

# Memorial Messenger

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# March 2013



## Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for March is canned fruit. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

### Triennium Youth Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser to help send three Memorial youth to Triennium will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Friday, March 8, 5:30-8:30 P.M. See page 4 for more information. If you would like to donate items for the dinner or auction, please contact Lisa Upton.

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase Easter lilies, ABLE is again offering their “Lilies Celebrating Life.” The cost is \$12.00 per lily and an order form and sign-up sheet are available in the church office. Orders will be accepted until March 18, and the lilies will be available for pick-up or delivery during Holy Week. The ABLE Parents Association will donate ten lilies to Memorial as a “thank-you” for the use of our facilities for their seasonal parties.

### Holy Week Schedule

March 24—Palm/Passion Sunday

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:55 A.M. – Worship service planned by worship team

March 28—Maundy Thursday

7:00 P.M. – Worship service with communion

March 31—Easter Sunday

9:30-10:30 A.M. – Potluck Breakfast—No Sunday School

10:00 A.M. – Easter Egg Hunt

10:55 A.M. – Worship: Celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

**In Memoriam**—Marge Sewell, September 26, 1925 to February 13, 2013

Many of you knew Marge Sewell, who went to be with the Lord on February 13, 2013. If you would like to do something to honor her memory, you are invited to make a donation to purchase new pew Bibles in her memory. The Bibles are estimated to cost \$17.50 each, but please feel free to give any amount. If more information is desired, please contact Norma Taylor.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

It seems that it has been a season of Continuing Education for me. A banner-making workshop in January, Austin Seminary's Midwinter Lectures in February and I'm headed to St. Louis in a couple of weeks for the Kaleidoscope Stewardship conference.

This congregation provides for Continuing Education for their pastor, as do all PC(USA) churches. It reflects our emphasis on education and learning and, because we are connected as a denomination, we have many opportunities for time with colleagues and experts.

More than a time to hone or get more tools, Con Ed has always been a time for me to step back and to look at what we are doing as a congregation. What is working? What needs to be tweaked a bit? What needs to be thrown out and rebuilt?

Lent is a bit like that, too. It is a time set apart for us to take a look at our relationship with the Triune God. What parts of our relationship are strong? Where do we need a little help? Where do we need to completely get out of the way for God to reach us? Do we need new tools to help us?

Have you looked at your relationship with God during this Lenten season? Even if you didn't take up a Lenten discipline, it's not too late to use these next few weeks as a time apart, a time that you might discover a way for God to reach you.

I mentioned my discipline for Lent in last month's Messenger. I'm "fasting" from electronics (computers, TV, phone) for a time each day. It has been a process; early on I set a timer and was checking it often. I am slowly becoming more content in the silence. During these fasts, I may or may not be praying in words, but I'm hearing what is *really* going on around me. It has been—and I expect will continue to be—a time of growth for me. It will likely be a habit I continue on some level after Easter.

It is tempting to think I will be ready for Easter after the forty days of Lent. I can only say that I will be *more* ready than I was at the beginning of Lent.

Is anyone really ready for Easter? Can any human fully understand the meaning of God's Son dying and being resurrected for us?

The good news is that God accepts us as we are, in whatever form of readiness we bring. So, come all and rejoice in the Good News of the Risen Lord as we gather on Easter Sunday, March 31!

Grace and peace,

Tracy

## Clerk's Corner

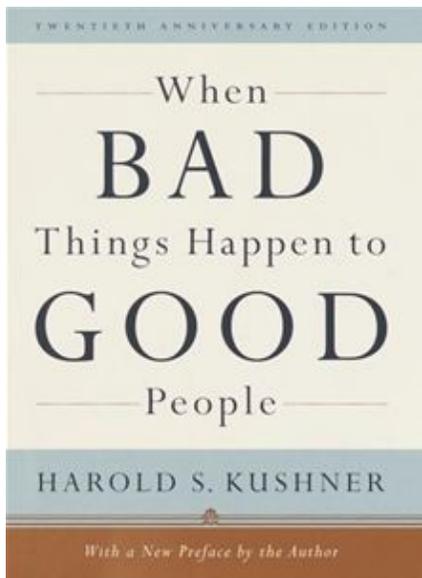
Session met on February 19 for routine business. Session reviewed the active membership rolls. Should there be monies left over from the Triennium fundraising activities, Session voted to leave them in the Camps and Conferences fund to be used for future camps and conferences fees.

