

Memorial Messenger

Memorial Presbyterian Church
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Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for January is Peanut Butter. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

On Friday, January, 22, at 6:30, join in the fun of White Elephant Bingo! Bring an unwanted gift, wrapped in newspaper, and we'll use those as Bingo prizes. Also bring a finger-food to share. Fellowship and Hospitality will provided beverages. .

Thanks to the volunteer Salvation Army Bell Ringers from Memorial Presbyterian Church who rang the Red Kettle bells at Dillard's east entrance on Dec. 2. Their efforts raised just shy of \$400 for the day. Bell ringers include: Holly VanAuken, Charlotte Lovett, Ann Forsyth and her High School class students, Doris Hinson, Eileen Burke, Charles Johnson, Jan Johnson, Joan Cole, Carolyn Montgomery, Harold Conner, Bill Taylor, Paul Phelps, Bart Ward, Carl Forthman, and Tamara Iske. Good Job everyone!

The **Mission and Evangelism Committee** began winter/Christmas project, which included buying gifts for the children temporarily residing in the Battered Women's Shelter, similar to the last years project. However, this year there was additional gift basket for the mothers in the shelter with their children. Everyone did a fantastic job and Thank You to all that contributed.

The Boy Scout Troup 245 is hosted a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on **Saturday December 12** .The proceeds went toward our parking lot project. They raised a \$450 and did a fantastic job.

The **Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents** will meet on **Thursday, January 14 at 7 PM** at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. 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 or e-mail phpnorman1@yahoo.com.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

For the new year, I share this adaptation of a poem a friend shared with me many years ago. I hope you will appreciate it!

For the love of a tree, go out on a limb.
For the love of the sea, rock the boat.
For the love of the earth, dig deeper.
For the love of community, mend fences.
For the love of the stars, let your light shine.
For the love of spirit, nurture your soul.
For the love of a good time, sow seeds of happiness.
For the love of nature, make compost.
For the love of a good meal, give thanks.
For the love of family, reconcile differences.
For the love of creativity, entertain new possibilities.
For the love of her enemies, suspend judgment.
For the love of yourself, acknowledge your worth.
And the world will be richer.

I look forward to 2016 with you.

Grace and peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 and examined the new officers. Session approved the new officers and voted to have the installation service on Sunday, January 10, 2016. The following people will be installed:

Session Class of 2018: Ross Robinson, Melissa Gill and John Beck

Deacon Class of 2018: Ann Forsyth, Loreen Upton and Holly Van Auken

Deacon Class of 2016: Jim Rodriguez

Those rotating off session are Lucy Lanning, Jan Johnson and Harry Wright. Those rotating off deacons are Linda Eckel and Charlotte Lovett. A HUGE thank you to these officers for their outstanding work and leadership of our church.

Session voted to hold the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2016 immediately following worship.

Session voted to have our church enter into an agreement with CART to be a park-n-ride location (using our west facing parking lot).

Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to November 30, 2015			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2015 Budget
Pledges	\$155,361.95	\$149,992.00	\$149,992.00
Other Income	\$21,360.49	\$33,594.00	\$33,194.00
Total Income	\$176,722.44	\$183,586.00	\$183,586.00
Total Expenses	\$181,765.96	\$185,954.00	\$185,954.00

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, 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 JANUARY 2016



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our January-May 2016 meeting schedule.

JAN 10

Game Night

JAN 17

GaGa Ball

FEB 21

MAR 20

APR 10

APR 24

MAY 15 (LAST MEETING OF THE SEMESTER)

If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, there are still plenty of opportunities in 2016. Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to bring a meal.

HERE ARE SOME PICS FROM OUR CHRISTMAS PARY AT HEY DAY. WE HAD A BLAST!



January Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Mike Cole

January 3

Ushers: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner
Communion Servers: Harry Wright, Donna Vint, Jona and Tim Thiessen
Coffee: Jim Rodriguez and Lisa Upton
Sound Booth: Mike Girdner
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole
Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton
Lock-up: Trudy Beard

January 10

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman
Coffee: John Beck and Donna Vint
Sound Booth: Larry Upton
Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard
Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole
Lock-up: Joan Cole

January 17

Ushers: Charles and Jan Johnson
Coffee: Esua Jangha & Linda Eckel
Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner
Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck
Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

January 24

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole
Coffee: Joan Thrailkill & Jona Thiessen
Sound Booth: Dave Iske
Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen
Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard & Karen Girdner
Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

January 31

Ushers: Georjana Mauldin & Doris Hinson
Coffee: Georjana Mauldin and Doris Hinson
Sound Booth: Will Farris
Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton
Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint
Lock-up: Joe Garlett

Fun In December



The choir caroling at Rivermont



Gifts for kids and moms at the Women's Resource Center, ready for delivery!

