



MEMORIAL

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Latest News

The Urban Mission
item of the month
for June is **Canned**
Meat. Please place
your donation in the
box by the church
information table.

Hamburger Lunch.
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Vacation Bible
School pg 8.

Habitat for Human-
ity Build pg. 7.

Other News

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

Join us for an evening of inspiration and courage as Cathy Costello shares her family's journey. Ms. Costello became a powerful advocate for policy reforms centered on mental illness following the tragic death of her husband, Labor Commissioner Mark Costello. Her presentation will touch on emerging family roles as well as overcoming stigma in coping with a loved one who is struggling.

Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about substance use disorders in our children

(adolescents or adults). We offer hope through shared experience, resources, and education. We promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support.

For more information, call 405-278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As I think about June and what to share with you this month, I keep returning to the idea of a break, a vacation, a sabbath. It may be due to the busy Memorial Day weekend I just had and the need for rest.

We all need a break sometimes: for a change of scenery, for a time to rest, for the opportunity to reflect and regroup. How can we experience life, experience God's presence, when we are caught up in our activities, in our busyness?

I was reading a reflection by Joyce Rupp in *Fresh Bread* where she talks about getting a knock on her door. She was in the midst of a time in her life that she was very tired, when things all seemed to be happening at once. She felt a deadness, she said, an inability to be enthused or excited. It was a very discouraging time for her. When she answered the knock on the door, she fully expected it to be someone else who needed "one more thing." Instead, she was pleasantly surprised that this friend had been driving down her street and just wanted her to go outside to see the beautiful rainbow that had formed.

As she stood and looked at the rainbow, she felt something new inside. Her tiredness had been replaced with a sense of peace and beauty.

She goes on to say, "...If we are to be hope-filled people, we need to fall deeply in love with God and treasure the promises we hear in the scriptures. We need to experience laughter, to delight in life's incongruities. We need to have a time each day to recall God's presence and believe again in the wonders and beauties around us. We also need to keep searching for people who believe and hope for what we hunger for in our hearts." (p.82)

In other words, we need to create space. When we are moving quickly from one task to the next, when we are busy marking things off our list, only to start a new list, when we are exhausted instead of energized, we may need to get some space.

I hope you will be able to get some space or some time, a respite away from the daily rigors of life. It's not always possible, but if you can, see if you can get outside and see the proverbial rainbow. You'll be glad you did.

Grace and Peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on May 1 (rescheduled from April 26) and also on May 17. The following actions were taken:

1. Session approved the expenditure to pour two concrete pads outside the fellowship hall entryway. This is in preparation for moving two benches from the courtyard to this new location since the existing benches are becoming unsafe.
2. Session voted to have a "theme of the year." This year our theme will be Mental Health with an emphasis on suicide prevention. More information about our year-long focus will be available in the fall.
3. Building & Grounds committee presented a Facility Use Policy to session. This policy was approved.

Joan Cole
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to February 29, 2016			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2016 Budget
Pledges	\$64,970.60	\$63,305.00	\$151,932.00
Other Income	\$3,961.94	\$10,833.30	\$25,000.00
Total Income	\$68,932.54	\$74,138.30	\$177,932.00
Total Expenses	\$77,851.47	\$78,883.05	\$189,321.00



June Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Mike Cole

June 5

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole
Communion Servers: John Beck, Jessica Farris
Coffee: Linda & Donna
Sound Booth: Mike Cole
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner
Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint
Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

June 12

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen
Coffee: Loreen & Doris
Sound Booth: Mike Girdner
Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen
Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel
Lock-up: Harry Wright

June 19

Ushers: Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner
Coffee: Joan & Jona
Sound Booth: Larry Upton
Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton
Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton
Lock-up: Holly Van Auken

June 26

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Bre Upton
Coffee: Georjana & Holly
Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole
Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole
Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

A BIG KID'S CLUB THANK-YOU!

Memorial's free after-school program had an awesome year!

Seventeen children ages 3-16 attended most Wednesdays between 3-6PM. Thirteen kids attend Memorial for church and 4 joined us from the local community. They attended Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Jefferson Elementary schools, Longfellow, Alcott and Irving Middle schools and Norman North and Norman high schools.

