

Memorial Messenger

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Latest News

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

Sunday, May 4, the **confirmation class** will be assisting in worship, as well as making their profession of faith. Following worship, there will be a time to greet our six newest members at a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Breakfast: On Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 A.M., the men of Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold their quarterly pot-luck breakfast. We will have as our speaker our own Doug Forsyth, who will share thoughts on "Trends in Oklahoma Weather". Come join us, as participants share their favorite breakfast foods, and also take the opportunity to have fellowship with one another.

Seeking Panelists: On Friday, November 7, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a panel discussion on "Mental Illness and Criminal Justice." The purpose of the forum is inform the public on the significant number of people with mental illness being incarcerated in Oklahoma's prisons. The OK Department of Mental Health states that the largest mental health hospital in our state is the Oklahoma County Jail, and that this pattern is evident throughout the state correction system. We are informing you of this event at this early date because we would like your suggestions as to who could serve on the panel. We will need resources in law enforcement, mental health, corrections, the state legislator, the courts, and consumers. Any suggestions of fitting persons can be forwarded to Ruling Elders Harry Wright or Michael Yeager. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A reminder that the annual **Columbarium Memorial service** has been moved to November to coincide with All Saints' Day. We look forward to worshipping and remembering loved ones with you at that time.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

There are many things in ministry that I consider to be a privilege: praying with someone who is going into surgery, having someone share their good news with me, comforting a family member who has lost a loved one, and home communion to those who can't be in worship. These are just a few of the moments I treasure. It is a sacred time to be invited into someone's journey, to share in the most tender moments of life.

I would certainly add teaching Confirmation Class to this list. Since last September, Karen Upton and I have been meeting nearly weekly with the youth who will be joining the church this Sunday.

In March we attended (with Samuel McCann) the Confirmation Retreat at Dwight Mission. I saw them engaged and eager to learn and to experience all that Dwight had to offer. More than one of the leaders told me what a great group of kids I had!

They are six young people who are curious about the Christian faith, particularly our Presbyterian beliefs. They are thoughtful, caring and energetic. They are willing to serve, to grow in faith, and to live out their faith in their daily lives.

Their faith has grown and will continue to grow as they carry out their calling to be part of the body of Christ.

Several of them were baptized in this congregation; some were baptized other places. At their baptisms, wherever they were, congregation members took vows to raise these (and other) children in the church. They and we have promised to guide and nurture them by word and deed, with love and prayer, to encourage them to know and follow Christ.

On Sunday they will make their public profession of faith. They take on the mantle of church membership, and commit to sharing in worship and ministry.

I would ask that you continue in prayer for these youth as they enter into this chapter of faith, and that you pray for and support all our young people, fulfilling the promises we made in their baptisms.

And my thanks to Jim, Kaylee, Lynemaris, Mariolise, Gysheilla and Kierstyn for making this such a wonderful year for your pastor.

Grace and peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. At that meeting they met with the following members of the confirmation class: Jim Annoh, Mariolise Sama, Lyne-Maris Sama, Kierstyn Upton, and Gysheilla Tita-Jangha. These outstanding young people shared a statement of faith they had each written and answered questions from the Session. It was unanimous, these young people are ready and able to enjoy full membership at Memorial Presbyterian Church. They will make their public profession of faith on Sunday, May 4. Other actions taken by session were to approve several facility usage requests from the Narcotics Anonymous group that meets in our church. The next meeting of Session will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

You're Invited to a Public Meeting with Former House Speaker & Prison Reform Advocate, Kris Steele

Saturday, May 10 at 11:30 A.M.

Kris Steele will address the annual meeting of the Norman League of Women Voters at Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 10, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. During his tenure as Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Mr. Steele oversaw the enactment of corrections reform that expanded the eligibility of low-risk, nonviolent inmates for community sentencing and electronic monitoring programs, and the passage of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. Steele is now the director of The Education and Employment Ministry, (TEEM).

This event will include a salad luncheon provided by the Norman League for all attendees. Those wishing to attend are asked to make reservations prior to May 5. Individuals interested in attending this luncheon, or desiring more information, should call 310-4939, or 364-4493.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan citizens' organization that works to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives.