Joan Cole  
Clerk of Session

| 2013 Stewardship Update:<br>January 1 to February 26, 2013 |                   |                   |                    |
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|  | <b>Actual YTD</b> | <b>Budget YTD</b> | <b>2013 Budget</b> |
| <b>Pledges</b>   | \$22,074.84       | \$24,277.32       | \$145,664.00       |
| <b>Other Income</b>  | \$4,618.28        | \$9,999.82        | \$59,999.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | \$26,693.12       | \$34,277.14       | \$205,663.00       |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                      | \$32,132.73       | \$34,276.78       | \$205,663.00       |

### Book of the Month

The Book of the Month for March is *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner. As a young theology student, Harold Kushner puzzled over the Book of Job. When he was a small-town rabbi, he counseled other people through pain and grief. But not until he learned that his three-year old son Aaron would die in his early teens of a rare disease, did he confront the most terrifying question a person will ever encounter: Why do bad things happen to innocent people? Where is God in all of this? How does one find comfort in the midst of tragedy? Check out this book for direction in relation to these challenging questions. It will be waiting for you in the church library. — Harry Wright



*This book will be displayed in the library during the month of March, and will be available to borrow.*

## **Triennium Youth Fundraiser All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction**

The youth candidates for Triennium will host a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Friday, March 8. The cost per person will be \$5.00 and dinner will be served starting at 5:30. The evening's events will run until 8:30 when the winners of the silent auction will be announced. We will also raffle off a beautiful quilt, hand-sewn and hand-quilted by Norma Taylor and Loreen Upton. This event is open to all church members, family, friends, neighbors and the community ... so if you know anyone who loves eating spaghetti, tell them we have a deal for them!

If you would like to help by donating an item for the silent auction or a food item for the dinner, contact Lisa Upton (740-4227) to see what items are needed. We have already raised one third of the money needed to send our three youths to Triennium—let's make this a successful event for our youth and for Memorial Presbyterian Church.

## **Fellowship and Hospitality Committee Up-Coming March Events**

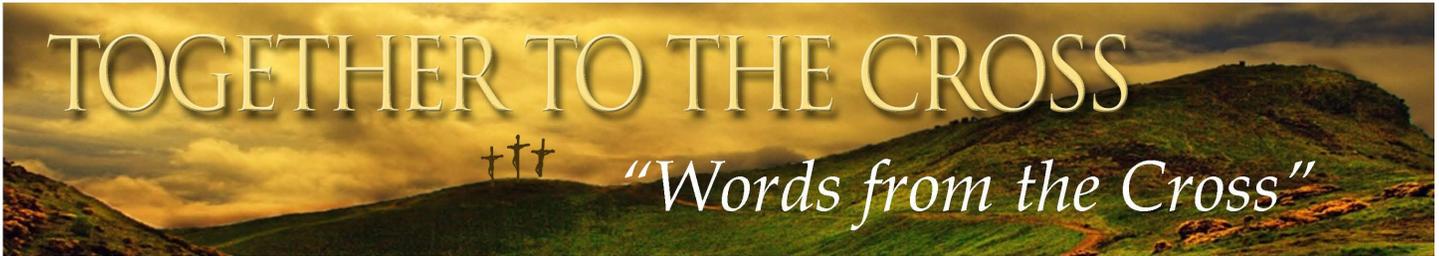
Memorial has a new committee in town and we are ready to roll out the red carpet for fun and fellowship! We are the Fellowship and Hospitality Committee. We will be planning church socials and events throughout the year.

In March we plan to host an Easter Pot Luck Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for a sign-up sheet to write your pot-luck item down: variety is a good thing.

Also, a heads-up on an April church event. Mark your calendars and start looking in your favorite cookbooks. On Sunday, April 7, the Fellowship & Hospitality committee will host a ***Chili Cook Off*** lunch after worship. Come join us to sample some of Memorial's tastiest chili. The F & H committee will provide side fixin's for the lunch ... all you have to do is show up and enjoy. There will be a sign up sheet for anyone wishing to bring a crock pot of chili, so that we will know how much serving space to plan for.

