



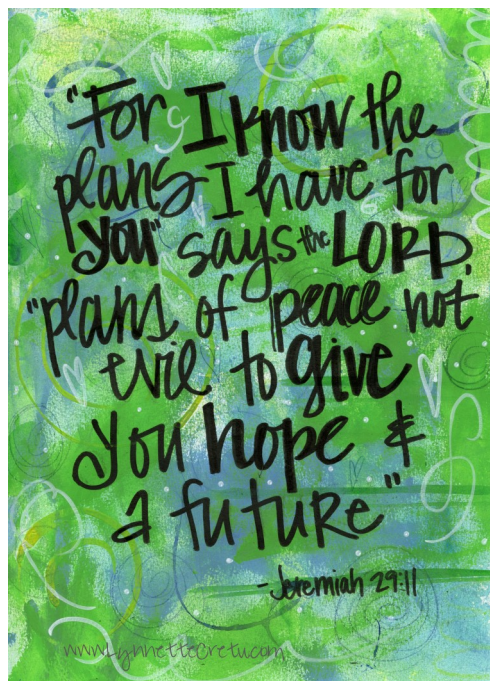
MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

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The Food & Shelter item of the month for August is **coffee (smaller bags around 1lb.)** Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.



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, 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

Author Joyce Rupp asks the question, "Can we imagine a God who sings a happy song over us, a God who dances with shouts of joy?" God created us for joy, and takes great delight in us. I share with you a poem Rupp wrote which speaks to my wish and prayer for you, even—or especially—in the dark moments of our lives.

If I could share my treasures with you
I would constantly send you blessings
from the depths and beauty of each day.

I would seal your smile with sunshine;
I would leaf your walk of life
with the tenderest of greens
and the deepest of autumns.

I would catch at least three rainbows,
and set a seagull on each one
to sail you constant hellos
from the heart of the Transcendent.

I would whisper wonderings
from silent nooks of mountain tops
and the humming heart of the sea.

I would call forth the deer
and all tender animals
to run with you in happiness.

I would ask each tree
in her most majestic mood
to cover you with constant care.

I would breeze in billowy clouds
to share their rainy wanderings
when you need to feel washed new.

I would take you by the hand
and hold your heart near mine,
to let you hear the constant love
bounding forth from me.

and most of all

I would join my heart with yours
and have you share the path of love
that God has caused and carved
in the shadows of my soul.

Joyce Rupp, **May I Have This Dance**, © 1992 Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN

Grace and peace,
Tracy

Clerk's Corner

The session of Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, July 24 at 7PM Samuel McCann was also present and provided session with an update on where he was in his studies and his plan to move from inquirer to the candidacy phase of his program. Session approved the following items of business:

1. Approved the use of the parlor on Wednesday evenings (6-7PM) for the Adult Children of Alcoholics group.
2. Approved a request from former Memorial member Elise Solloway to assist her in raising money for a life-saving kidney transplant.

The next meeting of session is scheduled for August 21, 2018 at 7PM at the church.

Respectfully,

Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
July 1 to July 31, 2018			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Budget
Pledges	\$93,309.13	\$91,875.00	\$157,000.00
Other Income	\$4,569.32	\$3,499.93	\$6,000.00
Total Income	\$97,878.45	\$95,374.93	\$163,500.00
Total Expenses	\$107,053.86	\$108,429.65	\$185,881.00

BEHIND THE SCENES

Don't get too attached to that tall fellow playing beautiful organ music. He is only with us for the summer.

Abraham (Abe) Wallace was raised in nearby Goldsby. He attended church at McFarlin United Methodist Church. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with two bachelor's degrees, one in piano and one in geophysics. He will be leaving us to take a position as organist at Trinity Lutheran Church here in Norman.

We are so grateful for the beautiful preludes, offertories, and postludes he has provided as we have worshipped this summer. Thanks be to God!

We will hold a church-wide **garage sale on August 4th**, so gather those items that are ready to be loved by another family! We need help in preparing and on the day of the sale. Sign up is in the hallway.



Memorial Presbyterian is **collecting school supplies this year**; we are collecting for both Jackson and Kennedy Elementary. We have connections to both of these schools, so are happy to be helping out the kids at both. The stores that sell school supplies have the lists of what the kids need. Please help if you can. **We will continue collecting supplies through August.**



In case you don't know Elise Solloway, she and her husband (Robert) and their son (Jonathan) were long-time members of Memorial Presbyterian Church - active in every aspect. When Robert was needed to run the family business in Woodward, OK, the Solloways made the hard decision to leave their beloved Norman home and church family.

