, the church, better serve the children and in turn minister to the needs of their friends, many of whom may not have a church family like ours. Our children are blessed with fine parents, grandparents, and church family. What about those who aren't surrounded by such support? Who cares for their needs? Or the child of a single parent home and mom (or dad) must work?


The easy answer is to develop a strategy to meet those needs. (Did I say easy?) But the starting place is leadership. Who will be the visionary who seeks answers and resources in order to do ministry? It is my hope that someone reading this will already be wrestling with a sense of calling to the ministry of children. Someone who will coordinate a family day, Trunk or Treat, and other activities to bless those whom Jesus said to bring them to Him.

We have resources. We can raise money. But who will step up and be the driving leader to combine need with ministry? You know who you are. Let's have a talk.

Scott

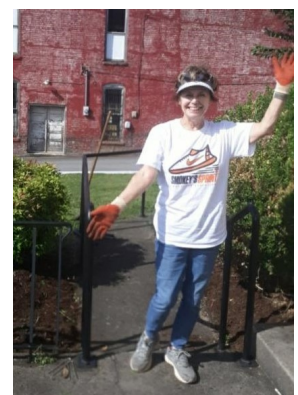
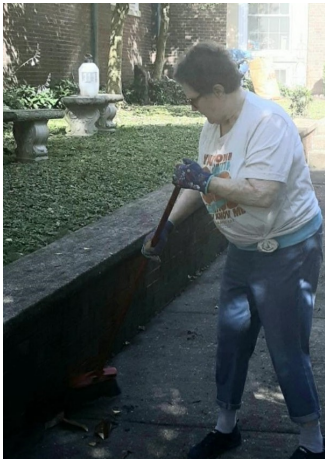
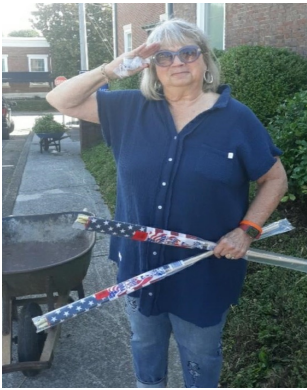


July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Jim Davis</i> <i>Lay Speaker for July</i> <i>Flowers~</i> <i>Steinkamps</i>	3	4 <i>Happy 4th</i> 	5 <i>Cottage Prayers</i> <i>@ Pat & V.L.</i>	6 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>5:30-6:30</i>	7	8
9 <i>Flowers~</i> <i>The Gambles</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Flowers ~</i> <i>Kathy Brown</i>	17	18	19 <i>Cottage Prayers</i> <i>Donna & Chuck</i> <i>Parke @ 6:30</i>	20 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>5:30-6:30</i>	21	22
23 <i>Flowers ~</i> <i>Vickie Underwood</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>6:30 BUNCO</i>	28	29
30 <i>Flowers~</i> <i>Les & Betty Sellers</i>	31					

Memorial Workers , June 30th and July 1st

Thanks for working on God's house, you did wonderful!





Dear Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the kindness and support you have shown me during my time as the music director at our wonderful church.

Your warm reception and open hearts have made me feel truly blessed to be a part of this congregation. The love and encouragement I have received from each and every one of you have been invaluable. It is an honor to serve alongside such a caring and compassionate group of individuals.

I wanted to specifically mention how much joy and fulfillment being your music director brings to my life. Your enthusiasm and participation during our worship services is inspiring. The way you embrace the power of music to connect with the divine is truly remarkable. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead and be a part of such a beautiful and uplifting congregation.

Your unwavering support and appreciation for our church has motivated me to continuously strive for growth. It is a pleasure to collaborate with such talented individuals who share a deep passion for music and its ability to touch our souls.

Once again, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your kindness, generosity, and the sense of belonging you have bestowed upon me. I feel blessed to be a part of this loving community, and I look forward to continuing our journey together, creating harmonious and meaningful music.

With sincere gratitude,

Josh Allen

Bunco is a lot of fun!! We will play at the Church on the last Thursday of each month. Next date will be July 29th. We need 12 regulars and many subs! We have food, prizes and a lot of fun!

Contact Donna Wilks to put your name on the list. You don't know what fun you're missing.





Summer is here! That means it's time for our 2nd Annual Summer Cottage Prayer Meetings. We'll gather every other Wednesday in June and July at 6:30 in homes for a short devotional, simple dinner, and some fellowship. Please plan to attend. It'll be a great way to reconnect with old friends and get to know some new folks. Feel free to bring a neighbor who might be looking for a church home. Please contact the host/hostess at least 3 days in advance so that there will be plenty of food and seating for everyone!

July 19th - Chuck and Donna Parke

244 Hogohegee Drive

Andersonville

Call or text 423-284-5459 if you plan on attending.

Or email parked1002@yahoo.com

NOTE: Please bring your favorite side item or dessert.

Barbeque will be the entrée.



Finance News

Although giving in the first four months of 2023 was good, May was not kind to us but June was almost back to normal. With the plumbing crisis behind us, along with large insurance payments, we still are behind for the year. These large payments have left us in a financial bind. Let's keep up the good giving and keep our church going in a positive way. Any extras would be appreciated by the Trustees!

Budget Giving: \$20,492.00
June Expenses: \$21,179.72
June Balance: -\$687.72

Year to Date Giving: \$123,566.56
Year to Date Expenses: \$139,480.05
Balance Year to Date: -\$15,913.49

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, and for the storm damaged areas of our country, 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!!!**



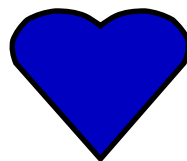
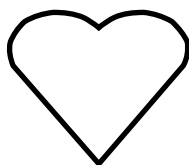
Birthdays for July 2023

01-Karen Bray, V.L. Stonecipher 02-Logan Prater, 03-Mary Helen Hitson, 06-Mark Medley, 09-Steve Combs, Alyssa Meier
10-Crystal Sellers, Terry Austin 11-S.Tyrone Foster, 13- Walter Freels, 16- John Jones, 18- Betty Sellers, 19- Abbey & Mara Wilks, 22- Brian Hatmaker, 26-Michael Freels, 30- Lauren Burton, 31- Gibby Seals, Sherry Livengood.

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 6/29/2023

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

At Home:

Juanita Smith, 301 Cross Street, Clinton, TN. 37716

865-463-8336

Bill Van Pelt, 110 Courtland Lane, Clinton, TN. 37716

865-368-7409

Phillip Wenk, 115 Dogwood Lane, Clinton 37716

865-457-9301

Hospital / Temporary Care:

Becky Williams is temporarily at Ft. Sanders, Room 911. Hospital address is: 1901 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville 37916

Joe Rainey is now back at home.

MEMORIALS ~ JUNE 2023

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Caroline Lawson	Janet Stroud	General Memorials	
Brook Maxwell	Sarah Medley & Family	Ida Gamble Scholarship	
Marlene Moore	Charles & Batty Lyons	General Memorials	
Marlene Moore	Pat & V.L. Stonecipher	Ida Gamble Scholarship	
Brook Maxwell	Pat & V.L. Stonecipher	Ida Gamble Scholarship	
Jim & Marlene Moore	John V. & Kathline Pender of Memphis	General Memorials	
<u>In Honor of:</u>			
Ida Gamble Scholarship	Clinton Optimist Club	Ida Gamble Scholarship	



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