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee is looking forward to planning lots of church events and social events for Memorial. If you have an idea for an event, feel free to let one of the committee members know: current members are Lisa Upton (chair), Ann Forsyth, Linda Eckel, Donna Wright, Linda Rodriguez, and Trudy Beard. Anyone who would like to participate on this committee is welcome. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 11 at 7:00 P.M.

# THE NORMAN MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS... THE 2013 LENTEN SERVICES



The Norman Ministerial Fellowship continues its series of Lenten mid-week services at noon on Wednesdays. Each service will be hosted at a different church with the host church providing music and a guest preacher giving a sermon. The theme for this year's series is "Words from the Cross." Each service will begin at noon and be followed at 12:35 by a simple lunch (cost for the lunch is \$5.00). An offering will be taken each week for the benefit of a local non-profit, Among Friends (Cathe Fox, Director).

## **2013 Lenten Services Schedule**

### **Worship Theme: Words from the Cross**

**March 6—St Mark's Catholic Church** (Host Pastor: Tom Boyer)

Guest Pastor: Rev. Mike Bumgarner, (Chaplain, NRHS)

Worship Theme: *My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?*

**March 13—First Christian Church** (Host Pastor: David Spain)

Guest Pastor: Rev. Amy Venable (St. Stephen's UMC)

Worship Theme: *I am thirsty.*

**March 20-(Spring Break) First Presbyterian** (Host Pastor: Rev. Bob Rice)

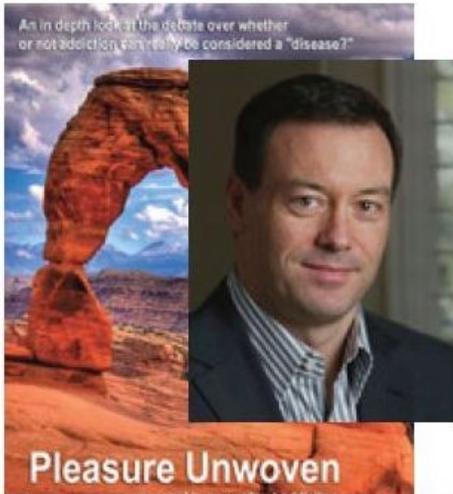
Guest Pastor: Rev. Sami Chaaya (Our Lady of Lebanon)

Worship Theme: *It is Finished.*

**March 27—(Holy Week) Alameda Church of Christ** (Host Pastor: Rusty Tugman)

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Wade Smith (First Baptist)

Worship Theme: *Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*



Two local events at  
 Norman Regional Hospital Education Center  
 901 N. Porter, Norman, OK



**Presents  
 "Pleasure Unwoven"**

If addiction is affecting you or a loved one  
 you must see this film!

**"Pleasure Unwoven" and Q & A With  
 Dr. McCauley - Thursday, 7:00 p.m., March 28, 2013**

Important information for families affected by addiction as well as for therapists,  
 doctors, pastors, teachers, law enforcement and others. Free to public.

**The Brain and Recovery And Addiction Recovery  
 Management - Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, March 29, 2013**

Workshop for therapists & clinicians - 3 CEUs, \$30 - Register online at  
[www.pleasureunwoven.eventbrite.com](http://www.pleasureunwoven.eventbrite.com). Approved CEUs for LPC, LMFT, LADC & CADC.

**"Pleasure Unwoven" Film Viewing - Q & A With Dr. Kevin McCauley**

This film is the brain child of Dr. Kevin McCauley with The Institute for Addiction Study. A graduate of the Medical College of Pennsylvania, McCauley explores arguments for and against this vital debate, reviewing the latest neuroscientific research about addiction along the way. He turns complex neuroscientific concepts into easy-to-understand visual images that help those addicted and those in recovery feel more understood, thus giving hope to many. While working as a flight surgeon McCauley treated pilots with alcohol and drug problems. Today, as a physician, he advocates strongly for the rights of addicts as patients

**Workshop - The Brain and Recovery & Addiction Recovery Management**

**Learning Objectives -**

- Update on what is currently known in neuroscience about addiction.
- Learn how the brain constructs pleasurable experiences, what happens when this process goes wrong, and why this can have a dramatic impact on our ability to make proper choices.
- Learn the Chronic Care Model by Wagner - its application to a wide range of illnesses, and its disease management approach.
- Learn what comprises an effective disease management program such as those used successfully for impaired professionals.
- Learn the benefits and limitations of drug testing as a form of compliance monitoring.

