

OCTOBER 2024

From the Pastor's Desk

With October, we welcome a season of the harvest which our Jewish sisters and brothers call Sukkot. Sukkot is a festive season of feasting and celebration of God's goodness and the fruits of agriculture. It is marked with feasts and remembrances of God's provision, not only from the fields, but during the times when God's people were dispersed into other lands.

While our church doesn't celebrate Sukkot, we have many reasons to rejoice for God always provides. Few of us work the fields outside of our own family gardens, but we enjoy the labors of those who do. As close as we come as American Christians to a Sukkot is Thanksgiving when we eat around family tables and spend time reflecting the reasons to be thankful.

As we move into the season which we call Autumn or Fall, why not spend some time in reflection about how blessed we are. It's not because we are favored. It's because of God's love for people. Perhaps, you have seen a season of growth in your life and should remember that God's grace and love are the first sources of those blessings. And perhaps you have had a season of struggles, to which a good response would be prayer.

No matter where you find yourself, know that God is always there, in times of plenty and times of shortage. His love never wanes, and his provision never ends. Thanks be to the God of the Harvest. Happy Sukkot.

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| Fri | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Thu | 3Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 | 10 | 17Food Pantry 1 5:30-6:30 | | 31 Trunk or Treatat St. Marks, timeTo be announced.323 No. Main willBe play |
| Wed | 2 Wed. Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after | 9 Wed. Fellowship Cancelled due to Fall Break | 16 Wed.Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after Beef Strogonoff, Salad,Rolls,Dessert | 23 Wed.Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese | 30 WedFellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after Pizza,Salad,Dessert |
| Tue | 1 Delta-Kappa- Gamma | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Mon | | ~ | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Sun | | 6 Communion | 13 | 20 Clyde Horton Birthday Celebra- tion, Holy Grounds, after Church Service | 27 HOMECOMING |

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 October. Memorial has some of the best cooks around so you need to come and sample. Different cooks each week.

October 9th ~ No Wednesday night dinner, it's Fall break.

October 16th~Beef Stroganoff, salad, rolls, dessert

October 23rd~ BBQ Chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, rolls, dessert

October 30th ~ Pizza, Salad, Dessert

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

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



ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Clyde Horton has decided he wants to share his Birthday with all of his Church Family! On Sunday September 20th after Church Service please mosey on down to Holy Grounds and participate in Cake & Ice Cream, plus a few non-sweet items.

Wish Clyde a Happy Birthday too!!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 5-7:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT AT ST. MARK'S PARKING LOT.





OCTOBER is here! It's Football time in Tennessee. Fall leaves and turning and falling (yuck), Pumpkin Latte (yum). Thanks to all of you that are making our "goals" more than just numbers.

| September Budget Giving: | \$29 <i>,</i> 867.00 |
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| September Expenses: | \$21,974.00 |
| September Balance: | +\$7,893.00 |

Year to Date Giving:\$186,944.00Year to Date Expenses:\$186,548.00Balance Year to Date:+ \$396.00

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. Michael Freels, Finance Committee Chairman

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. <u>And lastly, pray hard for all the people affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.</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 October 2024

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

10/01 Jay Knapp 10/02 Donna Parke, 10/6 Christine Dorsey 10/8 Sutton Kay, 10/9 Leslie Sellers, 10/10 Cathy Brown, Ellie Green, Susan Gamble, Pattie Harmening, 10/11 Clyde Horton, 10/12 Art Miller, Mary Ann Connor, 10/14 Robbie Reed, 10/18 Nancy Thrasher, 10/20 Matt Schrider, Robert Harmening, 10/21 Alex Burton, 10/22 Penny James, 10/23 Bill Stone

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 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– released to Home: 328 Franklin Place, Clinton–865-457-0396

| At Home: | |
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| 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 Aly | sheba Run, Murfreesboro, TN. 3712 |

Memorials ~ September 2024

| In Memory of: | Donor Name | Designated Fund | NOTES |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Dr. Phil Wenk | Marion B. McGaugh | Budget & Food Pantry | |
| Dr. Phil Wenk | John & Kathleen Jones | Budget & Food Pantry | |
| Dr. Phil Wenk | Karen & Buford Bray | Budget Food Pantry | |
| Martha Maxwell | Deane & Sutton Kaye | Food Pantry | |
| Martha Maxwell | Mark Medley & Family | Food Pantry | |
| Martha Maxwell | Jim Ern & Sarah Medley | General Memorials | |
| Martha Maxwell | Gail & Courtney Weaver | General Memorials | Marrero, La. |
| Jerry Ferguson | Jim Ern & Sarah Medley | Sound System | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Art Miller | Sound System | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Steve & Bebe Combs | Food Pantry & Sound System | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Jim & Denise Davis | Food Pantry | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Terry Moore | Sound System | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Matt & Darcy Schrider | Food Pantry | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Philip & Brenda Wenk | Food Pantry | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Mary W. Matheny | Sound System | |
| Jerry Ferguson | Charlie & Betty Lyons | Food Pantry | |



Mark your calendars now for our annual Homecoming!

<u>Sunday, October 27th, 10:30</u>, 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), Salad or a favorite dessert, OR all 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! Questions or volunteer? Contact Donna Parke at 423-284-5459

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