

Memorial Messenger

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Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is peanut butter. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

The **adult Sunday School class** is enjoying a 16-week study of the New Testament. Biblical scholar and professor Bart Erman of the University of North Carolina examines the testament from a historical point of view in this excellent DVD-based series. The class meets in the parlor at 9:30 on Sunday morning. We invite all to join us. – Charles Johnson

Sunday School Kick-Off: There will be no Sunday School for children and youth on Labor Day Sunday, September 1. The kick-off for the new church school year will be Sunday, September 8 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 A.M. There will be a breakfast and an intergenerational program to help children, youth, young adults, and older adults become better connected.

Beginning September 15th, the second **adult Sunday School class** will begin a new study. The group, which meets in the church library from 9:30-10:30, will be discussing a book written by the Rev. Dr. Jim Wallis, entitled: *Rediscovering Values - on Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street*. This book was written in the context of the 2007-08 economic crisis. He expresses that asking "When will this crisis be over?" is the wrong question. He suggests very strongly that we need to ask: "How will this crisis change us?" In this book Wallis provides a moral compass for the economy that is emerging. Join us as we examine this provocative study of our economy, and how our faith needs to play a part in how we deal with it.—Harry Wright

The fall **Kids' Club** program begins September 18 at 3:15. Kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy recreation, Bible lessons, crafts, choir and hand-bells. Dinner served at 5:30, dismissal at 6:15. Enrollment forms are available in the hallway—look for the Kids' Club bulletin board.

The Christian Education and Fellowship & Hospitality committees will host a showing of the documentary film, *The Dogs of Lexington*, on Friday, September 27, at 7:00 P.M. See page four for more information.

Bring your **pets for blessing** on September 29. More info on page four.

On October 1, Memorial will host **National Night Out**, part of a nation-wide effort to strengthen communities. See page five for more information.

Fall Clean-up day will be October 19. Mark your calendars and watch for more information in coming weeks.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Sometimes the answer is “No.”

It's been 100 days since the tornadoes struck Oklahoma. In the disaster world, that time tends to mark the distinction between *response*—immediate clean-up, housing, securing belongings—and *recovery*—rebuilding and addressing long term needs. Our church was asked to consider being a host site for volunteers who would be coming to work on rebuilding homes in the coming months. Host sites provide meals and sleeping quarters (at a minimum) for a week at a time as a home base for groups from around the country who offer their time and skill in rebuilding communities.

And so we began to discern. Session members studied the pages and pages of materials provided by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They conference called. They discussed and prayed. And they discussed and prayed some more. The need is certainly there, but in the end, the session determined that this was not a project our congregation could take on at this time. There was sadness that we could not offer this hospitality, but also recognition of our limits. We can assist in recovery, but it will need to be in another way.

As much as we would like, we cannot be all things to all people. Sometimes the answer is “No.”

Sometimes the answer is “Yes.”

And here is what we are saying “Yes” to this fall. Sunday School kickoff on 9/8, Dogs of Lexington video and presentation on 9/27, Blessing of the Animals on 9/29, Kids' Club beginning 9/18 and hosting National Night Out on 10/1!

Beginning on September 5, I am starting a Bible study on Thursday mornings at 10:30. We will meet for an hour or so. Let's begin at the beginning by looking at Genesis. Bring a Bible and bring a friend!

Grace and peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

The Session of Memorial Presbyterian Church had its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 20 at 7 P.M. Each committee reported on their past and upcoming events. Session approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Committee to hold a Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, September 29, 2013. Session also approved the request from Bob & Martha Goodner to transfer their membership to McFarlin Methodist Church. The next meeting of Session will be September 17th at 7 P.M.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

| 2013 Stewardship Update: January 1 to August 29, 2013 | | | |
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| | Actual YTD | Budget YTD | 2013 Budget |
| Pledges | \$88,233.87 | \$97,109.28 | \$145,664.00 |
| Other Income | \$20,735.59 | \$39,999.28 | \$59,999.00 |
| Total Income | \$108,969.46 | \$137,108.56 | \$205,663.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$122,904.97 | \$137,107.12 | \$205,663.00 |

MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP - THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS FOR EVERY ADULT AT MEMORIAL:

The youth group needs your help. They will be meeting from 5:00-6:30 P.M. per the schedule below. They will share a meal from 6:00-6:30 P.M. Here's where they need your help. Please call Joan Cole (the youth group leader) and volunteer to provide a meal for one the dates listed below. I got the hard one out of the way. I can't wait to hear from you! You can call me (329-4325) or e-mail me (jlcmac20@cox.net).

