

Memorial Messenger

Memorial Presbyterian Church
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March 2014



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.

Memorial will hold a joint 6-week **Lenten study** with First Presbyterian Church starting Sunday, March 9, 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the FPC Parlor. Our chosen book is *Body & Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism*, by Princeton Seminary President, Rev. M. Craig Barnes. Since the Heidelberg Catechism is one of the standards for Reformed Christians, it is intended not just as a laundry list of things to believe, but a guide for the Christian life. In our study, we'll explore how this confession comes to life for Christians in our modern world with contemporary stories and down-to-earth explanations. As such, it will be a fitting and stimulating preparation for our Easter celebration. Books may be ordered from Tracy for \$12.50.

After church on March 16, Building & Grounds will coordinate a mini **clean-up session** to prepare for Easter services, which will include both inside and outside sprucing up. A pizza luncheon will be served. Bring your work clothes to change into, if necessary. Saturday, April 26 is our scheduled spring clean-up day.

Memorial will host the second in a series of **Lenten Midweek Services** and lunches, coordinated by the Norman Ministerial Fellowship, on March 19. See page seven for the full schedule of services. We would like to encourage you to support this outreach effort by attending if possible. We will also need donations of food (see page 4), as well as volunteers to help with preparing and serving lunch, including clean-up afterwards. Donna Vint is coordinating the lunch and will need help peeling and wrapping potatoes the day before the service, as well as assistance on the nineteenth.

If you would like to purchase **Easter lilies**, ABL is again offering their "Lilies Celebrating Life." The cost is \$12.00 per lily. Please make your check payable to Memorial and indicate "Easter lilies" on the memo line. Orders will be accepted until March 31, and the lilies will be delivered to the church during Holy Week (April 14-18). The ABL Parents Association will once again donate ten lilies to Memorial as a "thank-you" for the use of our facilities for their seasonal parties. ABL provides residential care, vocational training, employment support, and workshops for over sixty adults with developmental disabilities. All proceeds from "Lilies Celebrating Life" are used to serve their needs.



Don't forget, **Daylight Saving Time** begins Sunday, March 9. So remember to set your alarm for 2:00 A.M., get up and reset all your clocks to 3:00 A.M., go back to bed and, finally, greet the morning, groggy and half-asleep, and come to church for a great day of worship and fellowship! This year, we hope to save up enough daylight to last through December 8, at least.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent is upon us. We begin with Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 5. The imposition of ashes reminds us of our humanity, the uncertainty of human life, and our own need for redemption, both individually and as a community. It is a serious time, one that should not be taken lightly.

In the **Book of Common Worship**, the Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline includes these words:

We begin this holy season
by acknowledging our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes.
This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life,
and marks the penitence of this community.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

Many of us did not grow up with a Lenten discipline; some of us may not even have recognized the season of Lent.

I find it to be a powerful time of looking inside, truly examining who I am and just how much I am in need of a redeemer.

How might you use these 40 days until we join together in the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter? There are those who "give up" something for Lent. If that "giving up" brings you to a fuller understanding of your relationship with God, then it is valuable. Or you might consider adding a discipline; perhaps a time of prayer each day, or an act of giving. It could be study, either on your own, or you could join in the Sunday evening study.

Marking Lent can be an enriching time of growth, and I hope and pray that it will be for you.

Joining you in the journey to the cross,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

A stated meeting of Session was held Tuesday, February 18. Session approved several requests for the use of our facility; approved a request from C.E., should there be money left over from the Lenten service/lunch to be held March 19, that it be deposited in the Camps and Conferences line item of the budget; and approved communion being served at the Ash Wednesday service (March 5) and the Maundy Thursday service (April 17). The next regular meeting of session will be held March 18.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

Worship and Music Committee



Our annual Ash Wednesday service will be held Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 P.M. Please join us for this contemplative service which will include communion and the imposition of ashes as we enter the holy time of Lent. Join us also for Sunday morning worship during this Lenten season as we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross.

