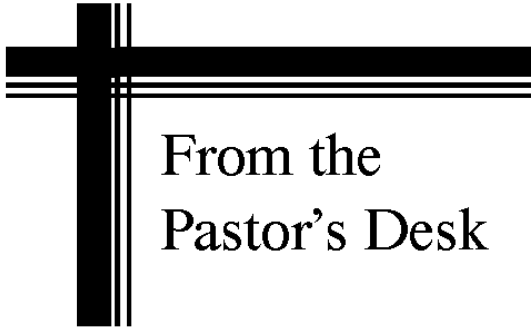


The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

MARCH 2024



From the Pastor's Desk

What is Holy Week? Why is it holy and why do we remember it every year? Great questions! When we think about the season of Lent, we are remembering that Jesus' ministry on earth as a human has a purpose, to die and rise again. In defeating death, Jesus gives us hope of our own future in God's kingdom.

Lent begins 40 days before Easter. 40 is a special number in the Bible. 40 days and nights for the flood and 40 days of temptation in the

wilderness. On Ash Wednesday we take the sign of the cross along with the knowledge that we are "dust, and to dust we shall return."

Genesis 2:7

Holy week begins with Jesus riding into Jerusalem and making the declaration that His Father's house is a house of prayer. We celebrate his entry with palm branches like those waved by the crowds who ushered him into town that day. That is the first Sunday of Holy week, called Palm Sunday. Matthew 21:1-11

The rest of the week tells the story of Jesus' journey of tying up loose ends, having a meal with His friends where He washes their feet, his arrest and crucifixion, followed by three days in the tomb.

On Maundy Thursday, we hear the Scripture about the meal and feet washing where Jesus tells the disciples that he is giving them (and us) a new commandment, to love one another. The Latin for command is "mandatum" from which we get the word mandate. John 13:1-38

On Good Friday, we hear the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. It doesn't sound like such a good thing, does it? But the work of salvation comes with a tomb and the resurrection. It is good because without Jesus' sacrifice, we have no hope. Mark 15:21-41

There is little to celebrate on "Holy Saturday" because Jesus is in the tomb. Some churches maintain the communion elements in the church sanctuary for church members to come and pray until the hour of the

Easter morning service. Matthew 26:40-41 We also remember that



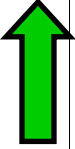
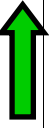
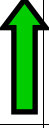

Jesus descended to those in hell where he preached salvation. 1 Peter

3:18-22

Have a blessed and holy season as you journey with Jesus.



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	2
3 Communion	4	5 Delta Kappa Gamma @5:00	6 5:30 DINNER 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children's Choir 7:00 Choir Practice	7	8	9
10	11 Scott –Convocation	12	13 5:30 DINNER 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children's Choir 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	16
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18	19	20 5:30 DINNER 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children's Choir 7:00 Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 Holy Week Services at St. Mark's, 12:00. Lunch after (charge) (Except Good Fri.)	25	26	27 5:30 DINNER 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children's Choir 7:00 Choir Practice	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT 7:00P	30
31 <i>Easter</i> <i>Sunrise-7:00a</i> <i>Church-10:30</i> <i>Egg Hunt - 11:30</i>						

What is Maundy Thursday?



Firstly, the act of washing the feet serves as a **picture of Jesus' ultimate mission: to serve humanity through His humble death on a cross, a death that washes us clean from all sin.** Secondly, Jesus intends His demonstration of humility to serve as an example to His disciples (and anyone who reads the passage).

The first lesson Jesus has taught the church, therefore, is to humbly, lovingly, and sacrificially serve other people.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.



ALTAR GUILD AND EASTER NEWS



EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM 2024

Orders for Easter Lilies to decorate our Church during Easter are now being taken by the Altar Guild.

A \$20.00 donation for two Lilies will help cover the cost.

Please return this completed form by placing it in the offering plate or bringing it to the Church Office by Friday March 22nd. Your check should be made payable to Memorial United Methodist Church.

GIVEN BY: _____

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SUNRISE SERVICE INFO

Easter Sunday, happening early, at Sunrise 7:00am at the Jones Farm. The address is 500 Suzanne Drive, Clinton. If lost, call Kathleen at 865-363-0979. Coffee and dough nuts available from 6:30 am so come early. Bring a chair if you need one.

Finance News

Easter is upon us and we think more about our walk with God and what we do with our lives. Please continue to support your church with your financial gifts and your volunteer work. We **are** making a difference in people's lives in the church and in the community.

