



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

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The Food & Shelter item of the month for June is

Cereal Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

The season of spring cleaning is among us, so keep this summer's church garage sale in mind before you get rid of your unwanted stuff.



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,

About two years ago Memorial was approached to lease space to another church for their worship and education. United Church of Norman came to us and asked if there might be a way for them to use our building for their congregation.

Meetings were held, questions were asked, papers were drawn, even a trial run Sunday took place. But it just wasn't the time, we learned.

First Congregational Church (FCC) of Norman contacted us again a few months ago to revisit possibilities. The congregation has a new name and a new pastor, and they wondered if now was the time to move ahead.

More meetings, more questions and we are moving ever closer to this being a reality. At its last meeting, our session agreed to lease space to First Congregational Church, pending approval by our Presbytery. Our presbytery will be meeting on Saturday, June 2. We will soon know if this will be happening.

If it comes to pass, what will it look like? What will change?

FCC will be worshipping at 4:00 on Sunday afternoons. They will hold their education classes following worship. They will be using the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, and a classroom or two. The nursery will also be used as needed. Their pastor will have an office, the northeast room across from the Kids' Club room (the room known as the former library, pastor's study, youth room or garage sale storage). The FCC congregation will be able to use the building at other times, too, and will work with our church's calendar in planning.

For the most part, I don't believe you will notice much change. Our building is very well used all week, and we are grateful to have a space that is used so well as outreach to the community. I know I will have to be more mindful of cleaning up after myself in the pulpit on Sundays. We may need to change some events that used to be held on Sunday afternoons.

Our session and I see this as an opportunity for us. There may be some times that our congregation can partner with First Congregational church. And any time our building can be used is a good thing. The lease will give us a little extra income, which will also help us.

Please do not hesitate to pass along any questions or comments to me or to any session members. We want everyone to be included in this venture.

Grace and peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7PM. The following actions were taken:

1. Session approved 40% of the Pentecost Offering to go to Bridges (Norman)
2. Session approved the hiring of Abe Wallace as organist
3. Session approved entering into a lease agreement with The First Congregational Church of Norman UCC, pending Presbytery approval
4. Session voted to change the date of the July session meeting from July 17 to July 24

Respectfully,

Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
May 1 to May 31, 2018			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Budget
Pledges	\$66,854.13	\$65,625.00	\$157,000.00
Other Income	\$2,860.98	\$2,499.95	\$6,000.00
Total Income	\$69,715.11	\$68,124.95	\$163,500.00
Total Expenses	\$71,907.88	\$77,449.75	\$185,881.00



**where faith grows
and hungry people
are fed**

Vacation Bible School

Year 2: New Testament

July 16-19

6:00pm-5:00pm

FYI

There have been numerous questions and conversations about the color changes with the choir stoles, especially among choir members. There may be others among you who have wondered about the "liturgical colors." If you really don't care, then you can stop reading this article.

According to the Presbyterian planning calendar, "the liturgical colors of the Christian year are white, purple, red and green." It is up to the worship committee and/or the head usher to check the calendar posted in the sacristy (formerly the communion room) to have the appropriate color on the pulpit, lectern and communion table. During the school year the choir also wears the appropriate color.

"White is used for special days or seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas and Easter." Memorial uses white for communion (on the first Sunday of each month, unless designated otherwise by the session).

"Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent." Memorial has now moved to blue for Advent, also acceptable.

"Red is the color for Pentecost and is often used for ordination services. Red or purple is appropriate for Passion/Palm Sunday. During Holy Week the color is purple until the church is stripped at the end of the Maundy Thursday service." (If you have never attended a Maundy Thursday service, you should. The stripping of the church is very moving.) Some churches choose to leave their sanctuary bare until Easter. Memorial chooses to use black.

"Green is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season. The meanings of liturgical colors and their uses offered here are not exhaustive."

Charlotee Lovett

Worship Committee Chair

We will hold a church-wide garage sale on **August 4th**, so start gathering those items that are ready to be loved by another family! More details to come.



Members on the move

Melissa Gill will be representing Indian Nations Presbytery as a commissioner to General Assembly in June.

Rev. Tracy Evans will also be attending General Assembly.

Vince Leseney will be performing in "Hello Dolly" and "Mamma Mía" this summer.

Former organist Stephen Wurst will be touring France with the American Organist Guild before starting his new job in Edmond.


Bill and Norma Taylor, with the help of all their children, are relocating to Connecticut.




We have a new prayer chain! Just send an email to MPCprayerchain@gmail.com with "Add Me" in the subject



Our organist/pianist for the summer will be Abe Wallace. Abe is a recent graduate of OU, with a double major in Piano Performance and Biophysics. He will begin a Master's program in Sacred Music at OU this fall. Abe will begin on June 24.