September 8 - Joan & Mike Cole

September 29

October 13

October 27

November 10

November 24

December 8

December 22 (this will be some kind of Christmas party so don't sign up for this one - I'll be in contact with you all once I've decided on a plan)

When you sign up to provide a meal, I would encourage you to stay and get to know the young people who will be attending the Memorial Youth Group events.

Joan Cole (M.Y. Group leader)

Fellowship and Hospitality Events for the month of September

September 8 Sunday

Pot Luck Lunch

The Fellowship & Hospitality committee would like to invite everyone to gather after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a Pot Luck Lunch. Bring your favorite pot luck recipe to share. Feel free to invite a friend to worship and stay to eat afterwards. Everyone is welcome!

September 27 Friday

The Dogs of Lexington

The documentary film *The Dogs of Lexington* will be presented in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The film, which has been featured on OETA, tells the story of rescue dogs being trained by inmates at Lexington Correctional Center. We will have guest speakers from this program to enlighten us about the dogs and the mission of this program. This event is open to the community and is a great opportunity for a family night out. There will be refreshments provided afterwards. Plan on attending and learning about these special dogs and the people who make this program happen.

September 29 Sunday

Blessing of the Pets

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*



There will be a Blessing of the Pets Sunday afternoon from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the courtyard. In case of bad weather, the blessing will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your pets to be blessed (pets must be on a leash or in a carrier or cage). Afterwards, plan to stay for cookies and punch.

From the Worship Committee

Give us a hand! On World Communion Sunday, October 6, the worship committee is emphasizing our connection to the world. Do you have some gloves we could borrow? New or used winter gloves, work gloves, cleaning gloves are all acceptable. Please label them with your name and drop them off in the office. We will also be cutting out paper hands if you would like to assist with that part of the project. See Tracy for details.



National Night Out

Led by our Mission & Evangelism and Fellowship & Hospitality committees, Memorial Presbyterian Church looks forward to hosting National Night Out for our neighborhood on October 1. National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better. For more information go to nationalnightout.org.

This event will be held on Tuesday, October 1, from 5:45 to 7:15 P.M. We plan on providing games for the children, a welcome table, ice cream floats and cookies and pop corn. The Boy Scouts have expressed an interest in being at this event with a table promoting the Boy Scout program for young kids who may be interested. We will have the fire and police departments present to talk to people about community awareness.

As a hosting site, we as a church will need volunteers to work the welcome table and food and drink station, and oversee the children's games. Also, we will need volunteers to help distribute flyers within the neighborhood community. The Boy Scouts will have an assigned area to distribute to as well. To help, speak with John Beck (Mission and Evangelism) or Lisa Upton (Fellowship and Hospitality).

Mark your calendars for this great event and please volunteer if you are able and willing.



MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP
(MY GROUP)



WE'RE BACK IN BUSINESS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8 AT 5:00PM.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE KICK-OFF. START YOUR MORNING WITH BREAKFAST WITH OTHER YOUTH LIKE YOU AT 9:30AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWED BY A WORSHIP SERVICE THAT IS CHRIST CENTERED.

BE SURE AND COME BACK SUNDAY EVENING AT 5:00PM FOR A TIME OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD. WE WILL CONCLUDE AT 6:30PM.

YOUR YOUTH GROUP LEADER THIS YEAR IS JOAN COLE. IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT HER, CALL HER CELL: 405-830-8389.

HERE'S OUR MEETING SCHEDULE: (5:00-6:30PM)

SEPT 8

NOV 10

SEP 29

NOV 24

OCT 13

DEC 8

OCT 27

DEC 22 (SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT)



Dear Memorial Members and Friends:

Have you moved recently? Is your information omitted from or incorrectly listed in the church directory? Please help us update our directory for the fall, as well as our office records, by filling out this form and returning it to the church office. We would appreciate your help as we try to keep everything up to date. New directories will be made available in a few weeks by email, as well as in printed form for those without email (and by request).

