

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2024

2024 is mere days from being over and soon it will be 2025. Like Advent itself, we should look back upon the year behind us and forward to the possibilities that a new one brings. Let's do this like Sunday morning joys and concerns.

Joys:

8 New members

3 Confirmed Youth

Reese Krause as our new youth coordinator

40 Mission Buckets for Zimbabwe

32 Flood Relief buckets for our neighbors

\$4,850.00 to UMCOR for flood relief after Helene

A revitalized Youth Program

32 pair of shoes for Isaiah House

We're serving more families through our Food Pantry

Concerns:

The deaths of dear friends

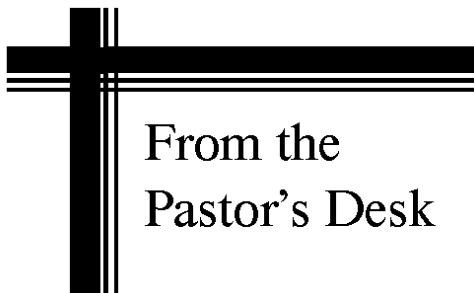
Friends who have moved from the area

Hurricane Helene

Now let's dream dreams and watch for visions of what 2025 could be... That's your assignment. How can we grow as a church? In numbers, in spirit, and in faithfulness to being more like Jesus. What would you like to see us accomplish in the coming year? What vision has God given you?

Have a blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Scott



From the
Pastor's Desk



December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3	4	5 Food Pantry 5:00-6:00	6	7
8	9	10	11 Wed.Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Wed.Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice after	19 Food Pantry 5:00-6:00	20	21
22 Lessons & Carols-7:00p Refreshments After **	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 Office Hours: 9:00a-12:00p	25 Happy Birthday Jesus.	26 Office Hours: 12:00p-3:00p	27	28
29	30	31		** Please bring a Dessert**		

Wednesday Nights are still 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! We have a new large screen TV and a new sound system. Come check it out!

Due to the lateness of the Newsletter, there is only 1 event left this year.

Dec. 18th ~ Meatloaf, mashed potatoes (real) green beans & dessert

Dec. 25th ~ No Service, at Home for Christmas

Jan 1st 2025 ~ No Dinner, but don't forget black eye peas & hog jowl for good luck!

For 2025, BE THERE OR BE ☐ SQUARE!

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



Finance News

December is here! Some FALL is still here. Cold, no rain, Moderate, then rain for days, Frigid for a few days, Then moderate. It's FALL/Winter in Tennessee.

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

November Budget Giving: \$20,812.00
November Expenses: \$19,549.00
November Balance: + 1,263.00

Year to Date Giving: \$226,165.00
Year to Date Expenses: \$233,238.00
Balance Year to Date: **-\$7,073.00**

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

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 Nov/Dec 2024

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, 11/17 Kim Prater & Darcy Schrider

12/01 Jimmy Freels, 12/05 Luke Hatmaker, 12/08 Carol Luzader, 12/10 Susan Gamble, 12/11 Josh Allen, 12/17 Ella Thomas and Shollie Thomas, 12/20 Tracy Burton & Pam Rainey, 12/22 Taylor Stone, 12/25 Scott Wilks, 12/27 Seth Carroll

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 12/17/2024

Away from Home:

None that we know of at this time.

At Home:

Mary Ann Connor, 297 Doe Run Blvd., Clinton 37716	865-207-9199
Pam Rainey– 328 Franklin Place, Clinton, TN 37716	865-679-9922
Juanita Smith, 301 Cross Street, Clinton, TN. 37716	865-463-8336
Joyce Wilson, 112 Hillcrest St., Clinton 377167	865-457-3191



Christmas Eve 2024

*Join us at 5:00 on Christmas Eve to
Celebrate the upcoming birth of our Savior*

Real Candle Light

Real Friends and Family

Real Love

Come be a part of it.

MEMORIALS ~NOV & DEC 2024

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Mark your calendars now for our annual Lessons & Carols event.

Sunday, December 22nd, 7:00 pm.

*The Choir, with a few visiting artists will present this year's Lessons and Carols.
The Christmas spirit will surround you like no other.
Bring the kids, the family and whomever you'd like to invite for this inspirational event.*

*After the event we will be having a refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.
Please bring a favorite dessert to share. We have so many good Cooks and bakers, we
can smell it already!*

Questions or to volunteer? Contact Donna Parke at 423-284-5459

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