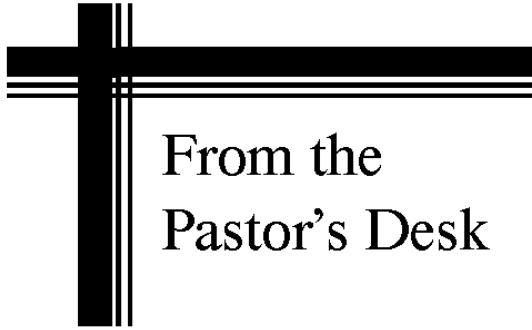


The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

AUGUST 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

"When I get around to it..." How many times have you heard this said or even used this phrase for something you would rather put off? Don't think for a moment that I'm not just as guilty of this excuse. My life is full of unfinished projects and unfilled potential.

Michael W. Smith, one of the pioneers of contemporary Christian music wrote a song that stated,

This is your time.

This is your dance.

Live every moment.

Leave nothing to chance.

Swim in the sea.

Drink of the deep.

Embrace the mystery of all you can be.

We often look back in wonder at what we were, and yet shy away from what we can become. Full pews were a thing of the past, but could God not do the same today or tomorrow? We celebrate great works of faith and ministry from our history, but can history not repeat itself?

I believe that the best of times are ahead of us at Memorial UMC. We have great potential. Jesus said that His Father's kingdom was like a mustard seed, small as a seed but with the potential of producing something grand. Do we believe that our faith, even though at times it seems so small, can produce great things through God?

Pray that God will change our hearts to shift from things of the past to the things we can be through faith in Jesus Christ. There is no limit to what we can accomplish through Him. And believe. Believe that through faith God can and will use us to make a better world and church for His glory.

This is the time! Let's live and embrace God's great mysteries!



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lay Reader for August- Karen Bray		1	2 NO Wednesday Nite Yet	3 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	4	5
6 Flowers- Jim & Libby Freels	7	8	9 NO Wednesday Nite Yet	10	11	12
13 CHURCH IN THE PARK 10:30	14	15	16 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny 7:00 Adult Choir	17 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	18	19
20 Flowers- Donor Needed!!	21	22	23 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny 7:00 Adult Choir	24	25	26
27 Flowers- Bill & Gail Gallaher	28	29	30 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny 7:00 Adult Choir	31 Bunco @ 6:30 in Holy Grounds		



Church in the Park



We're going to the Norris Dam State Park
Pavillion #2

Sunday August 13th, 10:30am

The outdoor worship service will have our very own band to play and sing along with, we will have some of your favorite Hymns, and will have new members joining the Church. After all that, we will have lunch.

The Church is providing the entrée, all of the drinks, ice, paper goods & Utensils.

The congregation is needed to assist with side items and desserts. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer. At the last Church in the Park we had wonderful and plentiful food items brought. Please repeat, we'll have extra new people this year.

If anyone has park pictures from other services the Office would really like to have them. Email to: memorialumcclinton@gmail.com.



MEMORIAL BAKES Again!



Now that "Summer" is almost over, it's time to break out the pans and bake again! And so many of you bake the best items.

The 1st BAKE will be due by August 16th, for delivery on August 17th. Bring your wrapped bake goods to the Church by the 16th, as late as the end of Wednesday night activities.

In place of the homebound this month there is another group in our Church that will be delivered to. It's a secret right now but we'll need a lot more items to deliver. Just think, you may be on the list!

Please call Nancy Harper and let her know what you'll be baking so there are no duplicates, at 865-457-1503.



Bunco is a lot of fun!! We will play at the Church on the last Thursday of each month. Next date will be Aug. 27th. 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. 865-771-0197
You don't know what fun you're missing.



BUNGO

It's How We Roll!



Food Pantry Informational

The Food Pantry needs your help!

We are so thankful for all of the help we have been given (both monetary and volunteer work) over the years. Currently we are nearing the end of our grant money from United Way and will probably only receive around \$4000.00 for next year's grant which should be awarded in the fall.

With the addition of the Blessing Box and the fresh food we distribute once a month, we have invested a lot of money to help feed the hungry in our community. If you take a look at the order sheet we use twice a month it's obvious how much it takes to feed our participants. We have done a sample cost analysis and determined that it costs about \$46 a month, per person to fund the Food Pantry. We currently serve about 30 people per Thursday of each month (or 60 people per month for a total of \$1380.00) On the first Thursday of the month we give fresh food (milk, eggs, bread, lunch meat and potatoes). We usually have enough for the first 24 people in line for a cost of around \$350. per month. The Blessing Box is filled daily (Monday- Thursday) and costs about \$40. per day (\$640.00 per month).

We would encourage you to help in any way possible. If you can't give money, please take a look in your pantry for items that we could use or pick up some extra food when you're at the grocery store.

Thank you again for your help.

Pat Stonecipher, Denise Davis, Gibby Seals



ONLY ONE SHEET PER FAMILY

Food Pantry Shopping List	
VEGETABLES	(Choose 2)
Mixed vegetables	
Green beans	
Peas	
Corn	
Pork and beans	
FRUIT	(Choose 1)
Oranges	
Fruit cocktail	
Pear halves	
Peach slices	
SOUP	(Choose 1)
Chicken noodle	
Vegetable beef	
MEAT	(Choose 1)
Chicken	
Tuna	
MEAT SUBSTITUTES	(Choose 1)
Spam	
Spaghetti Sauce (canned)	
Dried Beans	
Peanut Butter	
STARCH	(Choose 1)
Macaroni & Cheese	
Rice	
Elbow Macaroni	
GRAINS	(Choose 1)
Cereal	
Corn Muffin Mix	
TOMATOES	(Choose 1)
Diced	
Sauce	
EXTRAS	(Choose 1)
Chili Mix	
Canned milk	
Crackers	
PAPER GOODS	(Choose 1)
Toilet Paper	
Paper Towels	

THESE ITEMS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN OUT ON THE 3 rd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH	
BAKING	(Choose 1)
Flour	
Sugar	
TOILETRIES	(Choose 2)
Shampoo	
Bar soap	
Deodorant	
Toothpaste	
CLEANING PRODUCTS	(Choose 1)
Comet Cleanser	
Pine Cleaner	
Dish Soap	
Laundry Detergent	

Finance News

Thank you for continuing to support our church. While we are still behind in giving for the year, July giving was very close to our expenses for the month. This is positive news!

July Budget Giving: \$15,701.00

July Expenses: \$ 16,517.00

July Balance: -**\$ 816.00**

Year to Date Giving: \$ 139,268.00

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 156,017.00

Balance Year to Date: -**\$ 16,749.00**

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. We appreciate each of you!

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. Online: Visit our website: 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.

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 & fire damaged areas of our world, 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 August 2023

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

8/1 Marilyn Murphy, 8/2 Karen Cary, 8/3 Maya Flanders, 8/5 Richard Snead, 8/6 Clara Thomas, 8/13 Deane Kay, 8/14 Anne Ford, Bill Ross, Terry Moore, 8/20 John Pryse, 8/21 Tom Thrasher 8/27 Bill Gallaher, Peggy Burton, 8/28 Winki Watkins 8/29 Ann Ross, Megan Thomas, 8/30 Andrea Fritts

Let's continue our Birthday 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 7/31/2023

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 recuperating at Knoxville Rehab Hospital, Room 123, 1250 Tennova Medical Way Knoxville, TN. 37909. Her cell # is 865-591-5304. 

Joe Rainey is now back at home. 

MEMORIALS ~ JULY 2023

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Bill Martin	Betty Martin	General Memorials	



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