Memorial Presbyterian Church
2013 Member & Friends Information for Church file and Directory
(please print clearly or send email to mempres1@sbcglobal.net)

Last Name _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email: _____ Email: _____

Permission to list in church directory (circle): email cell phone

Do you want to receive email from Memorial? ____ No ____ Yes

First Name: _____ Birthday _____
First Name: _____ Birthday _____

Wedding Anniversary (if applicable) _____ (month, day, year)

Children living at home:

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____
Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____
Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Work Information:

Company Name _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Spouse's Company _____
Address _____ Phone _____

Permission to publish work information in the directory: ____ No ____ Yes

Emergency contacts, other than spouse (will not be published):

1. Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____ Phone _____
2. Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____ Phone _____

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Bob Clarke
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Bill Silman
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Darrell Coit (Charlotte Lovett's step-father)
Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Susan Elaine Hayes (niece of Janice Crump)
Dottie Hinson (Karen Upton's mother)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
Peggy Strunk
Judy Talley-Dale (friend of Charlotte Lovett)
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

Those who grieve

Corey Fisher, on the loss of her grandfather
Erica Phelps, on the loss of her father
Family of Wayne Selvey (Tamara Iske's grandfather)
Family of Anna Yeba Titajangha (Esau Jangha's mother)

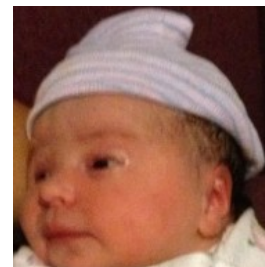
To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Janice Crump at:
janicec11@cox.net



September Birthdays

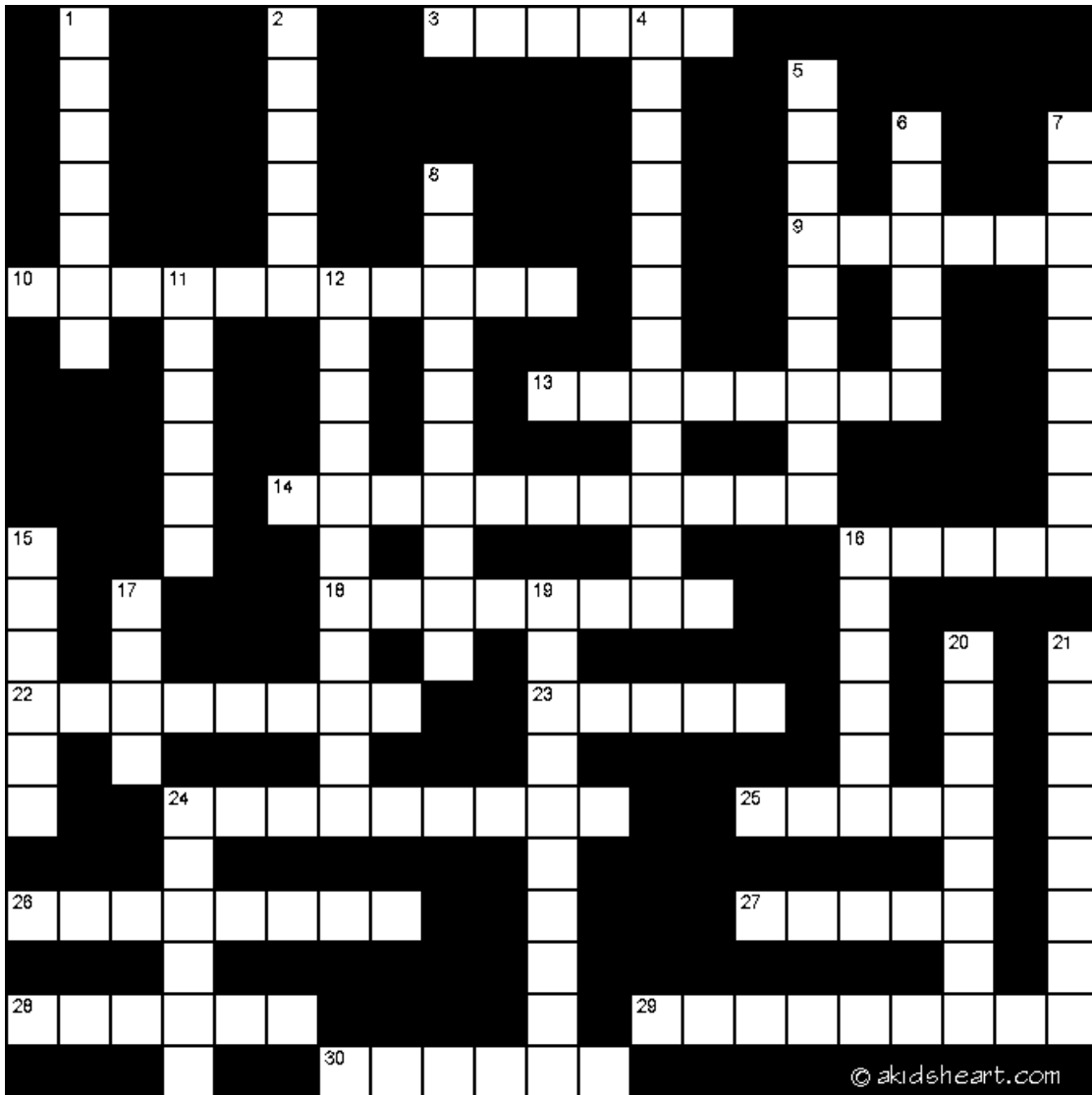
- 1 Larry Upton, Sr.
- 4 Trisha Bunce
- 6 Sumi Abunaw
Odette Eckel
- 8 Jona Thiessen
- 10 Donna Vint
- 11 Terry Cast
- 14 Mike Cole
- 15 Rebecca Cole
- 18 Alexandra Pennington
- 20 Mariolise Sama
- 28 Lucy Lanning
- 29 Cynthia Robb
- 30 Susan Beck

