

# Memorial Messenger

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# February 2014



## Latest News

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

**New Adult Church School Class:** Beginning Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. in the church library, a new class will be offered—Psychology and Religion. The topic will be studied up to and including Palm Sunday, April 13. For many years, psychology and religion have been viewed as antagonists, but in the last decade empirical studies have joined the two disciplines in several areas, including the role of spirituality in psychotherapy. Topics to be covered will include the role of religion in the study of the brain, human development, social forces, psychopathology, and therapy, to mention a few. The psychology part will be presented through a video series, *Discovering Psychology*. There will also be written information, which will help in the discussion process. Each session can stand alone. Elder Harry Wright, who is a clinical psychologist, will be facilitating the class in most sessions.

**Pastor Evans** will be in Austin February 2-5 for continuing education. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact a deacon or Rev. Melinda Clements (310-3444).

Six young people in our **confirmation class** will make the trip to Dwight Mission February 7-9 for the annual confirmation retreat. Tracy Evans and Karen Upton will accompany them as sponsors. Please pray for God's blessing on this trip.

**Sunday Movie Matinee:** Join us Sunday, February 9 to see the movie, *Monuments Men*. Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, the film is an action drama focusing on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked by FDR with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners. It would be an impossible mission: with the art trapped behind enemy lines, and with the German army under orders to destroy everything as the Reich fell, how could these guys—seven museum directors, curators, and art historians, all more familiar with Michelangelo than the M-1—possibly hope to succeed? But as the Monuments Men, as they were called, found themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1000 years of culture, they would risk their lives to protect and defend mankind's greatest achievements. We will see the film at the Warren Theater in Moore, at a time to be announced later.

The **Urban Mission** will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 15, from 8:00 to 11:30 A.M. Get all the pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice you can eat for only \$5.00 (adults) or \$2.00 (children 12 and under). Enjoy good fellowship and take a tour of the mission. All proceeds benefit the Urban Mission's programs that help Oklahomans in need. Tickets are available from the church office, or you may pay at the door. The Urban Mission is located at 3737 N. Portland Ave. in Oklahoma City. For more information, call 946-1556.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends,

I suspect you are familiar with the concept of vertical and horizontal, in relation to our connection with God. Generally defined (at least as I remember it), the vertical refers to more of a direct connection to God through worship, prayer, meditation and study. Though we don't limit God to being "above" us, it may help to think of being on an up-and-down line, seeking to get closer to God who is at one end.

The horizontal connection to God comes through our connection to all that God has created. We connect to God in fellowship with others, in outreach, and in mission. We see God in the face of others and we see God in our actions as we connect to one another. Worship can also be horizontal as we share our joys and concerns, pray corporately and sing hymns together.

All of us need both the horizontal and vertical. We may each have a preference, but we all need both. Which is dominant in your life now? Where do you need to focus on growth?

This week the session will be meeting to spend some time in planning for the upcoming months. As the session looks at the future of the church, we will be evaluating the opportunities for the congregation to make both vertical and horizontal connections. How can we improve? How can we provide opportunities for the congregation to connect to one another and to connect to God? I hope you will share your thoughts with me or with one of the elders.

Peace to you and those you love,

Tracy

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Memorial will be hosting Norman Ministerial Fellowship's Lenten worship and lunch on Wednesday, March 19. This will be a great opportunity to welcome the Norman community to our facility. Stay tuned for more information about how you can assist with the lunch, worship and hosting.

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Speaking of connecting, did you know you can follow Memorial on Facebook (Like Us) and you can listen to the worship services on our website (usually posted by Monday morning)?

## Clerk's Corner

Tuesday, January 21 was the first meeting for the newly installed/ordained elders. Rev. Evans announced the following committee chairs:

Stewardship—Doug Forsyth  
Worship & Music—Lucy Lanning  
Christian Education—Harry Wright  
Mission & Evangelism—Ann Fayles  
Building & Grounds—Karen Girdner  
Nominating Committee—Lucy Lanning  
Personnel Committee—Jan Johnson  
Hospitality & Fellowship—Harry Wright & Lisa Upton

The session elected the following people to serve in various positions:

Treasurer—Mike Cole  
Clerk—Joan Cole  
Permanent Endowment Fund Committee—Doug Forsyth  
Elder Commissioner to Indian Nations Presbytery—Harry Wright  
Alternate commissioner—Ann Fayles

The annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, January 26, immediately following worship. The congregation received the 2013 reports from all of the committees. Treasurer Mike Cole reported on the 2013 finances of the church and presented the 2014 session-approved budget. The congregation elected the following individuals to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee: Larry Upton, Dave Iske, Doris Hinson, and Kirk Forthman. The congregation also elected Susan Beck to serve on the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee for 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Joan Cole,  
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update January 1 to January 30, 2014			
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$10,978.42	\$11,998.83	\$143,986.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$645.60	\$4,406.83	\$52,882.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$11,624.02	\$16,405.66	\$196,868.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$14,727.11	\$16,405.48	\$196,868.00

## Worship and Music Committee

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who participated in the *Glory to God* hymnal dedication: Pastor Tracy Evans for her very fitting messages for the kids and grown-ups, Vince Leseney for his musical and lay leadership, Terry Cast for his marvelous organ work, the Chancel Choir and soloists Michael Yeager, Holly Van Auken and Kirk Forthman for their musical leadership, and dedication litany readers: Mike Cole, John Beck, Tamara Iske, Karen Girdner, Tim Mauldin and Lisa Upton. Most importantly, a huge thank-you to Michael Yeager for all of his time, effort and talent he used in putting this wonderful service together and organizing all the participants. It was a beautiful and spiritually uplifting service. If you were unable to attend, remember that all of our worship services are uploaded to Memorial's web site, [www.memorialpres.org](http://www.memorialpres.org). We urge you to take a bit of time to listen to the service.

HELP NEEDED: We have saved all of the hymn markers that we had in the old blue hymn books. However, we discovered that the poster board pieces that fit within the spine are too wide for *Glory to God*. Is there anyone, or more than one, that would be willing to trim that piece so that we can recycle them to use with *Glory to God*? See me (Lucy) if you are willing to help.

MISSING: We have discovered that one of the large print hymnal folders is missing. While we are glad we have the large print editions, we understand it is easy to gather up the folder with your other belongings and take it home. Please look around your homes if you have used these in the past. When it comes back we will be happy to take out the old hymns and fill it with the correct hymns for Sunday morning.

The next Worship and Music Committee meeting will be Monday, February 17, at 6:30 P.M. We will be planning for Ash Wednesday and Lent. We gladly welcome anyone who would like to see what the committee is all about.

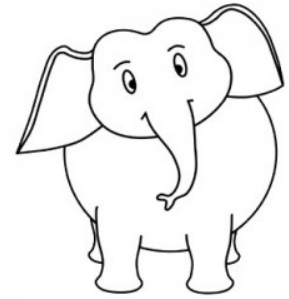
I will praise the name of God with a song;  
I will praise the Lord with thanksgiving. (Ps.69:30)

Lucy Lanning, Chair  
Worship and Music Committee



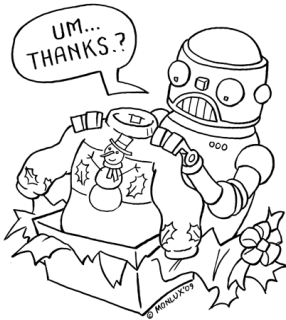
## Fellowship & Hospitality

### Upcoming Events



### White Elephant BINGO Night

Friday, February 21, 7:00 P.M.



Ever wonder what you are going to do with those not so treasured holiday gifts you received? Well, here is a fun solution to that dilemma. Mark your calendars for Friday, February 21 for White Elephant Bingo. This all-ages event will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Just wrap your item in newspaper and bring it with you. The gifts will be awarded to the Bingo winners. Also, feel free to bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. White Elephant Bingo is more fun than a barrel of monkeys!

### Fellowship & Hospitality Sneak Peak for March

Date and time TBA

Start looking through your recipe books—Fellowship & Hospitality will be hosting the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off. Last year's first place winner was Vince Leseney, so he is the one to beat! All types of chili are welcome—sweet, mild, or *muy picante*! Watch for a date and a sign-up sheet: this yummy social will be quite the treat.



