



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## Latest News

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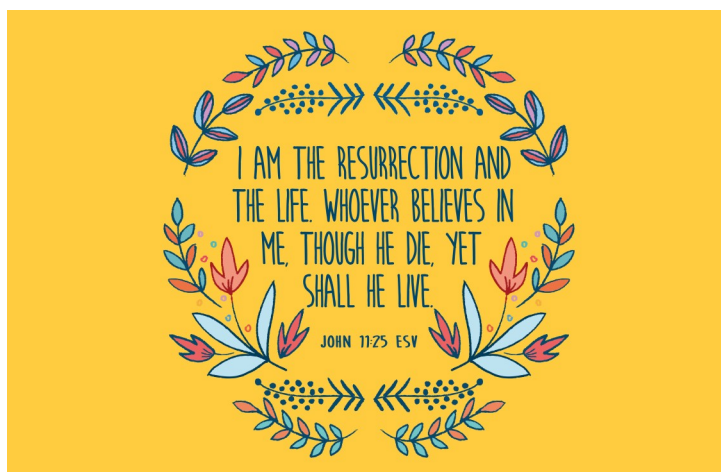
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The Food & Shelter item of the month for April is **can openers**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

The season of spring cleaning is among us, so keep this summer's church garage sale in mind before you get rid of your unwanted stuff.

**Sunday, April 4th the Rev. Nancy Hendrix will be preaching** while Tracy is at Youthquake. Nancy moved here from Louisiana, and has been visiting with us for several months. We look forward to hearing from her as she brings us God's word.

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 PM at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter in Norman.



Memorial Presbyterian Church accepts **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the



"Give Now" button on our website, [www.memorialpres.org](http://www.memorialpres.org), or scan the QR code here. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I write to you after a wonderful celebration of Easter. In spite of the weather, we had a joyous worship, preceded by a delicious potluck breakfast and a lively Easter egg hunt with the children and youth. What a gift to be part of this congregation who so lovingly cares for each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

I recently adopted a new dog. Roxie has been with me for not much more than a week. When my dog, Lily died in January, I did not think I would get a "new" dog any time soon. But my sister found this sweetheart through a friend who rescues dogs.

We have been together now for about 10 days. We are getting acquainted with each other and learning how to communicate. Roxie is about three, so she had another life before meeting me. I am learning her likes (being petted and food) and her dislikes (not being petted and me leaving her at home).

As Roxie and I build our relationship, I am reminded of our relationships with each other in this congregation. Many of us have known each other for decades; some are new. There are those who are outgoing and can call each person by name, and there are others who are more introverted and need some space for themselves.

There is a wonderful quote from Rev. Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers. He says, "As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has--or ever will have--something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression." (From The World According to Mister Rogers)

I hope you'll look for ways to continue to encourage one another. It is a worthwhile venture.

Grace and peace,

Tracy

## CLERK'S CORNER

Session met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7PM. Below is a summary of the actions taken.

1. Approved the following facility use requests:
  - (a) Loreen Upton - fellowship hall, April 27 & 28
  - (b) Planned Giving Seminars (to benefit Dwight Mission) - fellowship hall, April 24
  - (c) League of Women Voters - fellowship hall, May 3
2. Session approved the purchase of a sofa for the Kids Club Room
3. Session approved combining the Emergency Deacon Fund and the Deacon Fund to create just one Deacon Fund account. They also approved the combining of the Youth Activity Fund, Youth in Mission and the Youth Project Fund to create one Youth Fund.

The next meeting of session will be April 17 at 7PM

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

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Stewardship Update			
March 1 to March 31, 2018			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Budget
Pledges	\$40,496.98	\$39,375.00	\$157,000.00
Other Income	\$1,647.69	\$1499.96	\$6,000.00
Total Income	\$42,144.67	\$40,874.97	\$163,500.00
Total Expenses	\$40,525.95	\$46,469.85	\$185,881.00

## **BEHIND THE SCENES**

Did you ever find yourself trying to do something and realize you didn't quite get it? The sound booth at Memorial can be daunting if you are new at turning on the sound. Oh yes. There are written instructions which are very helpful, but if you are asked to tape a service... well, then you call somebody. That somebody offered to leave work and meet at Memorial to show me what to do. Then, probably sensing that I was still unsure of the process, came back to the church later with written instructions **and pictures** on how to tape a service. There are probably others who could or would have done the same but this time, thanks be to God for Larry Upton!

