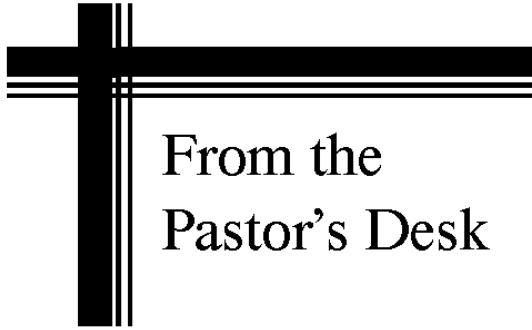


The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

It's that season again. You know, "that season". Yes, it's Fall, but that's not what I'm thinking about. It's not November or even Advent that is on my mind... It's that season of the year when we have to talk about expenses. [heavy sigh]

No pastor likes to talk about giving. I'm not an exception. After all, what you give is sort of a personal matter. We don't track big or small gifts or givers. Your privacy is safe. We do look at weekly offering totals and sometimes it makes us a little nervous. After all, CUB doesn't cut us any slack when the electricity bill comes.

The finance committee has worked very hard to present a budget that will keep us moving forward. Most of what they are about to share is good news. What we would like to hear is GREAT news.

Here's how we can do better as disciples, and how you can help.

First, pledge. This isn't a vow, a contract, or promise. It is an estimate of how you believe that you can financially contribute to the day-to-day operations of the church. What will happen if you slip or "life happens to throw you a financial hard ball"? Since you are making an estimate and not a promise, it'll be okay. Pledge cards will be going out in a few days. Prayerfully consider what you feel you can do.

Second, be generous within your means. Not everyone has a big bank balance. Jesus told a story about two people who brought their generous gifts to the Temple. One was able to write the big check. The other brought all she had, a couple of coins. There's more to this story, but Jesus praised the woman who gave what she could.

Third, don't forget your church when you travel. Our daily expenses don't reduce when you are out of town. Take advantage of our online giving or just leave a check. Let's be honest, we say we'll make it up, but the majority of us don't.

We have a lean, mean budget planned for 2024. The vast majority of it includes expenses that don't change. They are fixed and out of our control (like utilities). That leaves a small portion allocated to ministry, worship, and outreach. Wouldn't it be great if we could increase those areas to be more effective in our care for those in need?

That's it for me. The finance committee will be handling this season of stewardship and planning and I hope and pray that you approach the season with prayer and joy.

Scott





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November 2023



Lay Speaker for November - Bebe Combs				1 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children's Choir7:00 Choir Practice	2 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	3	4
5 All Saints Sunday Flowers- Nancy & Joe Harper	6	7 Delta Kappa Gama 5:30	8 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children's Choir7:00 Choir Practice	9 Church Council 6:30- 7:30	10	11	
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HOMECOMING !!!

October 29, 2023




MEMORIAL BAKES

October bakers were Deane Kay, Judy Foster, Pat Stonecipher & Sharon McCarty. They did an excellent job!!

Goody bags and home visits were made to Winkie Watkins, Clyde Horton, Melissa Hughes, Mary Ann Conner, Joyce Wilson, Juanita Smith, Barbara Fagen and Dr. Phil Wenk. Those visiting were Kay Price, Sharon McCarty and Nancy Harper.

This program brings cheer and happiness to all.

Being a Christian is like being a *pumpkin*.
God *lifts you* up from the patch, takes
you in, and *washes off* all the dirt.
Then He cuts the top and *scoops out*
all the yucky stuff. He removes the *seeds*
of doubt, hate, and greed.
Last, He *carves*
you a new
smiling face
and *puts His*
light inside you
to shine for all the world to see.



DAYSTAR

Finance News

It's nice to see a positive month!

October was a positive month thanks to you! We have faith that God will provide us with our the funds we need. We ask you to check where you are in your giving for the year and catch up if you are behind. Let's keep up the good giving and keep our church going in a positive way.

October Budget Giving: \$20,726.00

October Expenses: \$17,228.00

September Balance: +\$3,498.00

Year to Date Giving: \$186,933.00

Year to Date Expenses: \$208,115.00

Balance Year to Date: <\$21,182.00>

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.

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. 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 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!!!**





Christmas Mission Project to Benefit the Residents of the Towers

“The King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” Matthew 25:40

November 12: Bottles of body wash for men and women (Size 16.9 oz.)

November 19: Ground coffee- please no K-Cups or coffee beans (Size 9.6 oz.)

November 26: Socks (Variety of sizes for men and women)

December 3: Word search books and adult coloring books with colored pencils or markers.

December 10: Nail care kits (these kits include clippers, tweezers, and nail files)

*In addition, we will collect individually wrapped snacks each week to include with our gifts. For example, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, Rice Krispie treats etc. are good choices.

There will be collection bins outside the Church Office for our Christmas items each week. Also, a separate bin for wrapped snack items.

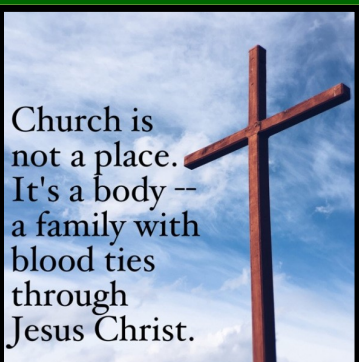
NOTE: There are 153 apartments at the Towers. Most of the residents have no family nearby and very few have their own transportation. All are living on fixed incomes. The Food Pantry is already servicing 54 of the residents 2 times per month with pantry staples, cleaning items and some personal hygiene. This list has been populated from the residents themselves.

Birthdays for NOVEMBER 2023

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

11/02 Donna Wilks, 11/05 Joe Harper, 11/09 Brian Ford, 11/10 James Howard, 11/11 Kay Price, Richard Flanders,
11/16 Glen Murrell, 11/17 Kim Prater, Darcy Schrider
11/18 Madison Kelly 11/20 Ben Edwards, 11/21 Matt Kirkpatrick,
11/26 Steve Jennings, 11/29 Andrew Meier

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 ChurchDirectory.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 10/30/2023



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
Joe Rainey, 328 Franklin Place, Clinton 37716	865-457-0396

Temporary Care:

Becky Williams has moved to Canterfield Assisted Living, 200 Bus Terminal Road, Room 239, Oak Ridge, TN. 37830. Her cell # is 865-591-5304.



Ben Edwards address has changed: Ben Edwards c/o Belinda Hern, 800 Wills Road
Dickson, TN. 37055

MEMORIALS ~ OCTOBER 2023

<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Prayer Chain & Sarah Medley	Richard & Missy Snead	General Music	In appreciation of Prayers for Rebecca Williams this summer which made a difference.



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