Fun In December



Narrators for the Christmas Story



An unconventional Christmas Pageant

Dear Memorial Presbyterian Church Members and Friends,

Thank you for such a day of joy this past November 15! I greatly appreciated the opportunity to be with you in worship and to be asked to preach the sermon for that Sunday. The luncheon that followed, with the thoughtfully worded presentation by Jim Rodriguez honoring me with the title of “Pastor Emeritus”, was the conclusion of a very fine day.

I am truly blessed to have been the pastor of such a great church. Few ministers have arrived at a church with such an excellent foundation laid by the Rev. Bill Hunt and the Rev. Hudson McNair, along with the faithful and able work of those who led this church through its first 20 years. The blessing has continued these past 30 years as new members joined the congregation and offered creative, energetic and diverse talents. I believe this good story will add many rich chapters in the years ahead as the Rev. Tracy Evans and all who lead follow God's call into the future.

Judy and I are enjoying our years of retirement very much. A day such as that Sunday three weeks ago added one more very memorable event to these past 6 years of what has been a delightfully new phase of our lives.

May God continue to bless each one of you as you continue to bless others!

With Grace and Gratitude,

Jim Burns
Pastor Emeritus
Memorial Presbyterian Church

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
Sheri Aresco
(friend of Rachel
Bradley)
Family & friends of
Kenny Comer
Family & friends of
Sara Davis

To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Jona Thiessen at:
jthiessen2@att.net

January Birthdays

1 Kerri Autry
4 Cassie Eckel
6 Audrey Stensrud
9 Karen Girdner
10 Judy Burns
14 Warren Beck
Devyn Upton
19 Charles Johnson
24 Kelsey Hudson
Melinda Clements
25 Matt McClure
26 Nancy Silman
27 Rachel (Forsyth) Klenda
Ross Forsyth
28 Jim Annoh
29 Julie Forthman
Jessica (Thiessen) Farris
30 Jeff Roesel
31 Ashu Abunaw

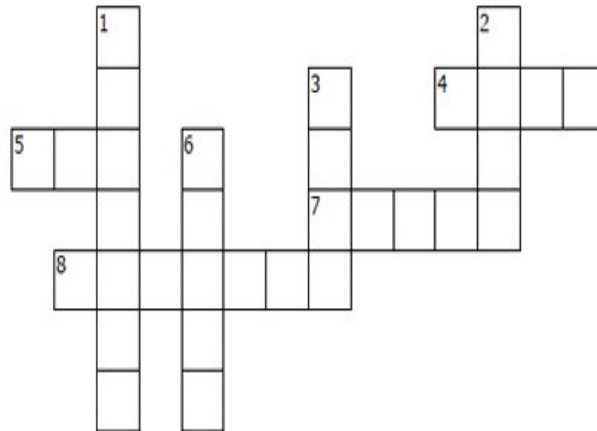
January Anniversaries

1 John & Susan Beck
Joe & Jan Garlett
Rob & Traci Cunningham
2 Will & Jessica Farris
17 Zack & Brook (Thrailkill)
Hesse
22 Jim & Linda Eckel

Jesus, the One and Only

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22b (NIV)

Based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



ACROSS

4. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
5. A male offspring
7. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords
8. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head

DOWN

1. A shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
2. A deep feeling of affection for a person
3. A bird often used as a symbol of peace
6. Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H₂O

SON	DOVE	BAPTIZE	SANDALS
LOVE	JOHN	WATER	VOICE

Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3 Worship w/ Communion 10:55 A.M. 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	4 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	5	6 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	7 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	8	9 9:00 am Session Retreat
10 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	11 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	12 6:00 PM MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE 7:00 pm Christian Education meeting	13 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	14 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	15	16
17 4:30 P.M. Deacons 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group 5:30 P.M. Stewardship	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	21 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	22 6:30 p.m. White Elephant Bingo Night	23
24 <hr/> 31 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting	25 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	26	27 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	28 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	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.