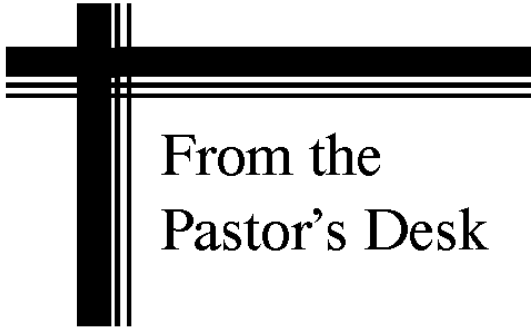


# The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## SEPTEMBER 2024



### From the Pastor's Desk

#### The Fourth Quarter

In Football, the fourth quarter is when much of the excitement happens. It's an opportunity to rally the team and either catch up or put a nail in it. You don't have to like sports to know this. In life, the fourth quarter is often that stage of life we call retirement. A time to catch up on the parts of life that we missed during the rest of the game.

In the Bible, the final quarter is outlined in a book called Revelation. Although it is full of allegory and symbols and full of mystery, we still get the message that there is more to the story and that God has saved something for the end. Whether the story ends well or poorly, depends on us and our choices in life.

The story is the same for all of us. There are seasons of growth and seasons of work. Seasons of joy, and those of mourning. What we must remember is that the story is still being written and that we (like that sports team) mustn't give up too soon. There is still excitement ahead for those who seek it and love God.

In our church we get busy in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the calendar year. We have programs to prepare. Homecoming, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas is right around the corner. Our choir is already practicing Christmas music! The band is preparing for the Fall Antique Festival. Planning and preparations are underway.

This is an awkward place to bring this up, but the fourth quarter is also the time that we start to reconcile our finances. As is our yearly pattern, August is usually a pretty dismal month for offerings. Our deficit has grown. But... we have time to make up the difference. Won't you take a moment to consider where you are in your estimated giving? If God has blessed you in a significant way, would you consider a gift to level the financial playing field?

Thank you for being the church that you are. Loving and generous in so many ways. I continue to sing your praises to my peers and leaders (and any who would listen). Let's finish this year with a bang!

Love,  
Scott



# October 2024

**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

		1	Delta-Kappa-Gamma	2 Wed. Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after	3 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	4	5
6 Communion	7	8		9 Wed. Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after	10	11	12
13	14	15		16 Wed.Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after	17 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30	18	19
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# Memorial UMC Church in the Park August 25, 2024

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# Wednesday Nights are here!

This growing group has room for you! Take a night off from cooking and join us for a deepening of our understanding of God's goodness to each one of us!

Listed below is the menu for September. Memorial has some of the best cooks around so you need to come and sample. Different cooks each week.

Sept. 4th ~ Chili Mac, Salad & Dessert

Sept. 11th ~ Meatloaf, mashed potatoes (real) green beans & dessert

Sept. 18th ~ Beef and chicken tacos, all the fixins and dessert.

Sept. 25th ~ Burgers, baked beans, chips & dessert.

**BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!** ☐

\*Recommended donation of \$5.00 each. Cash, check or credit card.



# Finance News

**SEPTEMBER is here! Summer is still here. HOT, no rain, HOT then rain for days, Cool for a few days, Then HOT, HOT, HOT. It'll be FALL soon.**

**Thanks to all of you that are making our “goals” more than just numbers.**

August Budget Giving: \$12,579.00  
August Expenses: \$21,914.00  
August Balance: **-\$9,335.00**

Year to Date Giving: \$157,077.00  
Year to Date Expenses: \$164,546.00  
Balance Year to Date: **-\$7,469.00**

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.mumcclinton.org](http://www.mumcclinton.org). You will find alternate giving methods under the GIVE

## 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 for this election year. 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!!**

# Birthdays for SEPTEMBER 2024

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

9/01 Lyndall Ridenour, 9/5 Zavie Ford, 9/10 Sarah Burton, Stone Hatmaker, 9/16 Jim Ern Medley, 9/17 Grace Schrider, 9/20 Lilly Kay Reed, 9/24 Libby Freels, 9/25 Scott Rhea, 9/26 Sarah Medley, 9/28 Judy Foster, John Gamble, 9/29 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 are in the paper Church Directory or check [InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com) or call the Church Office (865-457-2287).



## DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS As of 9/11/2024

### Away from Home:

Becky Williams, Canterfield Assisted Living, 200 Bus Terminal Road, Room 110, Oak Ridge, TN. 37830. Her cell # is 865-591-5304.

Wilma Lomax– released to Home: 7716 Montfaye Road, Powell, TN. 37849 865-296-3017

Pam Rainey- C/O NHC Farragut, Room 424B, 122 Cavette Hill Ln. Knoxville TN 37934 865-679-9922

### At Home:

Jerry Ferguson, 110 Dogwood Lane, Clinton, TN. 37716 865-457-9512

Juanita Smith, 301 Cross Street, Clinton, TN. 37716 865-463-8336

Mary Ann Connor, 297 Doe Run Blvd., Clinton 37716 865-207-9199

Joyce Wilson, 112 Hillcrest St., Clinton 377167 865-457-3191

Ben Edwards (new address) C/O Stephanie Jones, 1820 Alysheba Run, Murfreesboro, TN. 37128

# MEMORIALS ~ AUGUST 2024

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Jack Rains	Tom & Nancy Thrasher	Trustees	
Jack Rains	Johnanna Sprague	General Memorials	Michigan
Dr. Phil Wenk	Deane & Sutton Kay	Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	St. Jude, Nashville	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Leslie B. Davidson	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Chris Holmes	Budget/Food Pantry	First Bank Nashville
Dr. Phil Wenk	Dale & Nancy Jo Polley	Budget/Food Pantry	Brentwood
Dr. Phil Wenk	Jim & Denise Davis	Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Vickie Underwood	Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Mark Medley	Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Steve & Bebe Combs	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Bill & Leslie Stone	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Les & Joyce Mosier	Budget/Food Pantry	Franklin
Dr. Phil Wenk	Jeffrey & Bethany Ballard	Budget/Food Pantry	Brentwood
Dr. Phil Wenk	Dr. David & Vickie S. Smith	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Tom & Nancy Thrasher	Trustees	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Hoskins Drug Store	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Delta Dental of Kentucky	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	Sharon McCarty	Budget/Food Pantry	
Dr. Phil Wenk	David & Vanessa Seivers	Budget/Food Pantry	Franklin
Dr. Phil Wenk	Marilyn & Carl Manka	Budget/Food Pantry	Brentwood
Dr. Phil Wenk	Encounter Sunday School	Budget/Food Pantry	Brentwood
Dr. Phil Wenk	Johnanna Sprague	Budget/Food Pantry	Michigan
Dr. Phil Wenk	Cindy & Rick Guthrie, Jr.	Budget/Food Pantry	Bluff City



COME SEE GOD AT WORK!  
*Homecoming*

*Mark your calendars now for our annual Homecoming!*

*Sunday, October 27th, 10:30, we will meet in the Sanctuary for a Guest Speaker, marvelous music and a time of remembering older members (here or departed) meeting some we haven't seen in years. After Church Service we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a Luncheon to die for (not literally, of course).*

*The main course (meats) will be furnished, along with bread, paper goods drinks, tablecloths, and decorations.*

*Please bring a side item(s) or a favorite dessert, OR both to share. We have so many good cooks and bakers, I can smell it already! Sign up sheet in Foyer after October 1.*

*Worshipping with old and new friends is what Fellowship is all about. See you there!*

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