Please prayerfully consider making a financial donation toward Elise's life-saving kidney transplant. Information on how to donate is in the letter below. Thank you, Joan Cole



National
Foundation
for Transplants



Elise Solloway

Dear Friend,

What if you were living on borrowed time?

Elise Solloway is awaiting a new lease on life. In 2004, Elise was diagnosed with autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease, just a week after her sister was diagnosed with the same disease. Elise's illness leaves her very tired and takes a toll on her quality of life. Her kidney function has deteriorated over the years, and **doctors say a kidney transplant is necessary for her survival.**

During this difficult time, Elise is thankful for the love and support of her husband of 41 years, Robert, and their family and friends. Elise and Robert have a grown son and one grandchild with another on the way, and the whole family worries about her health. She looks forward to receiving a transplant that will give her back her energy and allow her to be more active. When her health allows, she enjoys photography, creative writing, journalism, and music. Elise wants nothing more than to be healthy again and enjoy life with her family and friends. But right now, she needs your help.

Unfortunately, Elise's hope for a new life comes at a very high price.

The average kidney transplant costs more than \$414,000, and that's only the beginning. Even with insurance, which will cover a portion of the transplant costs, Elise still faces significant expenses related to the surgery. For the rest of her life, she will need follow-up care and anti-rejection medications. Post-transplant medications are very expensive, and they're as critical to her survival as the transplant itself. Additionally, Elise will have to temporarily relocate over 140 miles when she receives her transplant to be near the transplant center while she recovers, incurring substantial expenses for travel, food, and lodging.

What if your life depended on the compassion and generosity of others?

The National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) is working with volunteers and supporters to help relieve the growing burden of expenses for Elise. NFT has been assisting transplant patients with fundraising support for 35 years. Your gift—of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more—will enable NFT to provide Elise with the financial support she desperately needs.

You can help in the following ways:

- Send a tax-deductible donation via check or credit card. **Please make your check payable to NFT Oklahoma Transplant Fund. Remember to write "in honor of Elise Solloway" on the memo line.**
- Visit www.transplants.org to make a secure online donation. Click on "Find A Patient" and search for Elise.

If you have any questions about NFT, feel free to contact the staff at 800-489-3863.

Many Thanks!

P.S. What if Elise were your wife? Your mother? Your best friend?

August Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

August 5

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Breanna Upton

Communion Servers: Ann Fayles, Breanna Upton., John Beck, Melissa Gill

Coffee: Loreen and Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

August 12

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Mike Cole and Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

