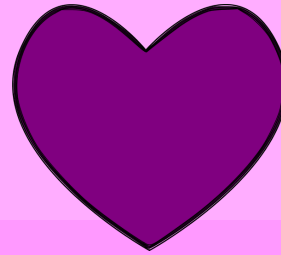
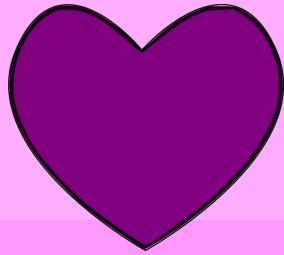


# Memorial Messenger

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# February 2016



## Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for February is Green Beans. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

Plan to stay late after Worship on **Sunday, February 14th for the Chili Cook Off**. Stay and enjoy a bowl of chili made with love.

**Lenten Study with Tracy Evans. Every Monday from 7pm—8pm.** The books are on order and will be \$5.00.

Wednesday noon Lent Worship sponsored by Norman Ministerial Fellowship

# Look inside for more information!

The **Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents** will meet on **Thursday, February 11, 2016** at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman.

### **Women's Issues in Addiction and Recovery**

**Speaker:** Lora Williams, Director  
Eagle Recovery Center

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

### **The Long Road of Addiction: Facing Reality**

**Speaker:** Kelly Dyer Fry, Editor

### **The Oklahoman**

Many who struggle with substance use disorders also wrestle with mental health issues. Guest speaker will be local psychiatrist Patrick Ellis, DO. Dr. Ellis will discuss co-occurring disorders, treatment approaches (including nutritional medicine), and the family's role in providing support and integrating coping strategies. For more information, call 405-278-1221

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends,

Wasn't it just Christmas? Didn't we just move into the New Year?

And yet, Ash Wednesday is soon upon us. Lent begins February 10 as we gather for our Ash Wednesday service.

Given forty days and six Sundays until we reach Easter, what are we to do? We are called to prepare. Some do this by "giving up" something for Lent. Kind of a reminder that every time one reaches for that soda, they will stop and remember what Jesus gave up for us (and it was much more than a Dr. Pepper!). I've found this practice to remind me of my humanity and my need for God, primarily because such a small sacrifice rendered me greatly grumpy.

Some people add to their lives through a daily offering or prayer time. There are plenty of devotion books that focus on Lent (I would be happy to loan you one of mine). This practice has helped me focus on discipline. Often it has opened my eyes to the season and prepared me for the joy of Easter in a more profound way.

You could also make a commitment to attend worship each week, or add Sunday School to your schedule.

Or my personal favorite, join me in a Lenten study! Monday evenings during Lent from 7:00 to 8:00, we will gather to discuss **ILLUMINATING LENT**, a study on the Lord's Prayer. You can sign up in advance on my office door. The books are on order and will be \$5.

Also, if you are available on Wednesdays at noon, I recommend attending the Norman Ministerial Fellowship series of worship services at various churches in Norman. There's more info on this elsewhere in The Messenger.

I'll leave you with these words from my friend Dr. Robert Lowry, a pastor in Arkansas, who wrote this last year:

What would happen if this year, rather than rubbing gravel through our hair and staring blankly at our navels pretending to wonder if the mercy of God will be there when these 40 days and 6 Sundays are over, we lived this season in eager anticipation of resurrection? What would happen if we stopped our self-indulgent lamenting of our sinfulness and began from a posture of awe at God's forgiveness? Because what makes it possible for us to repent of our sins but the knowledge of God's mercy and grace?

Looking forward to walking with you this Lent,

## Clerk's Corner

The regular meeting of session was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7PM. The 2016 committee chairs were announced and dates for the 2016 session meetings were approved. Session elected the following:

Julie Forthman - Chair of Officer Nominating Committee

Kirk Forthman - member of Officer Nominating Committee

Mike Cole - Treasurer

Serve on PEF Committee: Mike Girdner

Officers of the Corporation:

President - Julie Forthman

VP - Mike Girdner

Secretary - Melissa Gill

Treasurer - Mike Cole

Joan Cole - Clerk of Session

Elder Commissioner to Presbytery - Ross Robinson (Primary) & Harry Wright (alternate)

The 2016 budget was approved and will be presented to the congregation at the annual congregational meeting on January 31, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

<b>Stewardship Update</b>			
January 1 to November 30, 2015			
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$13,112.00	25,322.00	\$151,932.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$289.00	\$	\$26,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$13,401.00	\$	\$177,932
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$14,220.29	\$189,321.00	\$189,321.00

Memorial Presbyterian Church now 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 below. 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.



M.Y GROUP NEWS  
FEBRUARY 2016



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our meeting schedule for February:

FEBRUARY 21	Minute to Win It	Susan Beck will be providing our meal
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If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, there are still several opportunities in April and May. Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to bring a meal.

## **February Worship Duty Schedule**

Head Usher: Larry Upton

### **February 7**

Ushers: Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner

Communion Servers:

Coffee: Loreen & Doris

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

### **February 14**

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Bre Upton

Coffee: Joan & Jona

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

### **February 21**

Ushers: Holly Van Auken and Eileen Burke

Coffee: Georjana & Holly

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Joan Coal

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

### **February 28**

Ushers: Harry Wright and Donna Vint

Coffee: Trudy & Ann

Sound Booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth



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January Fun

White Elephant Bingo Night!