Would you like to help out with Vacation Bible School? We need lots of adults because it makes the work more fun! Lots of areas for volunteering, including Bible stories, meal/snack prep and serving, music, arts & crafts, and recreation. Dates are July 16-19, 6:00 to 8:00. This is a fun time for both the kids and the adults (really!). There will be an information and planning meeting on Monday, June 11 at 6:00 pm. Or contact Karen Girdner or Tracy Evans for more info.



The General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will have its meeting June 16-23 in St. Louis, MO. Our own Melissa Gill will be representing our presbytery as a commissioner to the meeting. Tracy Evans will attend as an observer. Please be in prayer for all the commissioners who have a heavy load of work to do that week.

If you are interested in following the work of the GA, please go to ga-pcusa.org. The Saturday opening worship is always a highlight of the week, as is the election of the moderator. There will be a live stream of the week's worship and work.

Following GA on July 14, the three Oklahoma presbyteries will meet to hear reports from some who attended. Special speaker will be Jill Duffield, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook. See the flier elsewhere in the Messenger.

Dear Memorial Family,

25 May 2018

I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love that you have shown me over the past 2½ years. When I arrived in Oklahoma, I wasn't so sure about the whole prospect of living so far from home. But you welcomed this Northerner like he was family and that welcoming spirit never wavered.

I was absolutely blown away by the contents of the "Love Offering" gathered on my last Sunday. Please know that I will put it to very good use as I continue to pursue my education. I see a lot of new organ music in my future...

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
For all that you do and continue to do at Memorial.
Your community is unlike any I've ever seen and I will miss my Memorial family so much. I look forward to the next time I can see you all again!

Very sincerely, Stephen Wurst

**The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ,
and He will reign forever and ever.**

(Rev. 11:15)



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SATURDAY, JULY 14
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4400 N Shartel, Oklahoma City

Gather with Presbyterians across the state for conversation focusing on the work of the 223rd General Assembly and how it connects with our ministry and context in Oklahoma.

Registration is \$5 and includes lunch.

To register, please call (405) 524-0990 or register online at www.okinp.org/register between June 4 - July 2.

SCHEDULE

10:00a Worship
11:00a Jill Duffield presentation
12:15p Lunch
1:00p Commissioner presentations
1:30p Roundtable discussions

SPECIAL GUEST

Jill Duffield,
Presbyterian
Outlook



June Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Carl Forthman

June 3

Ushers: Ross Robinson and Jeff Roesel

Communion Servers: Diana Johnson, Lucy Lanning, Larry Upton, and Ross Robinson

Coffee: Diana Johnson and Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

June 10

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Diana Johnson

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

June 17

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Grace Tamukong and Holly Van Auken

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: John Beck

June 24

Ushers: Karen and Paul Upton

Coffee: Loreen and Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Harry Wright

Jesus and the Sabbath

Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. Mark 3:4 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 2:23-3:6.

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J	U	H	D	C	U	C	M	D	P	O	V	O	Z	D
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DAVID
RESTORED
BREAD

ACCUSE
SABBATH
PHARISEES

GRAIN
JESUS
LORD

GOOD
PRIEST
EVIL

LAWFUL
HUNGRY
HAND

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Jim Eckel
 Doug Forsyth
 Tamara Iske
 Diana Johnson
 Jayelle Martin
 Loreen Upton
 Harry Wright
 Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)
 Jan Ferguson (friend of Georjana Mauldin)
 Wilhemina Ngunyah
 Joyce Neal (Jayelle Martin's Cousin)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Stephen Wurst, whose grandmother died
 April 27
 Jayelle Martin and Denise Jones whose
 brother and uncle Dennis Neal died on
 April 9

Joys

Congratulations to Rebecca and Kyle Bates
 who welcomed Cole Gordon Bates into
 the world on April 2. Proud grand parents
 are Joan & Mike Cole.

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Came-
 roon 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.

June Birthdays

2 Doris Hinson
 9 Briana Bliss
 Todd Forsyth
 11 Paul Phelps
 12 Cassandra (Cassie) Upton
 14 Lyne-Maris Sama
 16 Zyan Autry
 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
 15 Wade & Amanda Forthman
 18 Doug & Ann Forsyth

June 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

5

6

6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

7

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10

4:00 p.m.
Session Retreat

11

6:00 P.M. VBS
Planning meeting
7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

12

6:00 p.m Mission
& Evangelism
Meeting

13

6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

14

15

16

17

12:00 p.m.
Deacons
Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Stewardship
Meeting

18

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

19

7:00 p.m Session
Meeting

20

6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

21

22

23

24

25

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

26

27

6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

28

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