



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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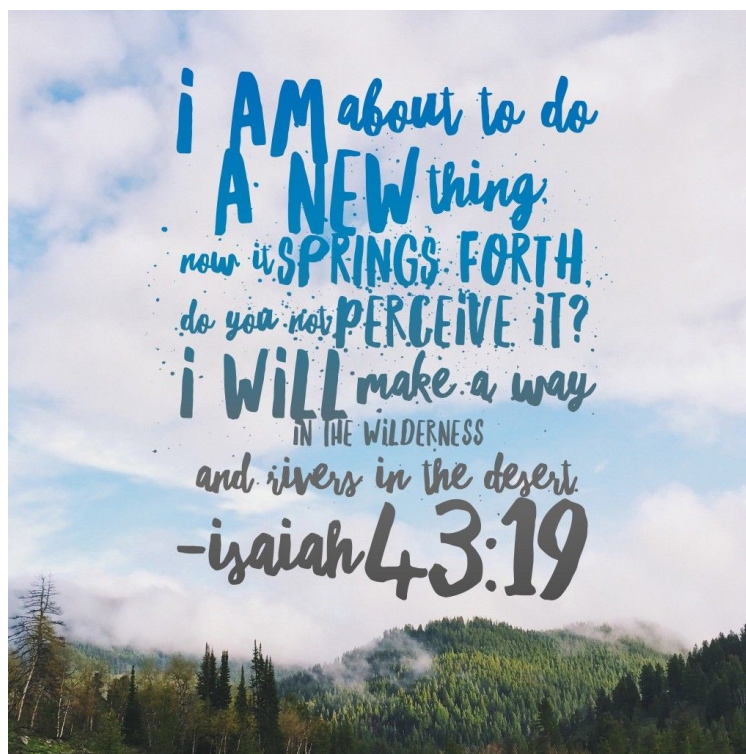
The Food & Shelter item of the month for January is **Non-Perishable foods of all kinds as they were cleared out during the holidays.** Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 PM at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter in Norman.



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

Dear Friends,

I ran across this writing and was reminded of this gifted writer/blogger. Who inspires you? Who speaks to your soul? Here is Steve Garnaas-Holmes poem, **Letting Go**.

*O Mystery, remind me of my end,
and how measured my days;
keep me mindful how fleeting my life is.
—Psalm 39.4*

Before I step into the new year
I let go of the old one.
What I have done I have done.
What I have not done I have not done.
So be it. I release my regret.
I stand with myself.

For all the gifts I have received,
known and unknown, I am grateful.
However I have suffered I accept.
I learn what I can and move on.
Whatever others have done that hurt me,
I forgive. I learn and move on.
For however I have failed or fallen short,
I forgive myself. I learn and move on.

I release my fears.
I release my self-doubt, blame and self-silencing.
My hopes and dreams I place in God's hands,
trusting what is blessed will remain with me.

I am alive, and life is good.
I open myself to the future,
enfolded in this present.
Holy Mystery, I am yours.
I am here, now.

You can find more of his work at www.unfoldinglight.net

As we move into the new year, be gentle with yourself. God loves you, always and forever, and there's nothing you can do about it. That's the good news for you and me!

Peace,
Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7PM at the church. A VERY special thank you to those who are rotating off of their respective boards: Deacons are Eileen Burke, Grace Tamukong and Breanna Upton. Those rotating off of session are Trudy Beard, Nick Lindley and Charlotte Lovett. THANK YOU for your care and devotion to the work of the church.

The following actions were taken by session:

1. Session approved the 2020 budget.
2. Session approved a facility use request from Breanna Upton for a wedding shower on February 15, 2020, a wedding rehearsal on March 20, 2020 and a wedding on March 21, 2020.
3. Session voted to serve communion on the first Sunday of every month in 2020.
4. Session voted to examine the new officers on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7PM
5. Session voted to have the ordination/installation service for the new officers on Sunday, January 12, 2020.
6. Session voted to have the regular meeting of session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Respectfully,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
As of November 30th.			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2019 Budget
Pledges	\$150,362.84	\$138,416.63	\$151,000.00
Other Income	\$26,866.75	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
Total Income	\$177,229.59	\$149,416.63	\$163,000.00
Total Expenses	\$169,084.04	\$180,949.78	\$197,400.00



