



# MEMORIAL

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## Latest News

The Urban Mission item of the month for March is Soup. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

**Lenten Study with Tracy Evans.** Every Monday 2/15-3/21 from 7pm—8pm. It is not too late to join!

**Wednesday noon Lent Worship** sponsored by **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** (see inside for details)

**Journey of Renewal Prayer Vigil** The sanctuary will be open during Holy Week, March 20 through March 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

## Other News

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on **Thursday, March 10 at 7 PM** at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman.

If you would like to order **Easter Lilies**, please contact the church office. The lilies cost \$12 each; please make payment to Memorial. Orders will be accepted until noon on Friday, March 11

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends,

We are halfway through the season of Lent. It began Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> as we enter into the joy of Easter Sunday.

Lent is six weeks long: forty days plus Sundays. Each of the Sundays in the worship service we have been recognizing Lent through a liturgy at the beginning of the service. This Journey of Renewal has one candle extinguished each week, with the light slowly fading to the darkness of Jesus' death. It is through this death that we find renewal, transformation and letting go of all that hold us back from new life.

It is indeed a journey of renewal. We use this time to reflect on our own response to God's love and grace in our lives. Each of us falls short of living out the full reality of the presence of God, but we are confident in the forgiveness that is bestowed upon us.

If you have taken on a Lenten discipline this year, I hope it is bearing fruit in your life.

Holy Week will be an excellent time for reflection on the meaning of Jesus' journey to the cross. You are invited to come to our prayer vigil each night, Sunday, March 20 through Saturday, March 26 from 6:00-8:00pm. You may come one night or every night and stay for the full two hours or stay for a few minutes.

It is difficult for us humans to want to stay in the darkness of Lent. Everything in our culture says that we should "Be happy" "Look on the bright side" or "Keep a stiff upper lip." Lent calls us to remember that this life is not the end and we are able to dwell in the darkness because we know that Easter is coming.

Jesus chose the path to and through the darkest of times. He chose going to the cross for us.

Blessings to you in the spirit of Lent,  
Tracy

## Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at a 7PM. The following actions were taken:

- (1) Session approved dates for communion to be served for the rest of 2016. Communion will be served on the first Sunday of every month plus the following additional times: Maundy Thursday (March 24), Pentecost May 15), Christ the King Sunday (November 20) and Christmas Day (December 25).
- (2) Session approved the Hospitality committee's request to have a lunch and auction following worship on Sunday, April 24. Money raised from the auction will go to Camps & Conferences
- (3) Session approved the annual statistical report that is to be submitted to General Assembly
- (4) Session approved participation in four special offerings in 2016. They are:

One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)  
 Pentecost (May 15)  
 Peace Making Offering (October 2 - World Communion Sunday)  
 Joy Offering (Christmas)

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

<b>Stewardship Update</b>			
January 1 to February 29, 2016			
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$23,520.60	\$24,998.66	\$149,992.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$433.50	\$5,598.98	\$33,594.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$23,945.10	\$30,597.64	\$183,586.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$28,681.92	\$30,992.00	\$185,954.00

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](http://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 MARCH 2016



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our meeting schedule for March

March 20                      March Madness      Lisa Upton will be  
providing our meal

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

## March Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

### March 6

Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton  
Communion Servers:  
Coffee: Jim & Lisa  
Sound Booth: Mike Cole  
Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton  
Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard/Karen Girdner  
Lock-up: Mike Girdner

### March 13

Ushers: Linda Eckel and Ann Fayles  
Coffee: Linda & Donna  
Sound Booth:  
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole  
Nursery Assistant: Dona Vint  
Lock-up: John Beck

### March 20

Ushers: Paul and Erica Phelps  
Coffee: Loreen & Doris  
Sound Booth:  
Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard  
Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel  
Lock-up: Harry Wright

### March 24 (Maundy Thursday)

Ushers:  
Coffee:  
Sound Booth:  
Acolyte Assistant:  
Nursery Assistant:  
Lock-up:

### March 27

Ushers: John and Susan Beck  
Coffee: Joan & Jona  
Sound Booth:  
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner  
Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton  
Lock-up: Holly Van Auken

# Holy Week



Prayer Vigil March 20th-26th from 6pm to 8pm.