**Event Co-sponsors:**



Moore Counseling - Dr. Gant Ward And Dr. Joseph Ripperger, Norman Oklahoma

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Bob Clarke

Dave Iske

Jayelle Martin is recuperating from knee surgery.

Kenny and Danielle Comer (Mike Girdner's niece and her husband): Kenny is battling cancer for the fourth time, and has not been responding well to chemotherapy.

Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee) continues to recover from injuries sustained in the line of duty in Afghanistan.

Margaret Forthman (Carl & Julie Forthman's sister-in-law) is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)

Peggy Strunk is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer.

Kate Yost (Dave & Tamara Iske's niece) has low cancer markers but required a preventive round of chemotherapy.

### Those who grieve

Family of Marge Sewell

Family of Hugh McCoy (Joan Thrailkill's father)

Family of Sean Miller (son-in-law of Bob & Martha Goodner)

Family of Betty Moore (Anita Harkey's sister)

Family of Peggy Ann Richardson (niece of Bill & Betty Silman)

Family of Billie Jean Sites (Georjana Mauldin's mother)

### Prayers Answered

Jim Eckel's test results are clean and he is cancer-free.

Vince Leseney has finished participating in a clinical trial of new vaccines for melanoma. Regular check-ups will be required.

Scherrie Martin (friend of Doris Hinson) is free of cancer.

## March Birthdays

- Mar. 3 Michael Klenda
- Mar. 4 Angela Jones (Jayelle Martin's granddaughter)
- Mar. 5 Margaret Storm  
David Stensrud
- Mar. 6 Bill Silman  
Harold Conner
- Mar. 7 Elvira Sama
- Mar. 8 Kara Kelly
- Mar. 9 Brian Kelley
- Mar. 14 Riley Benson
- Mar. 21 Bill Jones (Jayelle Martin's son-in-law)
- Mar. 22 Marcus Williams  
Mandy Jiran
- Mar. 23 Clay Girdner
- Mar. 27 Loreen Upton
- Mar. 28 Eileen Burke  
Heather Yeager
- Mar. 30 Joan Cole

## March Wedding Anniversaries

March 17 Bruce & Trisha Bunce

March 27 Cornelius & Susan Annoh

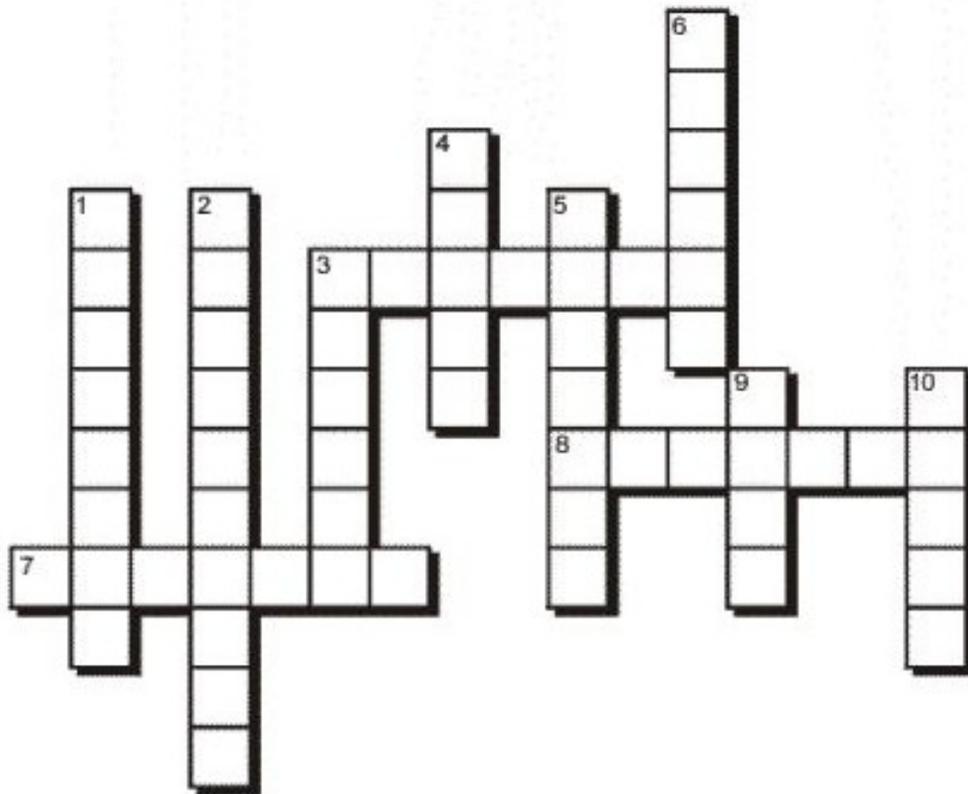
To receive prayer requests by email,  
please contact Janice Crump at:  
janicec11@cox.net