Kid's Club will be back **January 15.**

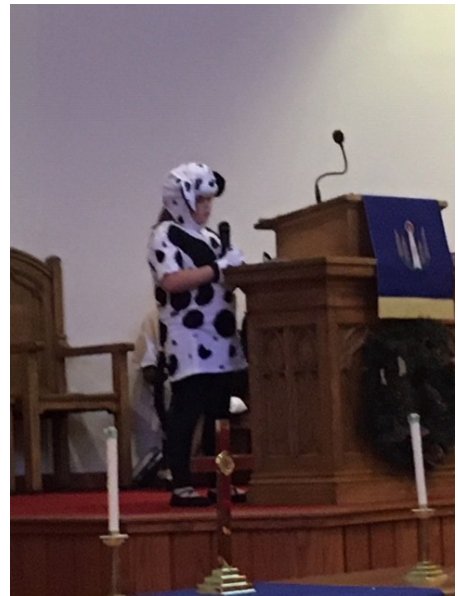
Worship and Music

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

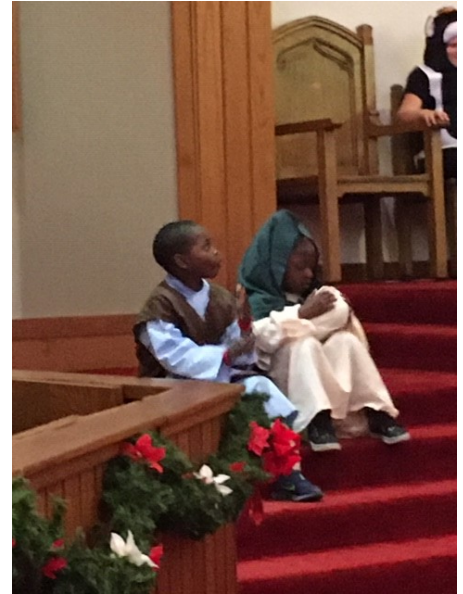
The 2020 usher list is ready and waiting. Don't be the last to be "in the know." Pick yours up from the information table in the south hallway.



**Christmas Pageant
2019**



Christmas Pageant 2019



January Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

January 5

Ushers: Tony & Reina Babila

Communion Servers: John Beck, Trudy Beard, Lucy Lanning and Nicholas Lindley

Coffee: Trudy Beard & Ann Forsyth

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Larry Upton

January 12

Ushers: Jim Rodriguez & Tim Thiessen

Coffee: Donna Vint & Susan Beck

Sound Booth: John Beck

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up:

January 19

Ushers: Will & Jessica Farris

Coffee: Carl Forthman & Mike Cole

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up:

January 26

Ushers: Blessing Sama & Abigail Jangha

Coffee: Lisa Upton & Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard & Karen Girdner

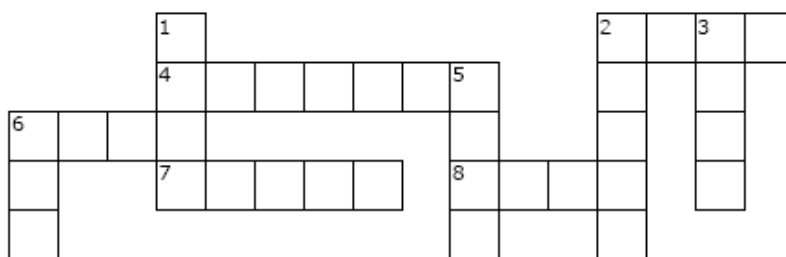
Lock-up:

The Visit of the Magi

Crossword

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
6. To come into existence by birth
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

DOWN

1. A male ruler of a country
2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
5. The direction which is opposite to west
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI
GIFTS

BOW
EAST

STAR
BORN

GOLD
MYRRH

KING
INCENSE

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
 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.
 Linda Eckel and family whose husband Jim Eckel died October 31.
 Lisa Upton whose father Nolan Spaugy died on October 30.

Joys

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

Inquirer for Ministry

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.

January Birthdays

1	Kerri Autry
4	Cassie Eckel
9	Karen Girdner
10	Judy Burns
14	Warren Beck Devyn Upton
19	Charles Johnson
24	Kelsey Hudson Melinda Clements
26	Nancy Silman
27	Rachel (Forsyth) Klenda Ross Forsyth
28	Jim Annoh 2002
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 (Thraikill) Hesse

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2	3	4
5 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7 7:00 P.M. Special Session Meeting	8 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10	11
12 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service & Ordination & Installation 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	13 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14	15 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Stewardship	20 6:30 P.M. Worship & Music Committee meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	22 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	23	24	25
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