## February Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

### February 2

Communion Servers: Mike & Joan Cole, Harry Wright, Donna Vint  
Ushers: Charles and Jan Johnson  
Coffee: Donna Vint and Will Farris  
Sound booth: Mike Cole  
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole  
Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner  
Lock-up: Joe Garlett

### February 9

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner  
Coffee: Linda Eckel and Trudy Beard  
Sound booth: Mike Girdner  
Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard  
Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint  
Lock-up: Mike Girdner

### February 16

Ushers: Doug and Ann Forsyth  
Coffee: Loreen Upton and John Beck  
Sound booth: Dave Iske  
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner  
Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel  
Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

### February 23

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole  
Coffee: Charlotte Lovett and Lisa Upton  
Sound booth: Larry Upton  
Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen  
Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton  
Lock-up: Harry Wright

## MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Our God Reigns,  
Alleluia!*

M.Y. Group will be meeting on the following Sunday evenings from 5-6:30PM. Dinner will be served. Mark your calendars and feel free to bring a friend (or two). Your leader is Joan Cole. You can contact her at 830-8389 or e-mail: [j1cmac20@cox.net](mailto:j1cmac20@cox.net)

February 23 (Lisa Upton is providing the meal)  
March 9 (Loreen Upton is providing the meal)  
March 23  
April 13  
April 27  
May 11

**YOUTH QUAKE** – There are currently 5 youth that are very interested in attending Youth Quake. If you did not pick up forms on January 26, please see Joan Cole as soon as possible as registration is due March 1st.

**ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS:** There are still dates open if you would like to provide a meal for this great group of young people.

**FUNDING FOR CAMPS & CONFERENCES:** We have a great group of young people in our church and they are very interested in attending Youth Quake as well as Dwight Mission in the summer. Please consider donating to our Camps & Conferences fund to help offset the expenses of these opportunities.

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser  
Lola Carroll  
Bob Clarke  
Sandy Clarke  
Melinda Clements  
Mike Cole  
Dave Iske  
Vince Leseney  
Georjana Mauldin  
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)  
Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)  
Bob Duncan (Jayelle Martin's cousin)  
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)  
Dottie Hinson (Karen Upton's mother)  
Norvin Hinson (Karen Upton's grandfather)  
Kim Kizer-Hays (friend of a friend of Jona Thiessen)  
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)  
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)  
Peggy Strunk  
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

### Those who grieve

Family of Hudson McNair

### Those who serve in mission fields

Ted & Tina Crump, who serve as a missionary team in the area of Swaziland (Ted is Janice Crump's grandson)



### February Birthdays

- 3 John D. Montgomery, Jr.
- 4 Mike Johnson  
Tim Mauldin
- 5 Cody Yeager
- 6 Laurianne Fisher
- 9 Gysheilla Jangha
- 11 Susan Annoh
- 13 Terry Williams
- 16 Mary Clark (Carolyn  
Montgomery's daughter)
- 17 Ryan Johnson
- 20 Jim Eckel
- 24 Georjana Mauldin
- 26 Larry Upton, Jr.  
Will Farris
- 27 Jim Rodriguez
- 28 Katie Bradley
- 29 Jody Yeager



### February Anniversaries

- 11 Mike & Joan Cole
- 14 Jim & Judy Burns

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



**JESUS SAID,  
BLESSED ARE THE  
PURE OF HEART**




**FOR THEY  
SHALL SEE GOD.**

Matthew 5:8



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Session Retreat
2  10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	3  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	4	5 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters  3:15 P.M. Kid's Club  7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	6  10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends  No Bible Study	7	8
Rev. Tracy Evans in Austin for continuing education				Confirmation Retreat at Dwight Mission		
9  Time TBA: Movie— <i>Monuments Men</i>  Confirmation Retreat	10  7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	11  Election Day 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	12  3:15 P.M. Kid's Club  7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	13  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	14    4:00 P.M. ABLE Valentine's Day Party in Fellowship Hall	15
16  4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	17  Office closed for Presidents' Day 6:30 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	18  7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	19  3:15 P.M. Kid's Club  7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	20  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library  7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	21  Articles for March Messenger Due  7:00 P.M. White Elephant Bingo Night	22
23  5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	24  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	25	26  3:15 P.M. Kid's Club  7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	27  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	28	

### SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

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

### WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Kids' Club	3:15 P.M.
Children's Choir	5:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir	7:00 P.M.