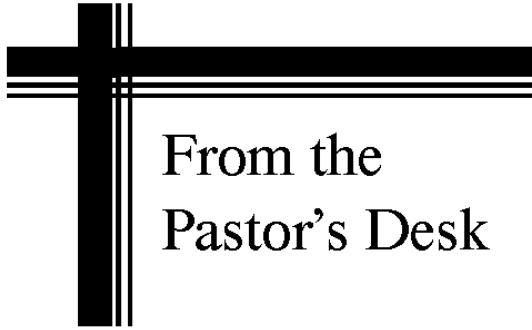


The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

September ushers in a new season in Appalachia. It's time to pack up the summer clothes (in an ideal world) and look for our fall ones. Time for back to school and Football season. Time for college students to move back to the dorm rooms and teachers to prepare lesson plans.

I love East Tennessee for its defined seasonal weather. The changing leaves of autumn, crisp winter mornings and the hope of snow days. Spring with its many colors and promise of new life and summer with its clear skies and days at the lake.

The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that everything has a season, a time, and purpose under heaven. Times which might bring challenge, and times that will bear their own rewards. These things might seem to us to have their source in chance, but to those who believe in the sovereignty of God, we know that God made things this way.

God knows our beginnings and our ends. He foresees our triumphs and our failures. He knows our pain and provides exceptional moments of joy. But no matter what our condition, God is here.

In the days ahead as seasons continue to change, just as the seasons of life change for each of us, remind yourself, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Embrace where you are for you will pass this way only once.

Scott



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lay reader for September Art Miller					1	2
3 Flowers- Deane & Sutton Kay	4 Boy Scouts 6:00-8:00	5	6 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny 7:00 Adult Choir	7 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	8	9
10 Flowers- Buford & Karen Bray	11 Boy Scouts 6:00-8:00	12	13 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny 7:00 Adult Choir	14	15	16
17 Flowers- Art Miller	18 Boy Scouts 6:00-8:00	19 Garden Club Holy Grounds 12:00-2:00	20 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny 7:00 Adult Choir	21 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 Flu Shots 5:00-6:00	22	23
24 Flowers- Jim & Sarah Medley * District Conference 3:00, 1st UMC	25 Boy Scouts 6:00-8:00	26	27 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny 7:00 Adult Choir	28 Bunco @6:30	29	30



Church in the Park August 13, 2023



New Members received:



Christina Eder



Lillie Kay Reed



Anita & Erik Hill, Ella,
Brendan & John

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Julie & Jay Knapp

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MEMORIAL BAKES Again!



Baked goods were taken to all the Educators in our Congregation on August 16th. The drivers were Sharon McCarty, Joe and Nancy Harper.

The bakers were: Peggy Burton, Kathleen Jones, Gibby Seals, Deane Kay, Scott Wilks, Judy Foster, Gail Gallaher & Sharon McCarty.

Receiving the filled goody bags were: Tracy Burton, Lauren Burton, Harper Maxwell, Megan Thomas, Scott Rhea, Sarah Rhea, Mary Hatmaker, Kim Prater, Ann Ford, Erik Hill, Anita Hill, Jimmy Davis, Nancy Thrasher, Julie Knapp, Sarah Freels, Georgia Pietrzak, Logan Prater, Abbey Wilks and Amy Graham.

Many Thanks to all who baked and Sharon who baked & delivered.

Bakes for September cancelled due to Nancy & Joe being on vacation.



Bunco is a lot of fun!! We will play at the Church on the last Thursday of each month. Next date is Sept. 28th. 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
and many, many volunteers.



ONLY ONE SHEET PER FAMILY

Food Pantry Shopping List	
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	

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) and noodles	
Dried Beans	
Peanut Butter	
STARCH	(Choose 1)
Macaroni & Cheese	
Rice	
Elbow Macaroni	
GRAINS	(Choose 1)
Cereal	
Corn Muffin Mix	
TOMATOES	(Choose 1)
Diced	
Sauce	

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Finance News

August was a down month and once again we are behind in expenses versus giving. Every year we struggle during summer months and then bounce back in the fall. We continue to trust in God's plan for Memorial and thank you for continuing to support our church. We have great plans and are so pleased that you are part of our journey!

August Budget Giving: \$11,465.86

August Expenses: \$ 16,801.60

August Balance: -\$ 5,335.74

Year to Date Giving: \$ 151,003.42

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 172,541.10

Balance Year to Date: -\$ 21,537.68

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.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 Lahaina Hawaii as they try to just survive the massive wild fires that took their town away.

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!!!**

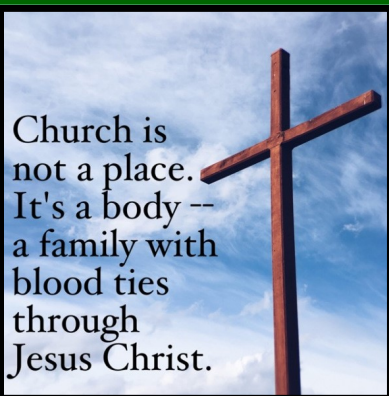


Birthdays for September 2023

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

9/2 Lyndall Ridenour, 9/5 Zavie Ford, 9/8 Joe Rainey, 9/10 Sarah Burton, Stone Hatmaker 9/11 Joni Simmons, 9/12 Will Stonecipher, 9/16 Jim Ern Medley, 9/17 Grace Schrider, 9/20 Lillie Kay Reed, 9/24 Libby Freels, 9/25 Scott Rhea, 9/26 Sarah Medley, 9/28 John Gamble, Judy Foster, 9/29 Nicole Flanders & Nancy Harper.

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 8/31/2023**

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 moving back to Knoxville Rehab Hospital (no room # yet) 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>
Lois Fisher	Ouida & Bill Steinkamp	Trustees Fund	
Lois Fisher	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Trustees Fund	



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