## The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)



Jesus encouraged his followers to pray to God with sincerity and not for show. He gave them a simple outline of a prayer that has become known as the "Lord's Prayer". You can read it in Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV). He did not intend that we only use this prayer when we pray but that we would include some of the things in this prayer in our own prayers. This prayer shows reverence to God, dependency on God for our needs, desire for God's Kingdom to come, thankfulness, an awareness of our sins, a desire to be forgiven and to forgive others, and trust in God to lead us.



"Our            (3 down) in heaven,            (1 down), be your name,  
 your            (5 down) come, your            (9 down) be done on            (4 down)  
 as it is in            (6 down). Give us today our daily            (10 down),  
           (3 across) us our debts, as we have forgiven our  
           (7 across) and lead us not into            (2 down),  
 but            (8 across) us from the evil one.

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## March 2013

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat       |
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| <b>SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE</b>  |  |  |   |   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  |
| Sunday School 9:30 A.M.<br>Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.<br>Worship Service 10:55 A.M. |  |  |   |   |  |           |
| <b>3</b> Celebration of the Lord's Supper 10:55 A.M.<br><br>Daylight Savings Time begins        | <b>4</b> Worship & Music meeting 7:00 P.M.<br><br>Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b> League of Women Voters 11:15—1:30<br><br>NMF Lenten service & lunch at St Mark's Catholic Church 12 P.M. | <b>7</b> Serve at Food and Shelter, Inc. 10:00 A.M.   | <b>8</b> Triennium Fund-raiser: spaghetti dinner and silent auction 5:30—8:00 P.M. | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10</b><br><br>Deacons meeting 4:30 P.M.  | <b>11</b> Fellowship & Hospitality meeting 7:00 P.M.<br><br>Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.   | <b>12</b> Mission & Evangelism meeting 6:00 P.M. | <b>13</b> NMF Lenten service & lunch at First Christian Church 12 P.M.  | <b>14</b> Christian Education meeting 7:00 P.M.<br><br>Building & Grounds meeting 7:00 P.M. | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b> |
| <b>17</b><br><br>Stewardship meeting 5:30 P.M.  | <b>18</b> Spring Break (NPS)<br><br>Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.   | <b>19</b> Session meeting 7:00 P.M.              | <b>20</b> NMF Lenten service & lunch at First Presbyterian Church 12 P.M.   | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b> Articles due for April Messenger   | <b>23</b> |
| <b>24</b> Passion/Palm Sunday   | <b>25</b> Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.   | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b> NMF Lenten service & lunch at Alameda Church of Christ 12 P.M.  | <b>28</b> Maundy Thursday service 7:00 P.M.   | <b>29</b> Good Friday  | <b>30</b> |
| <b>31</b> Easter Sunday<br>Breakfast 9:30 A.M. / No Sunday School / Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 A.M.  | <b>WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE</b><br><br>Kids Club 3:30-6:00 P.M.<br>Hand-Chime Choir 5:00 P.M.<br>Children's Choir 5:30 P.M.<br>Chancel Ringers 6:00 P.M. (as scheduled)<br>Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M. |  |   |   |  |           |