Thank-you to Paul and Erica Phelps for trimming our hymnal bookmarks to fit in *Glory to God!* They were quick to answer the call and quick to action. Thanks also to everyone else who offered to help! While we are still short some bookmarks at this time, it shouldn't be long until all of the hymnals have bookmarks.

Don't forget that if you would like to have an old, blue Presbyterian hymnal to keep at home, they are available for a small donation of your choosing. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new pew bibles. See a Worship and Music Committee member for more details.

The next Worship and Music Committee meeting will be March 10 at 6:30 P.M.

Glory to God!

Lucy Lanning, Chair
Worship and Music Committee

Stewardship Update January 1 to February 27, 2014			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$21,990.18	\$23,997.66	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$3,114.60	\$8,813.66	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$25,104.78	\$32,811.32	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$24,969.11	\$32,810.96	\$196,868.00

Fellowship & Hospitality Up-Coming Events

Chili Cook Off

Sunday, March 9, after worship, there will be a chili cook off! Sign up to enter your favorite crock pot chili recipe or to bring a side item for the lunch. To vote for your favorite crock pot, donations can be placed in the ballot jar next to the chili of your choice, and the jar with the most money wins! There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies to be presented to the crock pot winners.

The youth group will be working during the lunch as a fundraiser for Youth Quake and Dwight Mission camps. The money in the jars will be donated to the youth for camps and conferences. Plan to stay for award-winning chili and lots of fun!

Fellowship & Hospitality to Host Lunch

The Norman Ministerial Fellowship will be holding an ecumenical Lenten service on Wednesday, March 19, at Memorial (see page 7). The Fellowship & Hospitality committee will be hosting the lunch for this event. They will be serving a salad and baked-potato-bar lunch and would like to ask for donations for this lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet for the requested items (bottled water, bags of shredded cheddar cheese and desserts). Also, anyone who would like to help with setup, serving, and clean-up, please contact Donna Vint or Michael Yeager.

Second Wind Ministry and Memorial

Fellowship & Hospitality, along with Mission & Evangelism, have been given an opportunity to be a light in the community. The director of Second Wind Ministry, Josh Hammell, asked if Memorial would like to be a Sunday lunch sponsor for the campus ministry. Lunch would be served at Second Wind Ministry, located at 564 Buchanan on Campus Corner. Those willing to provide lunch for around 12 people would need to have it ready to serve by 12:15 and should include a vegetarian option. Dates are:

March 30: Lisa Upton to coordinate

April 13: Ann Forsyth to coordinate

May 4: Harry and Donna Wright to coordinate



If you'd like to help, contact one of the people above. You can check out Second Wind Ministry at www.thesecondwind.org.

April Events

Here is a sneak peek of what to look forward to in April. F&H is planning a pot luck breakfast on April 20 for Easter Sunday morning in the fellowship hall at 9:30 during Sunday School time. When the time gets closer, watch for a sign up sheet for breakfast goodies to share.

MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MARCH 2014



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: jlcmac20@cox.net.

March 9 (Loreen Upton is providing the meal for both dates in March.)
March 23

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.

M.Y. Group and their leader want to thank all of those who so willingly signed up to serve a meal. We are so blessed to have such a supportive congregation.

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Be sure and attend the March 9 meeting as we will be making plans for a very special fundraising event.

March Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Joe Garlett

March 2

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen
Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Jona Thiessen
Sound booth: Will Farris
Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton
Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole
Lock-up: Trudy Beard

March 9

Ushers: Harry Wright and Donna Vint
Coffee: Jim and Linda Rodriguez
Sound booth: Mike Cole
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole
Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck
Lock-up: Joan Cole

March 16

Ushers: Lucy Lanning and Michael Yeager
Coffee: Donna Vint and Will Farris
Sound booth: Mike Girdner
Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard
Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner
Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