Congratulations to Doug and Ann Forsyth on the August 16 birth of their new grand-daughter, Darcy Adlen Klenda. The proud parents are Michael and Rachel Klenda.



If you would like to send a card to Lola Carroll, her address is 2431 Driftwood Court, Imperial, MO 63052.

Occupations in the Bible



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Across

3. Blind Bartimaeus was one
9. Peter stayed with one in Joppa called Simeon
10. Alexander's, who did much evil to Paul
13. Lydia's occupation
14. Bezaleel was anointed by God as both this and a stone cutter
16. One was in prison with Joseph and was executed
18. David's job before he fought Goliath
22. Hagar was Sarai's _____.
23. Because the Hebrews had none, Saul's army had no weapons
24. Peter's job
25. Rebekah had one named Deborah
26. The name of Israel's children were put on an onyx stone by this worker
27. Esther's occupation
28. Aaron was the first high _____ of Israel
29. Nehemiah was one to Artaxerxes
30. Hiram sent these and carpenters to build David a house

Down

1. Joshua's job
2. He makes snares for the birds
4. David's occupation under Saul
5. Paul's
6. Nimrod was a mighty one
7. Jesus' trade
8. The task of an Israelite while a slave in Egypt
11. To receive a prophecy, Jeremiah went to his house to watch him work
12. Demetrius, who enticed a riot in Ephesus, was one
15. Ishmael was one
16. One was in prison with Joseph, but released
17. Saul was the first one of Israel
19. Noah's occupation after the flood
20. Herod was this in Judea
21. Mary mistook Jesus for one
24. Cain was one

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|------------|
| 1 9:30 A.M. Adult study of NT in Parlor / No Sunday School for Children 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper | 2 Office Closed for Labor Day 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts | 3 | 4 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters | 5 10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:30 A.M. Adult study of NT in Parlor / Sunday School kick-off in Fellowship Hall Noon Potluck Lunch 5:00 P.M. MY Group | 9 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts | 10 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education meeting | 11 | 12 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds meeting | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30 A.M. Adult study of NT in Parlor 4:30 P.M. Deacons 5:30 P.M. Stewardship meeting | 16 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts | 17 7:00 P.M. Session meeting | 18 3:15 P.M. First Kids' Club of Fall | 19 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 A.M. Adult study of NT in Parlor | 23 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts | 24 | 25 | 26 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study Articles due for October Messenger | 27 7:00-9:00 P.M. Showing of <i>The Dogs of Lexington</i> | 28 |
| 29 9:30 A.M. Adult study of NT in Parlor 4:00 P.M. Blessing of Pets, courtyard 5:00 P.M. MY Group | 30 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts | | | | | |

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

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| Sunday School | 9:30 A.M. |
| Fellowship and Refreshments | 10:30 A.M. |
| Worship Service | 10:55 A.M. |

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

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| Kids' Club | 3:15 P.M. |
| Children's Handbells | TBA |
| Children's Choir | 5:00 P.M. |
| Adult Handbells | 6:00 P.M. |
| Chancel Choir | 7:00 P.M. |