Worship at 7:00pm

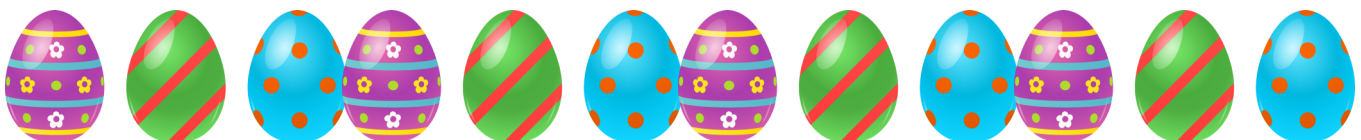


## Fellowship & Hospitality Monthly Event

March :

Fellowship & Hospitality will be hosting the Easter Pot Luck Breakfast on Sunday, March 27. The breakfast will be during Sunday school time and will start at 9:45 and end at 10:30. Please bring your pot luck dish by 9:30 so that we can be ready to serve at 9:45. There will be a sign up sheet for those who would like to bring a breakfast item to share. We look forward to seeing everyone for fun breakfast fellowship to celebrate Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 27!  
Donations of wrapped candy are welcome.



## February Fun



2016 Lenten Services  
Together to the Cross  
Through the Eyes of Peter  
Norman Ministerial Fellowship  
Lenten Services 2016

**Time**

Worship: 12:00-12:35

Lunch: 12:35-1:00 (\$5—uniform cost)

**March 2**

**Host Church: First Baptist Church**

Host Pastor: Wade Smith

**Guest Pastor: Jim Goins**

Congregation: St. Thomas More Catholic

Sermon Theme/Text: The Faith of Peter  
(Matthew 14:22-33)

**March 9**

**Host Church: St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

Host Pastor: Scott Boeckman

**Guest Pastor: Tracy Evans**

Guest Pastor: Memorial Presbyterian

Sermon Text: Peter's Denial (Luke 22)

**March 16 (Spring Break)**

**Host Church: First Christian Church**

Host Pastor: David Spain

**Guest Pastor: Jeannie Himes**

Congregation: St. Stephens UMC

Sermon Theme/Text: The Resurrection (John  
20:1-10; Mark 16:1-8)

**March 23 (Holy Week)**

**Host Church: NorthHaven Church**

Host Pastor: Mitch Randall

**Guest Pastor: Wade Smith**

Congregation: First Baptist

Sermon Text: Peter's Redemption (John 21:1-  
17)

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser  
 Lola Carroll  
 Sandy Clarke  
 Paula Coffman  
 Janice Crump  
 Jim & Linda Eckel  
 Dave Iske  
 Vince Leseney  
 Jayelle Martin  
 Devyn Upton

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

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](mailto:jthiessen2@att.net)

## March Birthdays

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|----|----------------------------------|
| 3  | Michael Klenda                   |
| 4  | Angela Jones                     |
| 5  | Margaret Storm<br>David Stensrud |
| 6  | Bill Silman<br>Harold Conner     |
| 7  | Elvira Sama                      |
| 9  | Brian Kelley                     |
| 14 | Riley Benson                     |
| 17 | Ann Fayles                       |
| 21 | Bill Jones 1964                  |
| 22 | Marcus Williams<br>Mandy Jiran   |
| 23 | Clay Girdner                     |
| 27 | Loreen Upton                     |
| 29 | Eileen Burke<br>Heather Yeager   |
| 30 | Joan Cole                        |

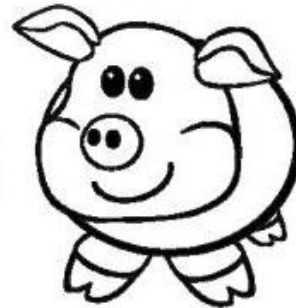
## March Anniversaries

10 Matt & Holly McClure  
 17 Bruce & Trisha Bunce  
 27 Cornelius & Susan Annoh

# The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	J	H	O	W	Z	B	D	L	N	A	U	M	T	E	P	X	S	K	F	V	Q	R	C	Y	G

1. 18-4-10-18 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 20-4-12-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 16-1-26-18 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 18-14-11-23-21-1-10-26 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 5-15-11-9-14-3 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 20-11-14-3-15-23 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 19-1-18-18-15-8 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 9-4-18-14 \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER SONS	WEALTH STARVING	PIGS KISSED	FOUND LOST
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# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship w/ Communion 10:55 A.M.	7 7pm Lenten Study  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	8 6:00 PM MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE  7:00 pm Christian	9 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club  5:00 P.M. Children's Choir  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	10 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	11	12
13	14 7pm Lenten Study  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	15	16 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club  5:00 P.M. Children's Choir  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	17 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library  7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	18	19
20 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group  6:00p.m.to 8p.m. Prayer Vigil	21 7pm Lenten Study  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	22	23 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club  5:00 P.M. Children's Choir  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	24 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	25	26
27	28 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	29	30 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club  5:00 P.M. Children's Choir  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	31 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library		