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FEBRUARY

MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents All meetings 7-9 PM at Norman Regional Hospital, Education Center: 901 North Porter: Thursday, February 13, 2020 Topic: Why Can't My Loved One Just Stop Using Substances Speaker: Traci Cook, MS, Senior Marketing Representative, Arcadia Trails INTEGRIS Center for Addiction Recovery, Edmond, OK

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



Thursday, February 27, 2020 Topic: Drug Testing My Loved One: The Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How Speaker: Dedra Hansbro, President, Innovative Court Solutions, LLC, Norman, OK

"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.

Dear Friends,

Recently a video surfaced of a pastor who stopped preaching in the middle of his sermon to tell a mother that her child needed to be taken out of the sanctuary. The child was making a little noise and it was bothering him. Needless to say, there was a great uproar against him.

It reminded me how very grateful I am for the way Memorial Presbyterian Church welcomes children and youth to worship. You all know how important it is for children to grow up hearing the words, singing the songs, and practicing the rituals of our faith. We provide worship bags, have a time for these young disciples, ask them to sing once a month (or so); they are fully welcome congregants.

It's not always easy, I know. But we remember that we, too, were once young in the faith.

On Sunday, February 2, we will celebrate communion with the children in a leadership role. The Great Thanksgiving will be question and answer. The liturgy is based on the practice of our Jewish brothers and sisters at the Passover dinner, when the youngest child asks questions of the adults who tell the story of their faith.

It is important for us to share our faith, and I believe you will find this particular act of worship informative and perhaps inspiring.

I look forward to seeing you on a Sunday soon!

Grace and peace
Tracy

You may know that Dwight Mission will not be offering summer camp for 2020. Arrangements are being made with Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas for Presbyterian campers from across the state to have a great experience at this excellent facility. Look for more news to come, and feel free to visit with me about this. -Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7PM at the church. The following actions were taken:

1. Dates were set for all of the session meetings in 2020
2. Session approved the church's participation in the four denominational offerings again this year (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness and the Joy Offering)
3. Session elected Karen Girdner as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Joan Cole as a member.
4. Joan Cole was elected as Clerk of Session
5. Mike Cole was elected church treasurer
6. Larry Upton was elected as session's representative to the Permanent Endowment Fund committee
7. Michael Yeager was elected as elder commissioner to Presbytery with Karen Girdner as his alternate.
8. The Board of Trustee officers for 2020 are as follows:
 President - Lucy Lanning
 Vice President - Karen Girdner
 Secretary - Michael Yeager
 Treasurer - Mike Cole
9. Session approved the "Pick an Envelope" fundraiser for Camps & Conferences
10. Session approved the serving of communion at the Maundy Thursday service in 2020

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Stewardship Update			
As of December 31st.			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2019 Budget
Pledges	\$160,824.84	151,000.00\$	\$151,000.00
Other Income	\$35,490.49	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Total Income	\$196,315.33	\$163,000.00	\$163,000.00
Total Expenses	\$187,363.45	\$197,400.00	\$197,400.00

Clerk's Corner (continued)

The following committee chairs and elder members were assigned:

Building & Grounds - Larry Upton (chair)

Christian Education - Karen Girdner (chair)

Solange Bobga (member)

Jessica Farris (member)

Mission & Evangelism - Melissa Gill (chair)

Alice Lanning (member)

Joan Cole (member & session liaison)

Stewardship - Nick Lindley (chair)

John Beck (member & session liaison)

Worship & Music - Lucy Lanning (chair)

Michael Yeager (member)

Joan Cole (member)

Personnel Committee - John Beck (chair)

Respectfully,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session



On Saturday February 15th from 1pm-3pm there will be a **wedding shower for Breanna Upton and Trey Neal** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Reminder to **committee chairs**: your annual reports are due February 3rd.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us after worship for the Annual Congregational meeting following a soup potluck February 16, 2019. Bring your favorite soup, side or dessert, or just bring an appetite!



Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend this brief yet meaningful service marking the beginning of the Lent season.

The windows around us

As most of you know, the east window in the sanctuary has been leaking for some time. Building and Grounds is targeting this summer to get that taken care of. To fix the problem the entire window will need to be removed and reconstructed, much like was done with the north and west windows several years ago. Obviously, this will not be cheap. Removal, reconstruction and re-installation of the window will be about \$25,000.00. As is always the case with a project like this, there is the possibility of unexpected expenses, so our goal is to have \$30,000.00 available.

We do have some funds set aside for this purpose but not nearly enough. We are asking everyone to please consider making a donation designated to the window repair. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Larry Upton - Building and Grounds Chair

February Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Mike Cole

February 2

Ushers: Eileen Burke & Breanna Upton

Communion Servers: Joan Cole, Karen Girdner, Jessica Farris, Nick Lindley

Coffee: Gladys Jangha & Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Donna vint

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

February 9

Ushers: Grace Tamukong & Melissa Gill

Coffee: Trudy Beard & Ann Forsyth

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

February 16

Ushers: Nick Lindley & Michael Yeager

Coffee: Donna Vint & Susan Beck

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: John Beck

February 23

Ushers: Carl & Julie Forthman

Coffee: Carl Forthman & Mike Cole

Sound Booth: John Beck

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Larry Upton

Love One Another

Word Search

Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Jan Cunningham
 Laura Eckel
 Doug Forsyth
 Blair Lanning
 Judd Lanning
 Jayelle Martin
 Emily Ryther
 Gary Thraikill
 Jona Thiessen
 Devyn Upton
 Karen Upton
 Janann Yeager
 Melinda Clements
 Pam Normile
 Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
 Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
 Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)
 Jim Leseney (Vince Leseney's father)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Samuel McCann whose grandmother died December 11.

Joys

Julian Warren Beck, born December 26, son of Jenny and Warren Beck, proud grandparents are Susan and John Beck

Seminary Graduate

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.
 Tim Mauldin
 5 Cody Yeager
 6 Laurianne Fisher
 9 Gysheilla Jangha
 11 Susan Annoh
 13 Terry Williams
 16 Mary Clark
 17 Ryan Johnson
 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 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 <p>2</p> <p>10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Kids Club</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. ABLE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Project Outreach</p>
<p>9</p> <p>10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service & Ordination & Installation</p> <p>4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Kids Club</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Wedding shower for Breanna Upton</p>
<p>16</p> <p>10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Stewardship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Kids Club</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Kids Club</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>