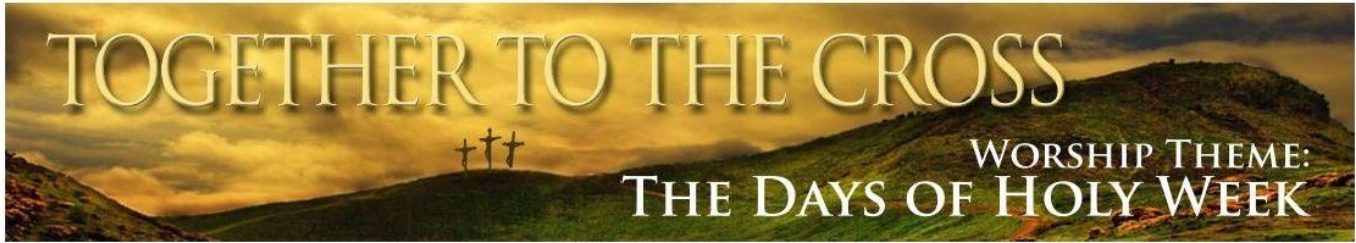
March 23

Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton
Coffee: Linda Eckel and Trudy Beard
Sound booth: Tim Thiessen
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner
Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint
Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

March 30

Ushers: Kirk Forthman and Samuel McCann
Coffee: Loreen Upton and John Beck
Sound booth: Dave Iske
Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen
Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel
Lock-up: Joe Garlett

THE NORMAN MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS...
THE 2014 LENTEN SERVICES



MARCH 12—MCFARLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

419 S UNIVERSITY BLVD, NORMAN, OK 73069

HOST PASTOR: REV. LINDA HARKER

GUEST PASTOR: PR. DELTHONY GORDON

NORMAN SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: PALM SUNDAY



MARCH 19—MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

601 24TH AVE SW NORMAN, OK 73069

HOST PASTOR: REV. TRACY EVANS

GUEST PASTOR: FR. SCOTT A. BOECKMAN, ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: MONDAY



MARCH 26—ALAMEDA CHURCH OF CHRIST

801 ALAMEDA ST. NORMAN, OK 73071

HOST PASTOR: REV. RUSTY TUGMAN

GUEST PASTOR: REV. DR. BOB RICE, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: TUESDAY



APRIL 2—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

211 W COMANCHE ST. NORMAN, OK 73069

HOST PASTOR: REV. DR. WADE SMITH

GUEST PASTOR: REV. DOYLE PRIOR, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: WEDNESDAY



APRIL 9—NORTHAVEN CHURCH

4600 36TH AVE NW, NORMAN, OK 73072

HOST PASTOR: REV. DR. MITCH RANDALL

GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOSEPH SUMMERVILLE, UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: THURSDAY



APRIL 16—FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

220 S WEBSTER AVE, NORMAN, OK 73069

HOST PASTOR: REV. DAVID SPAIN

GUEST PASTOR: REV. ALAN SUTHERLAND, ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: GOOD FRIDAY

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON, LUNCH AT 12:35 P.M., \$5.

LENTEN OFFERING TO BENEFIT FOOD AND SHELTER FOR FRIENDS

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

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

Those who grieve

Family of Hudson McNair
Family of Harold Thrasher (friend of Dave Iske)

Answered prayer

Judy Haworth has had unexpected good news and asks for continued prayers for the healing of her cancer

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)

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



March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

- 17 Bruce & Trisha Bunce
- 27 Cornelius & Susan Annoh

Kids' Coloring Page



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Confirmation Retreat at Dwight Mission</div>
2 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Confirmation Retreat</div>	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. Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	6 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	7	8
9 Chili Cook-off after worship 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study at First Presbyterian	10 6:30 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	11 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	12 12:00 P.M. NMF Lenten Service @ McFarlin 3:15 P.M. Kid's Club 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	13 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	14	15
16 Clean-up after worship 4:30 P.M. Deacons 5:30 P.M. Stewardship 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study at First Presbyterian	17 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	18 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	19 12:00 P.M. NMF Lenten Service @ Memorial No Kids' Club 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	20 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	21	22
23 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study at First Presbyterian	24 Articles due for April Messenger 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	25	26 12:00 P.M. NMF Lenten Service @ Alameda Church of Christ 3:15 P.M. Kid's Club 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	27 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	28	29
30 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study at First Presbyterian	31 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts					

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.