The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

# **MAY 2024**

From the Pastor's Desk

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. Joel 2:28-29 NRSV

What is your vision of what our church could be? What could we do that we aren't doing now? When we think about the church, most of us have two things we dwell on. 1. We want youth and children (and plenty of them) and 2. We want to see the pews filled to capacity. Those are great and admirable wishes. They are also things that take an investment of time, effort, and money. But is that the reason we aren't doing what it takes to fulfil this vision?

In the early days of the church, after the resurrection, Scripture tells of phenomenal growth in the gathering of believers. People were joining the movement by the thousands. Why was this? Did the movement offer a great building with better programs? Did they have a great praise and worship service with lights and big screens? Were the preachers polished and groomed to be hip in the culture of the day? I think we can agree that these are not the reasons for the growth and health of the church.

What the movement had that wasn't there before was the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is another person in God's identity. He isn't the Father, nor is He the Son. His character and modes of operation are closer to the human heart than either of the other persons of God. And one way the Spirit communicates to us is through dreams and visions.

Perhaps the reason the church of the 21 Century has failed to meet its potential is that we substitute our own expectations, dreams and visions for those that the Spirit has planted in us which are more inline with the life and teachings of Jesus. Jesus did not come to gather huge crowds. He came to teach and heal the world. He came to open the doors for our salvation. He came in a sense to open the way for the Holy Spirit to usher in a new relationship with God.

Isn't it time that we open our hearts and minds to the dreams and visions that God is speaking to us today? Let us make (through the help of the Holy Spirit), a day of new beginnings. What do you say church? Amen?

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	Sat	4 Antique Festival Indoor yard sale	11	18 Outdoor Work Day 9:00-12:00	25	
	Fri	3 Antique Festival	10	17	24	31
24	Thu	<sup>2</sup> Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	6	16 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	23	30
May 2024	Wed	1 5:30 DINNER 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children'sChoir7:00 Choir Practice	8 5:30 DINNER 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children'sChoir7:00 Choir Practice	15 5:30 DINNER 6:00 Bible Study, Youth with Jenny, Children'sChoir7:00 Choir Practice	22	29 Cottage Prayer Meetings start In 2 weeks.
	Tue		7 Delta Kappa Gam- ma 12-7:00p Church Council Meeting 6:30	14	21 Staff/Parrish Meeting 6:30	28
	Mon		9	13	20	27 Memorial Day Holiday Church Closed
	Sun		5 Communion	12 Mother's Day	19 Graduates Sunday with meal <u>In Fellowship Hall /</u> Combined Choir Sing @3:00@MUMC	26

- A The Altar Guild is asking for Volunteers for Altar Flowers.
- T We have about 5 open slots all thru the year.
- $\mathbb{A}$  If you'd like to honor someone or make a special memory for someone no longer here, we have the perfect solution.

Please contact Libby Freels at 865-457-6742 or 865-919-6742 for dates.





Wednesday, May 15th is the last dinner in the Fellowship Hall until school returns.
Starting June 12th we will have Cottage Prayer Meetings at the following locations:
June 12th at <u>Gibby Seals home: 599 Melton Hill Drive, Clinton Call-865-919-8627</u>
June 26th at <u>V.L. and Pat Stoneciphers home: 218 Bingham Drive, Clinton Call-865-405-0824</u>
July 10th at <u>Charles & Kay Prices home: 103 Westland Drive, Clinton Call-865-599-5732</u>
July 24th at <u>John & Susan Gambles home: 116 Sinking Springs Road. Clinton Call-865-599-1905</u>
Dinner will be casual starting at 6:00pm.
You need to register with Hostess week before. You'll find out then if you need to bring anything.



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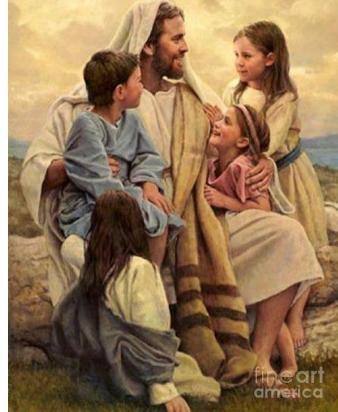
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# Food Bucket Mission 2024









This year's LIST is as follows:

1 Bag sugar (4–5 lb) 1 Bag self rising flour (4–5 lb) 1 Bag Rice (2 lb) 1 Bag dried beans (2 lb) 1 Powdered milk (no larger than 56.4 oz) 1 Bottle cooking oil (48 oz or less) Canned meat–(Ham, Tuna or Spam) 2 lbs total

You will spend \$40-45.00 for the listed supplies plus \$5.00 shipping per bucket. If you'd like to donate \$55.00 (includes shipping) the youth will shop and pack for you. Buckets have arrived. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway so we know who is participating and which way. Contact the office 865-457-2287 or Jenny Nichol (304-840-7404) for more info or questions.

<sup>4</sup> GOAL FOR 2024 IS 40 BUCKETS, MINIMUM. GO MEMORIAL, GO!!!!!







### NORRIS COMMONS at Norris United Methodist

**5 NORRIS SQUARE NORRIS, TN 37828** 

Register now! Camp is free, but space is limited!

Visit campinthecommunity.org/host/norris or call (865) 494-9407

# **Finance News**

**TO RAIN OR NOT TO RAIN?** Ask anyone and you'll get the same answer, **Maybe. Look outside; half the sky is clearing the other half is dark blue.** At Memorial our month of giving is divided into weeks. One week is clearing, next week is dark. Let's get together and make all weeks clearing skies. And, a very big Thank you to all those supporting the Church already.

 April Budget Giving:
 \$20,720.00

 April Expenses:
 \$22,259.00

 April Balance:
 -\$1,539.00

Year to Date Giving:\$88,345.00Year to Date Expenses:\$81,225.00Balance Year to Date:+7,120.00

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: <u>www.mumcclinton.org</u>. 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: <u>info@mumcclinton.org</u>.

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. <u>And lastly, pray for the people of Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.</u>

"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!!

# **Birthdays for May 2024**

#### Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

5/01 Juanita Smith, %/4 Cheryl Connor, 5/5 Zander Ford, 5/6 Jerry Ferguson & Ingrid Freels, 5/10 Gabriella Rhea, 5/18 Sarah Freels & Martin Hennessee, 5/21 Chuck Parke, 5/29 Amy Graham

Let's continue our Birthday call campaign, especially for those homebound or in assisted living facilities. All of the addresses are in the are in the paper Church Directory or check <u>InstantChurchDirectory.com</u> or call the Church Office (865-457-2287).





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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							
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, Clintor	n, TN. 37716	865-463-8336					
Phillip Wenk, 115 Dogwood Lane, Clint	865-457-9301						
Mary Ann Connor, 297 Doe Run Blvd.,	865-207-9199						
Joyce Wilson, 112 Hillcrest St., Clinton	37716						
Ben Edwards (new address) C/O Stephanie	Jones, 1820 Aly	sheba Run, Murfreesboro, TN. 37128					

# MEMORIALS ~ MARCH 2024

In Memory of	Donor Name	Designated Fund	Notes
Bill Van Pelt	Linda Guyton & Lois Dosky	Sound System upgrade	From OH.
Bill Van Pelt	Karen Bray	General Memorials	
Bill Van Pelt	Johnanna Sprague	Sound System upgrade	From MI.
Joe Rainey	Karen Bray	Sound System Upgrade	
Joe Rainey	Dudley Bostic	Sound System upgrade	



#### **Memorial United Methodist Church**

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#### Serving God's People

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