February Budget Giving: \$20,775.00
February Expenses: \$19,675.00
February Balance: +1,100.00

Year to Date Giving: \$34,521.00
Year to Date Expenses: \$38,405.00
Balance Year to Date: **-\$3,884.00**

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.
Carol Luzader, Secretary/Treasurer

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 the people of Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.

“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 You!!**

Youth News



Spring has sprung, Easter is around the corner.

Youth will be again hosting the annual Easter egg hunt for the younger children. After Easter Service, in the courtyard we will welcome all children.

The Bee attitudes are training their Flamingos for their flights in April. Place your order now for insurance against being "flocked" or to order the flock to a friend's home to visit.

And in May, during the spring antique festival in Clinton, we will open our doors for a rummage sale again. Any and all donations are welcome. Just reach out to Jenny via phone call or text. 304-840-7404

2024 Memorial Camp Madness

Summer Camp is an important experience for many children, but it is also a costly one for many parents. Memorial traditionally scholarships half of the cost for any child from our church who wants to attend camp. In order to help fund the scholarships in a fun way, it is time for the annual Memorial Camp Madness Bracket Challenge. With the NCAA tournament starting this month, fill out a bracket with us, help children go to camp, and have a chance at some really cool prizes like VIP church parking and Potluck Passes. Prizes will go to the top four brackets with the winner choosing a prize first then 2nd place and so on. Below are the minimum donations, more generous offerings are always appreciated. Make checks payable to Memorial United Methodist Church and designate for camp madness.

- ☐ Single Bracket \$20
☐ 2 for \$35
☐ Family Pack of 4 brackets \$60
☐ I do not wish to fill out a bracket but would like to help by giving \$_____

Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Brackets will be completed online at ESPN.com. Info on how to join the challenge will be emailed to all who donate by Tuesday 3/19. Brackets must be filled out and saved on ESPN.com before 11am on Wednesday 3/20. Help will be provided by Pat Stonecipher for those who would like to participate but do not have computer access or have trouble with the ESPN site.

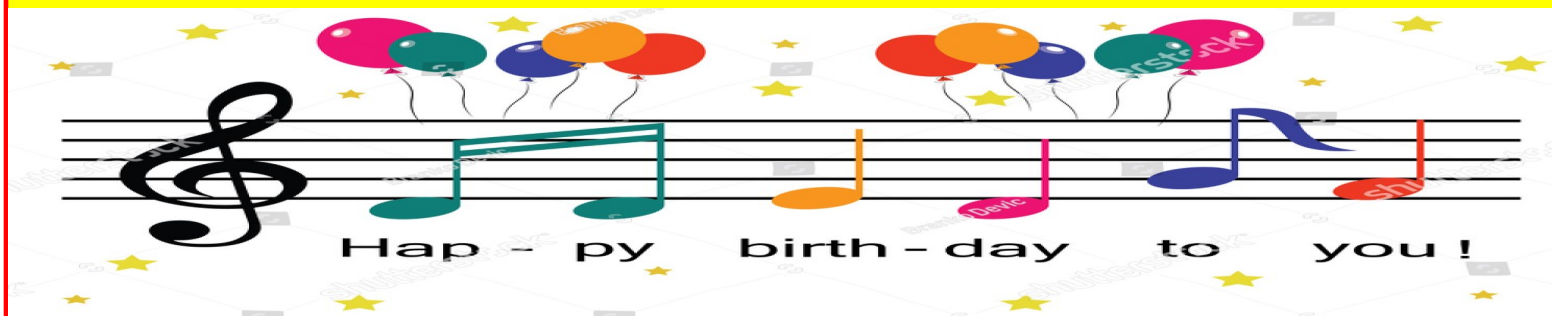
Birthdays for March 2024

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

3/5 Ben Sellers 3/16 Greg Prater 3/17 Pat Stonecipher
3/19 Joyce Barnes 03/23 Cal Kirkpatrick 3/28 Marie Hickson



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).



DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS As of 2/29/2024

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

Bill Van Pelt, Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley, 2449 Reagan Rd. Knoxville, TN. 37931

865-368-7409 (cell) Send mail to old home address.

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

At Home:


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

865-463-8336

Phillip Wenk, 115 Dogwood Lane, Clinton 37716

865-457-9301

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Dr. Joe Rainey	Carl Don & Glenda Mabry	Sound System Update	
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Dr. Joe Rainey	Mildred & James Scott	Sound System Update	
Dr. Joe Rainey	Pamela G. Rainey	Sound System Update	
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Dr. Joe Rainey	Bill & Leslie Stone	Trustees Fund	
Dr. Joe Rainey	Jerry & Gwen Ferguson	Sound System Update	
			

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