Transportation was crucial! We thank parents Ben and Gladys Jangha, Esau and Nicholine Jangha, Cassie, Laura and Linda Eckel, Andrea Eyabi, and Lillian and Earnest Abunaw. Our wonderful volunteer drivers were Charlotte Lovett, Donna Vint, Karen and Loreen Upton, Tracy Evans, Melinda Clements and Holly Van Auken.

Kid's Club provides crafts, sports, homework help, choir, snacks, dinner, one-on-one time, prayer and direction. Huge thanks to our small but mighty team each week: Tracy Evans, Melinda Clements, Dave and Tamara Iske, Loreen Upton, Kirk Forthman, Holly Van Auken AND best wishes to Sam McCann as he moves on to seminary. Sam has helped since fall 2013 and will be missed!

Next fall seven 8th grade club members will transition to high school. We send prayers of encouragement to these fine young people.

The cost to the church for providing a safe, fun, Kid's Club for eighteen 2016 Wednesdays was \$74 per week. This includes general supplies, toys, crafts, snacks and dinner. We usually served about 23 meals a week including adults and take-out.

Thank you to everyone at Memorial who contributes toward this project!

May Fun

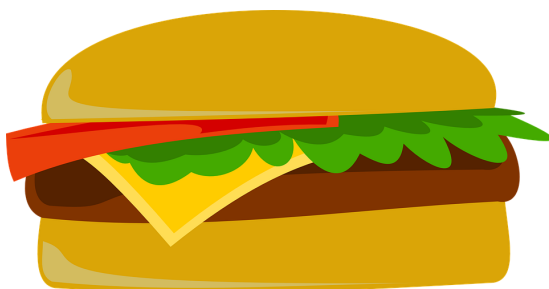


Indian Nations Presbytery will have its stated meeting this Saturday, June 4 in Lawton. Please pray for our commissioner, MPC folks who are in leadership and our pastor. In this time of transition and change, we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Come Help with a Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday, June 11. Skilled & non-skilled workers are welcome! Sign up in the hallway.



On Sunday, June 12 we will be hosting a hamburger lunch after worship. Fellowship & Hospitality will provide the hamburgers & buns and there will be a sign up sheet for desserts and side dishes.



Vacation Bible School Coming Soon...

June 27 – 30
6 p m – 8 p m



The Faith of the Centurion

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 7:1-10



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AMAZED
DESERVE
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CENTURION
HEALED
DIE

SOLDIER
SERVANT
GREAT

CROWD
SICK
FRIENDS

WORTHY
FAITH
HOUSE

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
 Jim & Linda Eckel
 Rhonda Beard (Daughter-in-law of Mike
 & Trudy Beard)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Family of Jerry Davis
 (friend of Jayelle Martin)
 Family of Ruby March

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.

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

June Birthdays

2 Doris Hinson
 9 Briana Bliss
 Todd Forsyth
 11 Paul Phelps
 12 Cassandra (Cassie) Upton
 14 Lyne-Maris Sama
 16 Zyan Autry '09
 18 Paul Upton
 22 Kierstyn Upton
 Carolyn Montgomery
 25 Judd Lanning
 27 Rod Pennington
 28 Linda Rodriguez
 29 Corey Fisher
 Gary Thrailkill

June Anniversaries

5 Larry & Loreen Upton
 5 Rachel & Michael Klenda
 8 Dave & Tamara Iske
 15 Wade & Amanda Forthman
 18 Doug & Ann Forsyth
 22 Bill & Margaret Storm

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	2	3	4
5	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7	8 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	9	10	11 Habitat for Humanity Build
12 12:00P.M. Hamburger Lunch	13 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14 6:00 pm Mission & Evangelism Committee 7:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting	15 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 4:30 P.M. Deacon Meeting	20 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21	22 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	23	24	25
26 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	27 6:00 P.M. VBS 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	28 6:00 P.M. VBS	29 6:00 P.M. VBS	30 6:00 P.M. VBS		