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to April 30, 2014			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$43,758.38	\$47,995.32	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$7,192.02	\$17,627.32	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$50,950.40	\$65,622.64	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$60,044.88	\$65,621.92	\$196,868.00



*You're Invited
to Our*

Women of the Church Tea

Fellowship and Hospitality will be hosting a come & go Women of the Church Tea.

Place: MPC Fellowship Hall

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2014

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The theme will be "The Kentucky Derby" since the Kentucky Derby is held on May 3. We encourage everyone to wear their Derby hat to the tea. There will be sweets and finger sandwiches to nibble on as well as tea and punch to enjoy while visiting and socializing. Bring a friend—it will double your odds of having a smashing good time!

Upcoming Fellowship & Hospitality Events

The Fellowship & Hospitality committee is planning a Hamburger Cookout after the worship service on Sunday, June 22. Watch and listen for more details about signing up to bring side dishes to share for the cookout. Fellowship & Hospitality will provide the burgers. Mark this event on your calendar because it is one you won't want to miss!

The next Fellowship & Hospitality Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 12 at 7:00 P.M.

The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee would like to congratulate and welcome Memorial's 2014 confirmands.

MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MAY



M.Y. Group will be meeting on Sunday, May 11, 2014 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

This will be the last get-together for this semester. Betty Silman will provide our meal.

Assuming the weather cooperates, we will have lots of outside activities planned. So wear comfortable clothes and shoes you can run in. If the weather is bad, we will play indoor games.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH WHO ATTENDED YOUTH QUAKE:
(This is from 3 of the youth who attended, 3 more will be highlighted next month.)
Check out the photos on the bulletin board in the hallway.

“I’d like to thank the congregation for the opportunity for me to attend Youth Quake. Without the help of the congregation I wouldn’t have been able to attend. Out of all the lessons, the most meaningful to me was ‘Remembering Who God Is’ because everyone has trouble answering that question, so that lesson helped me understand God better. My favorite activity at Youth Quake was small group.”

Sincerely,
Gysheilla Jangha

“My favorite topic at Youth Quake was ‘Remembering Who God Is’ because I think of God in so many different ways. One way I think of God is as a path to go on to do good and help others believe in Him. I would like to thank the congregation for the opportunity to attend Youth Quake and let them know without their help and support, I would not be able to attend Youth Quake 2014. My favorite activity was the dance because it was a way for me to express myself and, of course, show off my dance moves.”

Sincerely,
Lyne Sama

(continued)

“I would like to start off by saying thank you to the congregation for the opportunity of me being able to go to Youth Quake. If it wasn't for the congregation, I wouldn't have experienced how wonderful Youth Quake 2014 was. The most meaningful lesson to me was 'Remembering God Through Others' because I see people every day and when they do good things it reminds me of God my savior. My favorite activity at Youth Quake was the dance because it gave us a chance to have fun and interact with others.”

Sincerely,
Mario Sama

As one of the sponsors who accompanied these youth to Youth Quake, I want you to know that when I told them people in the congregation had sponsored them so they could attend, they wanted to know specifically who sponsored them so they could thank them personally. I told them many people contributed, so for those who did contribute, please know that these young people were overwhelmed with love and joy.

With love & gratitude for this congregation,
Joan Cole

SOCIAL PAINTING CLASS -APRIL 27, 2014

At our April 27th meeting, we had a guest artist come show us how to paint. What fun!! Below are pictures of our very creative and talented youth.



Youth Quake
April 4-6, 2014



Easter Egg Hunt

April 20, 2014



Book Review: *Musicophilia*

Music as Therapy for Alzheimer's and Other Illnesses

by Tim Mauldin

Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, making music to the Lord in your hearts. - Ephesians 5:19 (New Living Translation)

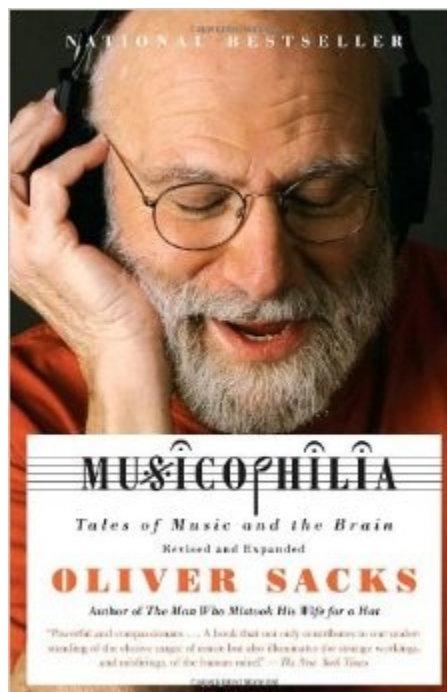
Oliver Sacks is a physician, best-selling author, and professor of neurology at the NYU School of Medicine. One of his acclaimed books is *Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain*.

While the book covers several topics, of particular interest should be his concluding chapter, "Music and Identity: Dementia and Music Therapy".

The book makes a good case for the benefits of music therapy. From his research and experience as a neurologist, Dr. Sacks believes that music can aid aphasics and patients with Parkinson's, and it can help orient and anchor patients with advanced dementia because "musical perception, musical sensibility, musical emotion and musical memory can survive long after other forms of memory have disappeared."

Dr. Sacks indicates that music can elicit "emotions and associations that had been long forgotten, giving the patient access once again to mood and memories, thoughts and worlds that had seemingly been completely lost."

Musicophilia is available from Norman's Public Libraries, call number 781.11 SA.



May Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Dave Iske

May 4

Ushers: Jeff and AJ Roesel

Communion Servers: Mike and Joan Cole, Lucy Lanning, and Jim Rodriguez

Coffee: Linda Eckel and Trudy Beard

Sound booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Joan Cole

May 11

Ushers: Breanna Upton and Trey Neal

Coffee: Loreen Upton and John Beck

Sound booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

May 18

Ushers: Paul and Erica Phelps

Coffee: Charlotte Lovett and Lisa Upton

Sound booth: Trey Neal

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

May 25

Ushers: Trudy Beard and Linda Eckel

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Jona Thiessen

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Joe Garlett

Open Invitation to the Congregation from Joan and Mike Cole

*Something Old
Something Borrowed
Something New
Something Blue*

*You're invited to a Bridal Shower
in honor of*

Rebecca Cole

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 • 1:00–3:00 PM

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Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lillian Abunaw
Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Melinda Clements
Dave Iske
Charles Johnson
Vince Leseney
Gary Thraikill
Devyn Upton
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Bob Duncan (Jayelle Martin's cousin)
Mary Fields
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Norvin Hinson (Karen Upton's grandfather)
Leroy Innis (Julie Forthman's uncle)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)

Those who grieve

Sandy Clarke and family of Bob Clarke
Family of Jerry Jones (Father-in-law of Trudy Beard's daughter Katie Jones)
Family of Janice Piper (former member)
Family of Fran Terry (friend of the Silmans and others)

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



May Birthdays

- 2 Chris Sivuilu
- 3 Ann Forsyth
Rachel Bradley
- 5 Jayelle Martin
Nate Adams
- 8 Steve Martin
- 9 Breanna Upton
- 10 Laure Sivuilu
Kaylee Eyabi
- 13 Paige Girdner
- 16 John Silman
- 17 Herve Sivuilu
- 21 Mike Girdner
Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)
- 22 Madison Thiessen
- 25 Janice Crump
- 26 Barbara Hudson
- 27 Chelsea Thiessen

May Anniversaries

- 5 Jody & Heather Yeager
- 14 Paul & Karen Upton
- 24 Mike & Karen Girdner
- 28 Larry & Lisa Upton

Jesus said,



**“ I AM THE
GOOD
SHEPHERD ”**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	2	3 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Women of the Church Tea
4 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	5 6:30 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	6	7 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club	8 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	9	10 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
11 Mother's Day	12 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	13 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	14 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	15 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	16	17 8:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
18 12:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	19 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	20 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	21 3:15 P.M. Last Kids' Club of Spring Semester	22 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	23 Articles due for June/July Messenger	24
25	26 Office Closed for Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

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.
*currently meeting on Thursday