

# The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year

Another year has come and gone and now is the time to live into the present. This is the time of year where many people make “new year’s resolutions.” I admit that I abandoned this notion many years ago when I realized that I had broken far more than I kept. Rather than resolutions, I prefer to set goals and plans. They began with worship planning for the first half of the year. I’m still working on that one.

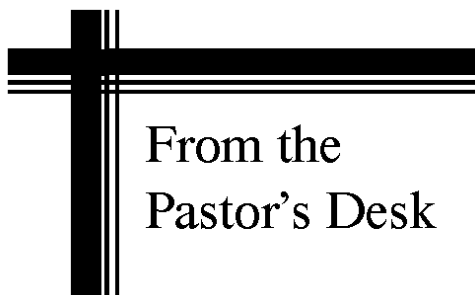
The other goal that I set for myself was vacation plans. This is important for me to have some thing to look forward toward. It might sound selfish, but it is a part of self-care which I must practice. It begins with exploring and negotiating with my wife. Last year’s pilgrimage was a huge financial burden and so we decided that the trip must be scaled back some. Once we decided on a destination, then the work of lodging, budgeting, and sights to explore began. I am pleased to say that dates have been set, rooms secured, and I am living in the expectation of adventure.

We talk a lot about the “work” of being a Christian, but we often neglect the gift of sabbath. There is good reason God set aside a day for our rest. It wasn’t because God was tired from creating. It was to set an example for us all to follow. Please note that on the seventh day, God did not say to spend the day in worship, reducing a honey do list, or to clean house. God rested to show us the importance of self-care and to prioritize our lives between the worlds of work and rest.

Much of what follows the early stories in Genesis and Exodus is centered on this idea of keeping a sacred day or sabbath. A time of session of work. Of gathering with family and friends for a meal, or “abiding” with God. It’s not a day to catch up on projects, but a day to “be still and know that I am God.”

May the coming year be one of balance for you. May you find a rhythm between the work of being a Christ follower and allowing yourself time to rest and be still. May you remember that the Sabbath was made for you and as a gift from God, it is expected... no it is demanded that you observe it.

Peace, Scott



# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 <b>Food Pantry 5:00-6:00</b>	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 6:30 p <i>Trustee mtg</i>	8 Wed.Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice	9	10	11
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26 <i>Resurrection</i>	27	28	29 Wed.Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Bible Study, Choir practice	30 5:30 p <i>Carol's Dinner, Dean's Oak</i>	31	*RSVP - Tom <i>Thrasher</i> 865-457-0352 or <i>thrasherth@</i>

# Wednesday Nights Fellowship!

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!

Jan 1st 2025 ~ Happy New Year!

Jan 8th ~ Josh is making homemade ham and potato soup, garlic bread, salad, and dessert.

Jan 15th ~ The Joy class is having a baked potato bar, salad, and dessert.

Jan 22nd ~ The Parkes are making Italian sausage pasta bake, salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

Jan 29th ~ The YAK class is having breakfast for dinner—pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, milk, juice, and coffee.

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



# Finance News

**January is here! It's a brand new beginning and a fresh start for everyone! Don't forget to count your blessings everyday.**

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

December Budget Giving:	\$24,005.00
December Expenses:	\$29,262.00
December Balance:	-\$5,257.00
Year to Date Giving:	\$251,906.00
Year to Date Expenses:	\$262,626.00
Balance Year to Date:	-\$10,720.00

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

## REMEMBER TO PRAY



## Prayer and Care

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, and all of the families effected by the wildfires in California.

*“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 January, 2025



Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

- 5 Vickie Underwood
- 8 Scott Burton
- 17 Ken Overstreet
- 23 Kathleen Jones
- 30 Kaye Johnson
- Chrystal Reed

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



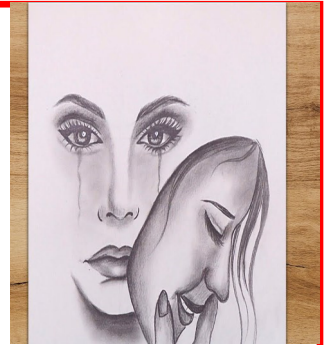
**DON'T FORGET OUR**  
**EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS**  
**As of 1/01/2025**

## **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

# MEMORIALS: OCT.~DEC. 2024

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Jerry Ferguson	Allison Daniel	Food Pantry/Sound System	
Jerry Ferguson	Buford & Karen Bray	Food Pantry/Sound System	
Jerry Ferguson	Mark Medley	Food Pantry	
Jerry Ferguson	Betty Sellers	Food Pantry	
Jerry Ferguson	Don Hedden	Sound System	
Jerry Ferguson	Deane & Sutton Kay	Food Pantry	
Jerry Ferguson	Bill & Gail Gallaher	Food Pantry/Sound System	
Jerry Ferguson	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Food Pantry/Sound System	
Jerry Ferguson	Karen & Edward Cary	Food Pantry/Sound System	
Jerry Ferguson	Vicki Perry	Sound System	
Jerry Ferguson	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry	
Jerry Ferguson	Vickie Underwood	Food Pantry	
Jerry Ferguson	Gibby Seals	Sound System	
Rebecca Williams	Steve & Bebe Combs	General Music	
Rebecca Williams	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry	
Rebecca Williams	Deane & Sutton Kay	General Budget	
Rebecca Williams	Vickie Underwood	Landscaping	
Rebecca Williams	Mark Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarship	
Rebecca Williams	Jim Ern & Sarah Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarship	
Rebecca Williams	Melissa & Richard Snead	Sound System	
Dow Burton	Laura Kramer	Honor of Peggy Burton	
Rebecca Williams	Art Miller	Sound system	
Rebecca Williams	Gail & Bill Gallaher	Designated Music	
Rebecca Williams	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Ida Gamble Scholarship	
Dr. P.J. Wenk	Bill & Ouida Steinkamp	Sound System	
In Honor of: The Kays & both Medley families	Candy Fox	Food Pantry	



*There is a time and a season for everything in our lives. A time to stay and a time to go. It has been 5 1/2 years since I came to work here at MUMC and I can honestly say this has been the Best job I've ever had. It took quite a while to figure out who was who and who did what etc., but it happened and the joy began. My favorite parts were doing the Sunday Bulletins and the Newsletters. They allow you to be creative and put some of yourself inside (newsletter more than bulletin). As people moved, or retired extra work was added and the days were all of a sudden more packed. With calling on some volunteers, it all got done. Thank you, thank you volunteers.*

*In early Spring I will be re-locating to North Myrtle Beach, S.C., where my oldest son and his wife live. Who can turn down a coastal town? Not me. With their help I will be moving within a few miles of them and will have someone to help me as needed. I will find a new Church, new neighbors and hopefully new friends. I have made so many friends here at MUMC my heart breaks on having to leave them. With 2 extra bedrooms, maybe they'll come see me!*

*I will say goodbye on Thursday, January 30th. Take care of each other, love one another and I'll see you again someday.  
Love to all, Carol*

## **Memorial United Methodist Church**

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**Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:00. Closed Friday.**

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### **Serving God's People**

**Rev. Scott Wilks**

**Joshua Allen**

**Catie McCracken**

**Chrystal Reed**

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

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