**2016 Lenten Services  
Together to the Cross  
Through the Eyes of Peter  
Norman Ministerial Fellowship  
Lenten Services 2016**

**Time**

Worship: 12:00-12:35

Lunch: 12:35-1:00 (\$5—uniform cost)

**Feb. 17**

**Host Church: Alameda Church of Christ**

Host Pastor: Rusty Tugman

**Guest Pastor: James Taylor**

Congregation: Christ's Church of Norman

Sermon Theme/Text: The Call of Peter (Luke 5:1-11)

**Feb. 24**

**Host Church: McFarlin United Methodist Church**

Host Pastor: Linda Harker

**Guest Pastor: Steve Graham**

Congregation: Cooperating Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma

Sermon Theme/Text: The Confession of Peter (Matthew 16)

**March 2**

**Host Church: First Baptist Church**

Host Pastor: Wade Smith

**Guest Pastor: Jim Goins**

Congregation: St. Thomas More Catholic

Sermon Theme/Text: The Faith of Peter (Matthew 14:22-33)

**March 9**

**Host Church: St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

Host Pastor: Scott Boeckman

**Guest Pastor: Tracy Evans**

Guest Pastor: Memorial Presbyterian

Sermon Text: Peter's Denial (Luke 22)

**March 16 (Spring Break)**

**Host Church: First Christian Church**

Host Pastor: David Spain

**Guest Pastor: Jeannie Himes**

Congregation: St. Stephens UMC

Sermon Theme/Text: The Resurrection (John 20:1-10; Mark 16:1-8)

**March 23 (Holy Week)**

**Host Church: NorthHaven Church**

Host Pastor: Mitch Randall

**Guest Pastor: Wade Smith**

Congregation: First Baptist

Sermon Text: Peter's Redemption (John 21:1-17)



## Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing  
 Gene Bergstresser  
 Lola Carroll  
 Sandy Clarke  
 Paula Coffman  
 Janice Crump  
 Dave Iske  
 Vince Leseney  
 Jayelle Martin  
 Devyn Upton  
 Pam Ashley's husband (Pam is Karen Upton's boss)  
 Cory Beck (John Beck's brother)  
 Mary Jean Beck (John Beck's mother)  
 Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)  
 Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)  
 Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)  
 Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
 Michael Hernandez (Jayelle Martin's second cousin, once removed)  
 Clark Hollingsworth (son of John Beck's friend Charles Hollingsworth)  
 Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)

Don Smith (Charlotte Lovett's uncle)  
 Michelle (Charlotte's neighbor)  
 Sharon & Gordon Waterous, family of Donna Vint & Harry Wright  
 Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's father)  
 Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)  
 Andrew Megehee  
 Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
 Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)  
 Jim & Linda Eckel  
 Those who grieve  
 Family of Les & Phyllis Johnston  
 Andre Eyabi & Family  
 Family of Jane Garlett (Joe Garlett's sister-in-law)  
 Family of Michael Johnson (son of Charles & Jan Johnson and husband of Diana Johnson)  
 Family & friends of Sara Davis

To receive prayer requests by email,  
 please contact Jona Thiessen at:  
[jthiessen2@att.net](mailto:jthiessen2@att.net)

## February Birthdays

- 3 John D. Montgomery, Jr.
- 4 Tim Mauldin
- 5 Cody Yeager
- 6 Laurianne Fisher
- 9 Gysheilla Jangha '
- 11 Susan Annoh
- 13 Terry Williams
- 16 Mary Clark (Carolyn Montgomery's daughter)
- 17 Ryan Johnson

## February Anniversaries

- 11 Mike & Joan Cole
- 14 Jim & Judy Burns



# What Is Love?

If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15



A N G R Y D H I T Z F H U I W  
M E A N U O A Q R U D E G H B  
F H D O R L T S B V K N S Q B  
P H R U Q X E A I C I I O X L  
F P E G U E F Z E T F M V U G  
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N C I M F M N I B G U N T I I  
G H C Q H T T S D M J V D N L  
F I V O U J E A L O U S J G P

Love Is.... Love is not....

protecting	mean
patient	angry
truthful	evil
faithful	proud
helpful	rude
forgiving	selfish
kind	hateful
trusting	jealous

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## February 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship w/ Communion 10:55 A.M. 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	8 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	9 6:00 PM MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE 7:00 pm Christian Education meeting	10 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	11 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	12	13
14 Chili Cook Off after worship 7pm Lenten Study	15 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	16 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	17 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	18 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	19	20
21 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group 7pm Lenten Study	22 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	23	24 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	25 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	26	27
28 7pm Lenten Study	29 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts				29	30

### SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

### MIDWEEK REGULAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday: Kids' Club 3:00 P.M.  
Children's Choir 5:00 P.M.  
Chancel Choir 6:30 P.M.

Thursday: Bible Study 10:30 A.M.