August 19

Ushers: Ross Robinson and Tim Thiessen

Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

August 26

Ushers: Bruce and Jo Beth Bailey

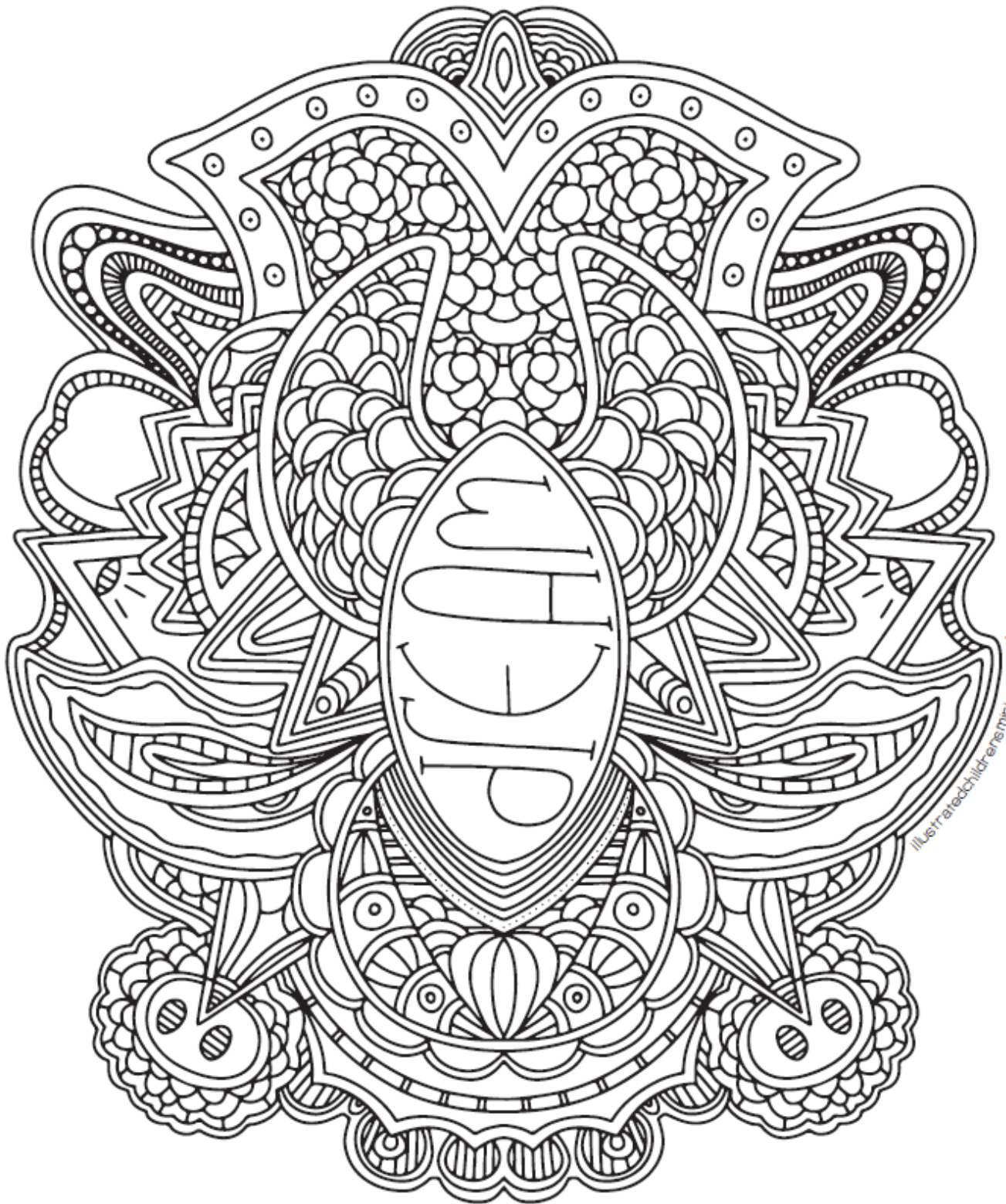
Coffee: Linda Eckel

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Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Jim Eckel
 Doug Forsyth
 Tamara Iske
 Diana Johnson
 Jayelle Martin
 Norma Taylor
 Jona Thiessen
 Loreen Upton
 Harry Wright
 Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
 Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)
 Jan Ferguson (friend of Georjana Mauldin)
 Wilhemina Ngunyah

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty and Bill Silman, Betty's sister, Lydia Evans died on June 9.

Jayelle Martin and Denise Jones whose family members Dennis Neal died on April 9 and Joyce Neal Apuzzo died on June 7.

Joys

Cassie and Nathan DeClaire who welcomed Ophelia Faye into the world on July 23. Proud sisters are Arabella and Odette.

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 ongoing 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.

August Birthdays

1 Matthew Stensrud
 3 Ben Rodriguez
 5 Esebe Masango
 6 Diana Johnson
 Baldwin Annoh
 Alex Pennington
 11 Sandy Johnston
 13 Michael Pennington
 18 Lizzet Annoh
 19 Larry Fisher
 21 Joan Thrailkill
 22 Tamara Iske
 Karen Upton
 23 Kerri Bales
 24 Tanner Bunce
 25 John Beck
 26 Scott Wilson
 29 Angie Martin
 31 Kirk Forthman
 Holly Van Auken

August Anniversaries

6 Clint & Kerri Autry
 11 Jimmy & Molly Rambur
 14 Gary & Joan Thrailkill
 29 Charles & Jan Johnson
 31 Bill & Betty Silman

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	3	4 8:00a.m. Church Garage Sale
5 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7	8 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10	11
12 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	13 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14 6:00 p.m Mission & Evangelism Meeting	15 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 12:00 p.m. Deacons 5:30 p.m. Stewardship 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	20 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 p.m Session Meeting	22 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	23	24	25
26 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	27 6:00 P.M. WORSHIP Committee meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	28	29 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30	31	