



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

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

The annual congregational meeting is **February 3** Immediately after worship.



The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents
Thursday, February 14, 2019
Roundtable: Processing the Range of Emotions We Feel
as Parents When Our Child Struggles with Substances
Thursday, February 28, 2019
Topic: Setting Healthy Boundaries
Speaker: Billy T. Samuel, MA, LADC
Classen9, Oklahoma City, OK

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checks as well.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I want to tell you about a new thing happening for me and for our presbytery.

At a meeting on January 24, the Indian Nations Presbytery voted to have me as their Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk is the official record-keeper of the presbytery (our regional body in the U.S). Duties include such things as recording minutes from meetings, working with other presbyteries to transfer pastors, keeping up-to-date records of churches, pastors and others, as well as more stuff that I will be learning about! Our presbytery continues in a time of transition as we function without a General Presbyter, so the position carries additional responsibilities at this time.

This will be a 16-20 hour per week position. It will take me out of the office a day or two during the week and the rest I can do in Norman. I will be leaving my other job as hospital chaplain, though there will be some time that I will have all three jobs as I transition out of the hospital work.

I am excited about this new venture. I enjoy learning new things, interacting in a new setting, and connecting with colleagues in the greater church. I have always appreciated service to the denomination and am grateful for this new opportunity.

What does this mean for Memorial? While I can't say with 100% certainty, I don't believe there will be much noticeable change. I will be out of the office some on a regular basis, but I will always be available (as I have been) by phone, text or email. My schedule at the presbytery is largely adaptable, and I will be able to adjust as needed.

I am so grateful for the support I have received from the Session, the personnel committee and from others who have heard about this new opportunity. I look forward to this new challenge to which God is calling me.

Please let me know if you have questions!

Grace and peace,
Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7PM. Committee chairs were appointed and are as follows:

Christian Education - Karen Girdner, Chair; Jessica Thiessen to serve on this committee
 Mission & Evangelism - Joan Cole, Chair.
 Worship & Music - Charlotte Lovett, Chair; Lucy Lanning to serve on this committee
 Stewardship - Nick Lindley, Chair; John Beck to serve on this committee
 Building & Grounds - Larry Upton, Chair
 Personnel Committee - John Beck, Chair
 Nominating Committee - Larry Upton, Chair. Karen Girdner to serve on this committee

Mike Cole was elected as treasurer

Joan Cole was elected as clerk of session

The officers of the corporation for 2019 are as follows:

President - Trudy Beard
 VP - Lucy Lanning
 Secretary - Karen Girdner
 Treasurer - Mike Cole

The Elder Commissioner to Indian Nations Presbytery is Charlotte Lovett. Her alternate is Karen Girdner.

Session approved the 2019 budget at their Special Meeting of Session on January 15, 2019

Respectfully,,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to January 31, 2019			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2019 Budget
Pledges	\$7,434.00	\$12,583.33	\$151,000.00
Other Income	\$208.31	\$1000.00	\$12,000.00
Total Income	\$7,722.37	\$13,583.33	\$163,000.00
Total Expenses	\$10,526.64	\$16,449.98	\$197,400.00

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Have you noticed that each Sunday the bulletin indicates which Sunday it is on the church calendar? January 20 was the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany or the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 27 was the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany or the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, etc.

(Epiphany was January 6th. The first Sunday after Epiphany was the Baptism of the Lord, falling this year on January 13). This is how the Christian calendar marks the time leading to the Transfiguration of the Lord (March 3), Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Lent.

Joan Cole is taking the lead in planning a special service for Ash Wednesday. Vince Leseney and Solena Rizzato are leading plans for the services for Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

If you have questions about worship, if you have visited another church and liked certain aspects of their worship, if there is some aspect you particularly like or dislike about our worship at Memorial, the Worship and Music Committee would like to hear from you. Feel free to visit with any of the committee, or put a note in Charlotte's mail box in the library. And, if you believe you have an interest or a gift in this area, our next meeting is February 25 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

Committee Members: John Beck, Joan Cole, Lucy Lanning, Charlotte Lovett, Solena Rizzato, Vince Leseney, and ex-officio Rev. Tracy Evans

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us after worship for the Annual Congregational meeting following a soup potluck February 3, 2019.



M.Y GROUP NEWS
FEBRUARY 2019



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

FEBRUARY 17 Have a heart (for Jesus)
Susan Beck will be providing the lunch

The dates of April 28 and May 12 are still available if you're interested in providing this great group of young people lunch. Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, to volunteer or if you have any questions.

February Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

February 3

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman

Communion Servers: Larry Upton, Lucy Lanning, John Beck, Melissa Gill

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: John Beck

February 10

Ushers: Ann and Gilbert Doh

Coffee: Grace Tamukong and Donna Vint

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

February 17

Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton

Coffee: Carl Forthman and Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

February 24

Ushers: John and Susan Beck

Coffee: Mike Cole and Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

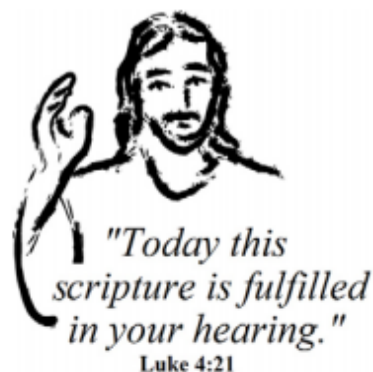
Lock-up: Jim Rodriguez

God's Promises Fulfilled

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor."

Luke 4:18a (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



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Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Jona Thiessen
Karen Upton
Harry Wright
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Tracy Garland (Harry Wrights daughter)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Family and friends of Doris Hinson who died on December 23.
Family and friends of Pam Snider, Karen Upton's cousin.

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.

February Birthdays

3 John D. Montgomery, Jr.
5 Cody Yeager
6 Laurianne Fisher
9 Gysheilla Jangha
11 Susan Annoh
13 Terry Williams
16 Mary Clark
17 Ryan Johnson
20 Jim Eckel
24 Georjana Mauldin
25 Kyra Nahbum
26 Larry Upton, Jr.
Will Farris
27 Jim Rodriguez
29 Jody Yeager

February Anniversaries

11 Mike & Joan Cole
14 Jim & Judy Burns
19 Nathan & Cassie DeClaire

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service
12:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting
and Soup potluck

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7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

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6

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

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Worship Service
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Group

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Chancel Choir

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HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY

15

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17

12:00 p.m.
Deacons
5:30 p.m.
Stewardship
4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

18

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts



19

7:00 p.m Session
Meeting

20

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

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4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service
12:00 p.m. MY
Group

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6:00 p.m
Worship & Music
Committee
7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

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Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

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