



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## Latest News

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

ABLE generously gives us 10 lilies every year for Easter. If you would like to order additional lilies they are \$12 each. Please make checks payable to ABLE. Have all money turned into the office by April 14.

## Community News

The Norman Chapter of **Parents Helping Parents** will meet on Thursday, April 11 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'm writing you on Sunday evening. I left church today after a morning of worship and activities, walking out to my car like usual. Like most every Sunday, I'm usually the last one out, spending a few minutes collecting myself and preparing a bit for the upcoming week.

Today felt different though. I felt full of the vibrancy that is in our congregation! Worship this morning had our kids leading us in the various pieces that we use each week. They were eager to lead, and did so well, with confidence and pride.

We gathered after worship for a Spaghetti Fundraiser. We collected a good amount for our Camps and Conferences Fund, which was the goal, but it was more than that. We had fun as we heard from Dwight Mission's Program Director for Summer Camps about this summer, and we even did a camp energizer. How fun to see everyone (well, most everyone) just dancing, and having fun together.

It may have felt different today because many of us had gathered together last Thursday to celebrate the life of Bill Silman. A pillar in our congregation, not to mention the community at large, he lived a life worthy of that worship. I saw a great group of people come together to host the reception, doing a great job with an added obstacle of it not being in our own church building. We grieved his loss together and gave thanks for his life together.

Earlier in the week, I was out of town. I had to turn over some of my responsibilities for Bible study and Kids Club to others. I knew I left them in more-than-capable hands and was grateful for those who were willing to help me out. It was good to have someone help.

As we move further into Lent, getting closer to Easter, I think of the events that led up to the crucifixion and resurrection. We are in this season together. God created us to be in community, to move through all the events of our lives not alone, but with one another. To be with those who can support one another, who can rejoice with one another, and who can cry and laugh with one another, too.

I give thanks for this church community who so willingly offers support to one another. Thank you for all you do to make Memorial a great place to worship, grow, serve and love.

Grace and peace,  
Tracy

## Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 and took the following actions:

1. Approved serving communion on Easter Sunday (April 21).
2. Approved the establishment of a fund specifically for a new roof and repair of the stained glass windows.
3. Approved the purchase of software to generate contributions statements (cost is \$79 initial, then \$39 per year after that)

The next meeting of session will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7PM.

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

Respectfully,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

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Stewardship Update			
March 1 to March 31, 2019			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2019 Budget
Pledges	\$11,913.00	\$12,583.33	\$151,000.00
Other Income	\$1,653.37	\$1,000	\$12,000.00
Total Income	\$13,566.37	\$13,583.33	\$163,000.00
Total Expenses	\$16,671.02	\$16,449.98	\$197,400.00

## **Building & Grounds**

### **Spring Cleanup**



Saturday, April 6 2019 - 8am to Noon - Breakfast provided

All are invited to our annual Spring Cleanup event! Come help us clean, organize and do some basic maintenance on the facility we all share. We will also be going through storage areas looking for ways to better organize what we have and identifying things to be donated and/or discarded.

If you have questions, ideas, suggestions, or random relevant thoughts feel free to contact Larry Upton.

Thanks and peace - Building and Grounds Committee

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**We will host the Norman Lenten Service on Wednesday April 10, at noon.**  
Please let Donna Vint know if you can help!

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There will be an Easter Pot Luck Breakfast on Sunday, April 21. The breakfast will be during Sunday school time and will start at 9:30 and end at 10:30. There will be a sign up sheet for those who would like to bring a breakfast item to share. We look forward to seeing everyone for fun breakfast fellowship to celebrate Easter.



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Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 21 during the potluck! Donations of wrapped candy are welcome. Please bring to the church by Tuesday, April 17.







# Holy Week

PALM  
S U N D A Y

April 14

MAUNDY  
THURSDAY

*His Last Supper*

April 18, Worship at 7:00pm

April 21

*Easter*  
SUNDAY

• HE IS RISEN •

## M.Y GROUP NEWS

APRIL 2019

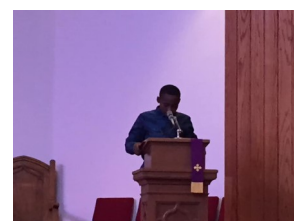


ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our meeting schedule for the month of April

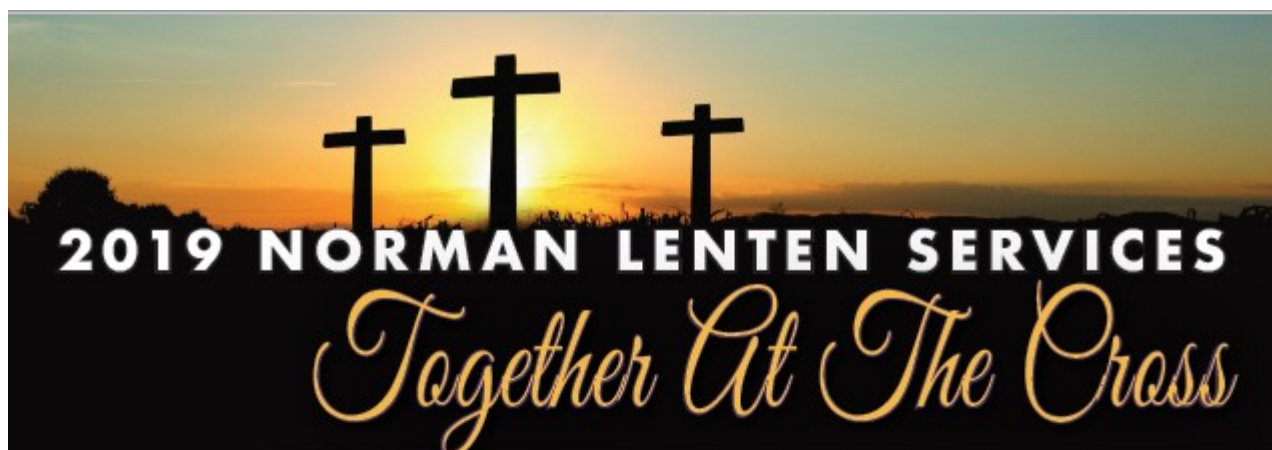
APRIL 7

LUNCH PROVIDED BY SOLANGE BOBGA

If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, there is still an opportunity in May. Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to bring a meal.







## ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT NOON

*A \$5 lunch is served at 12:35 p.m.*



### MARCH 13

**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

211 W. Comanche St.

Guest Pastor: Jakob Topper  
NorthHaven Church



### APRIL 3

**GRACE  
FELLOWSHIP**

102 W. Eufaula St.

Guest Pastor: Daniel Kitchel  
The Cross Church of Norman



### MARCH 20

**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**

220 S. Webster Ave.

Guest Pastor: Peggy Farris  
Retired Minister



### APRIL 10

**MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN/  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**

601 24th Ave. SW

Guest Pastor: Jeannie Himes  
St. Stephens Methodist Church



### MARCH 27

**MCFARLIN MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

419 S. University Blvd.

Guest Pastor: Wade Smith  
First Baptist Church



### APRIL 17

**ALAMEDA CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

801 Alameda St.

Guest Pastor: Mike Butler  
CrossPointe Church

**AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH WORSHIP SERVICE, AN OFFERING  
WILL BE TAKEN FOR NORMAN REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION  
PASTORAL CARE SERVICES**

## April Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Carl Forthman

### April 7

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Breanna Upton  
 Communion Servers: Larry Upton, Bre Upton, Trudy Beard, and Carl Forthman  
 Coffee: Loreen Upton and Breanna Upton  
 Sound Booth: John Beck  
 Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole  
 Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck  
 Lock-up: Mike Girdner

### April 14

Ushers: Grace Tamukong and Rafael Ayang  
 Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles  
 Sound Booth: Karen Upton  
 Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard  
 Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner  
 Lock-up: John Beck

### April 21

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole  
 Communion Servers: Bre Upton, Jessica Farris, Michael Yeager, Charlotte Lovett  
 Coffee: Gladys Jangha and Linda Eckel  
 Sound Booth: Mike Cole  
 Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner  
 Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint  
 Lock-up: Larry Upton

### April 28

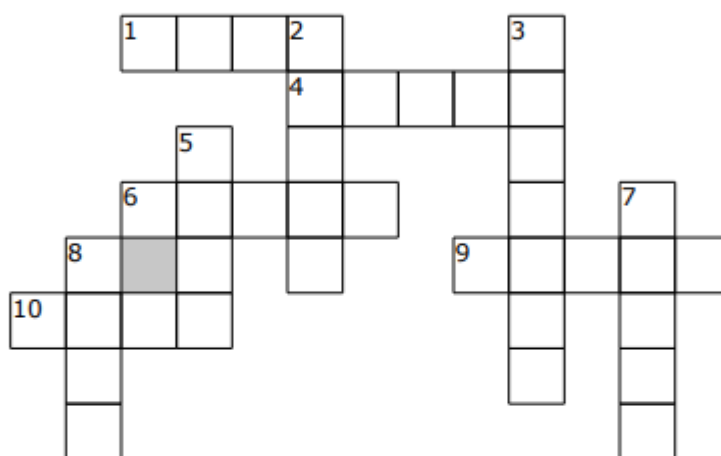
Ushers: JoBeth Bailey and Linda Eckel  
 Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke  
 Sound Booth: Will Farris  
 Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill  
 Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel  
 Lock-up: John Beck



## A Most Precious Gift

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3a (NIV)

Based on John 12:1-8



### ACROSS

1. The part of the body on which a person stands
4. The building in which a family lives
6. What we use to buy things
9. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
10. What grows on the head of a person

### DOWN

2. A person who steals
3. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
5. The opposite of rich
7. Pay received for the labor of a worker
8. The woman who poured perfume on the feet of Jesus

JUDAS	HOUSE	FEET	MARY	MONEY
POOR	THIEF	PERFUME	WAGES	HAIR

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll  
 Sandy Clarke  
 Jim Eckel  
 Laura Eckel  
 Doug Forsyth  
 Alice Lanning  
 Jayelle Martin  
 Joan Thraikill  
 Karen Upton  
 Harry Wright  
 Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)  
 Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)  
 Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Harry Wright whose daughter Tracy Garland died on March 30.  
 Betty Silman whose husband Bill Silman died on March 17.  
 Donna Vint, whose brother Gordon died February 2.

### Joys

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

## April Anniversaries

16 Charles & Alison Baker  
 21 Steve & Angie Martin

# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	3 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club	4	5	6 8:00 a.m. Church Spring Cleanup
7 12:00 p.m. MY Group 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	8 7:00 P.M. Lenten Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	9 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Mission & Evangelism meeting	11	12	13
14 Palm Sunday  4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	15 7:00 P.M. Lenten Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	16 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	17 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir	18 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 	19	20
21 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	22 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	23 7:00 p.m Session Meeting	24 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir	25	26	27
24 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	29 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	30 7:00 p.m Fellowship and Hospitality Meeting 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir				