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

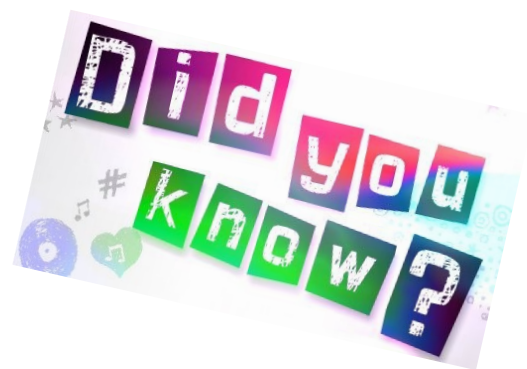
Memorial's fourth staff member is our administrative assistant, Lisa Coker. If you drop by the office, you'll find her printing bulletins, putting the Messenger together, keeping track of church finances, ordering supplies, answering the phone, etc.

Lisa, a Moore resident, is studying business administration at OSU/OKC. Her kids are involved in baseball and basketball so she shuttles them to practice, games or tournaments. "The rare times we aren't busy with sports, I just like to relax."

When asked her favorite musical genre she replied, "Oh goodness, I can't pick just one. I have been known to give people whiplash with my music playlists. But my top two are 90's anything and musicals."

Number one on her bucket list is to see her son be elected President. "Don't worry Vince. Your son will be able to have his 2 terms before my son gets there."

Lisa says thanks to everyone at Memorial for being so kind and helpful, and making her feel at home here.



MPC Youth in grades 6-12 will be attending Indian Nations Presbytery's Youthquake 2018, It is this weekend, April 6-8 at Canyon Camp in Hinton, OK. This is always a great event! This year, students from the Austin College Activators will lead the retreat. The \$95 fee is paid through our Camp and Conference fund. Thank you for your support of our youth!

Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser for Camps and Conferences! Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch on **Sunday, April 29th.**



Easter 2018



## April Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

### April 1

Ushers: Harry Wright and Donna Vint

Communion Servers: Jessica Farris, Ross Robinson, Larry Upton and Ann Fayles

Coffee: Loreen and Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard

Lock-up: John Beck

### April 8

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman

Coffee: Mike Cole and Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Harry Wright

### April 15

Ushers: Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles

Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Holly Van Auken

### April 22

Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton

Coffee: Diana Johnson and Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Larry Upton

### April 29

Ushers: John and Susan Beck

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Jim Rodriguez



## The Resurrection

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



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FIRST  
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DAY  
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STONE

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll  
 Sandy Clarke  
 Jim Eckel  
 Doug Forsyth  
 Tamara Iske  
 Diana Johnson  
 Jayelle Martin  
 Harry Wright  
 Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)  
 Dennis Neal (Jayelle Martin's Brother)  
 Jan Ferguson (friend of Georgiana Mauldin)  
 Hudson Von Holt  
 Wilhemina Ngunya

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Family and Friends of Rev. Gene Bergstresser who died on February 16  
 Family and Friends of Janice Crump who died on February 13  
 Joan and Mike Cole. Joan's mother Gerry died on January 12

### Joys

Congratulations to Rebecca and Kyle Bates who welcomed Cole Gordon Bates into the world on April 2. Proud grand parents are Joan & Mike Cole.

### Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

In an effort to stay apprised of our on-going prayer concerns, prayer requests of those outside the MPC family will stay on the concerns list for one month. Please let the office know if there is a need to be listed longer.

## April Birthdays

4 Faith Jangha  
 14 Charlotte Lovett  
 Alex Leseney  
 Ara Pennington  
 16 Stephen Eyabi, Jr.  
 19 Doug Forsyth  
 20 Nicoline Jangha  
 Jeremy Bales  
 25 David Lanning  
 28 Alison Baker  
 Becca Thraikill  
 29 Mike Beard

## April Anniversaries

4 David & Ashlei Cole  
 16 Charles & Alison Baker  
 21 Steve & Angie Martin



# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 9:30 A.M. Easter Breakfast Pot Luck and Egg Hunt	2	3	4	5	6 Indian Nations Presbytery's Youthquake	7 Indian Nations Presbytery's Youthquake
8 Indian Nations Presbytery's Youthquake	9 6:00 P.M. Worship Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	10 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	11 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15 12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	16 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	17 7:00 p.m Session Meeting	18 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	19	20	21
22	23 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	24 Dwight Mission / Texas Presbyterian Foundation	25 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	26	27	28
29 12:00 p.m. Spaghetti Luncheon	30 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts					