



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

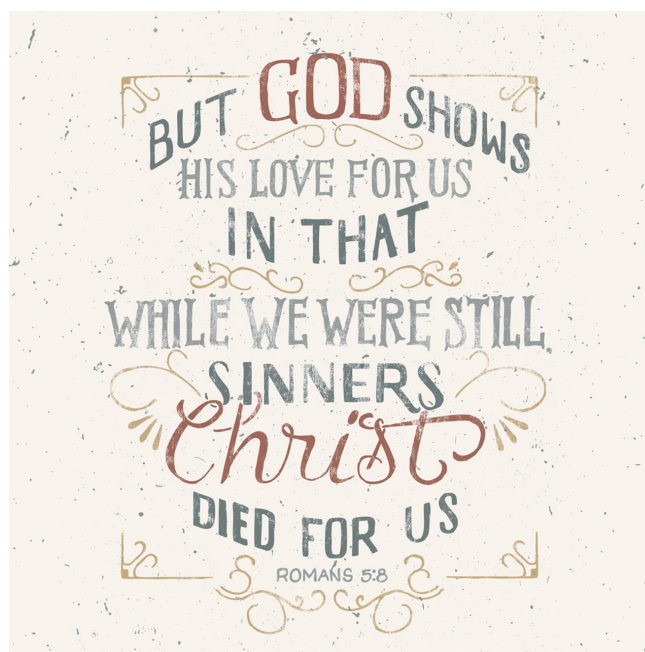
Latest News

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The Food & Shelter item of the month for March 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.



The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, March 8 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,

Wow! What a busy time in the church! Lent is a season that brings us a number of opportunities. It could be an additional spiritual discipline—maybe you gave up something for Lent—or are adding in some time for devotion reading and prayer. The focus on our journey to Easter can feel even more holy when we give the time and energy to address the reality of the cross.

In addition to our Lent journey, we have three events that are keeping Memorial Presbyterian Church very busy. We have two funerals and are hosting the Norman Ministerial Lenten Worship and Lunch, all in the span of ten days! That's a lot for us, and I know that it is providing PLENTY of opportunities for service.

I am so grateful to those of you who are stepping up to assist in these happenings. Your devotion to hospitality and care of others really shows who we are as a congregation. We give of ourselves because we understand that the great sacrifice of Jesus' death on the cross can never be repaid, but can be lived out in many, many different ways. I am blessed to be part of you as a congregation, and to see your discipleship at work.

Grace and peace,
Tracy

So, if you are available to help out at any of the upcoming events, please let us know:

Saturday, March 3 Memorial service for Gene Bergstresser. The Deacons will be hosting a reception following the 1:00 pm service. Contact Holly Van Auken if you would like to help, 405-326-1999

Wednesday, March 7 Lenten Worship and Lunch for Norman Community. Donna Vint is coordinating the lunch, which will include table set-up after church this Sunday, food preparation Tuesday, March 6 at 1:00, and serving the meal on Wednesday. Also need desserts for the meal. Call Donna if you can help out, 329-3282 (home).

Monday, March 12 Memorial service for Janice Crump. The Deacons will be hosting a lunch for the family and a reception following the 1:00 service. Contact Holly Van Auken if you would like to help, 405-326-1999.

CLERK'S CORNER

February's Session meeting was canceled due to bad weather.

BEHIND THE SCENES

One of the tenets of Christianity is to be a good steward of God's gifts. And to that end, Harry Wright provided Memorial with recycling bins for congregation and visitor use. The bin for paper is under the information table in the hallway, handy for dropping bulletins after the service. There is a bin for plastic in the kitchen, perfect for those empty juice jugs and other plastic containers that accumulate after potlucks, Kids Club, and other activities that involve food. Harry has been the long-time "emptier" of the bins, and now Tamara Iske is assisting in emptying them. Thanks be to God for these good stewards!

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend Indian Nations Presbytery's Youthquake 2018, Held April 6-8 at Canyon Camp in Hinton, OK. This is always a great event! This year, students from the Austin College Activators will lead the retreat. Get the registration form from Pastor Tracy. The \$95 fee is paid through our Camp and Conference fund. You know you want to go-get signed up!

Stewardship Update			
February 1 to February 28, 2018			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Budget
Pledges	\$23,700.98	\$26,250	\$157,000.00
Other Income	\$1158.69	\$999.98	\$6,000.00
Total Income	\$24,859.67	\$27,249.98	\$163,500.00
Total Expenses	\$25,568.90	\$30,979.90	\$185,881.00



Holy Week



PALM
S U N D A Y

March 25



MAUNDY
THURSDAY

His Last Supper

March 29, Worship at 7:00pm

April 1

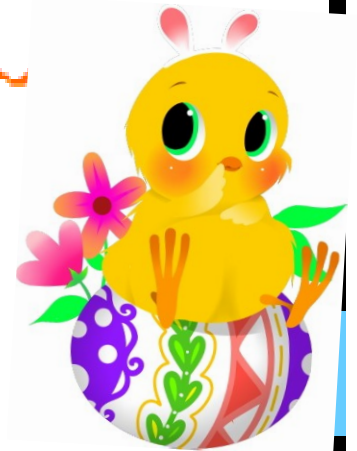


Easter
SUNDAY

• HE IS RISEN •

There will be Easter Pot Luck Breakfast on Sunday, April 1. The breakfast will be during Sunday school time and will start at 9:30 and end at 10:30. 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, April 1 during the potluck!
Donations of wrapped candy are welcome. Please bring to the church by Tuesday, March 27.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The newest addition to the Memorial staff is our organist, Stephen Wurst. Stephen hails from Maple City, MI, but now considers Norman to be his home.

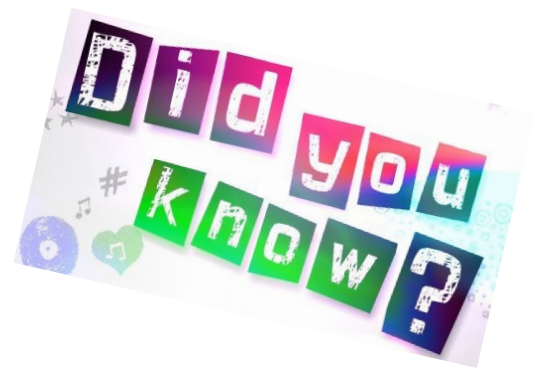
Stephen came to us with a Bachelor's degree in Parish Music from Concordia, Wisconsin. He finished his Master of Music at OU and is currently working toward a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at OU. This includes working as a Graduate Assistant at the organ shop. (Did you know there was such a place?)

In the time not spent practicing or playing a recital, Stephen enjoys "brewing coffee, going to estate sales, and reading a good book."

When asked his favorite musical genre, he responded, "While I love Classical music, I also listen to alternative and folk music."

Number one on Stephen's bucket list is visiting Germany and Finland, two countries in his family heritage.

Finally, as for something he would share with his Memorial family, the way to his heart "is through board games and socks."



2018 NORMAN LENTEN SERVICES

Together To The Cross

THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS

ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT NOON

A \$5 lunch is served at 12:35 p.m.



FEBRUARY 21

Alameda Church of Christ
801 Alameda St.

Guest Pastor: Mark Robinson
Wildwood Community Church



MARCH 14

**McFarlin Memorial
United Methodist Church**
420 S. University Blvd.

Guest Pastor: Michael East
First Presbyterian Church



FEBRUARY 28

Grace Fellowship
102 W. Eufaula St.

Guest Pastor: Rusty Tugman
Alameda Church of Christ
Worship Leader: Phil Rice, Ember Ministries



MARCH 21

First Christian Church
220 S. Webster Ave.

Guest Pastor: Mike Bumgarner
Norman Regional Health System



MARCH 7

Memorial Presbyterian
601 24th Ave. SW

Guest Pastor: Desi Sharp
Goodrich Memorial UMC



MARCH 28

First Baptist Church
211 W. Comanche St.

Guest Pastor: Dr. Charles Kimball
University of Oklahoma

**AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH WORSHIP SERVICE,
AN OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN FOR EMBER PRAYER MINISTRY**

March Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

March 4

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Communion Servers: Trudy Beard, Mike and Karen Girdner, and Melissa Gill

Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Mike and Joan Cole

March 11

Ushers: Ross Robinson and Jeff Roesel

Coffee: Diana Johnson and Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

March 18

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

March 25

Ushers: Bruce and JoBeth Bailey

Coffee: Grace Tamukong and Holly Van Auken

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

The Triumphal Entry

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Jesus sent two _____, saying to them, "Go to the _____ ahead of you, and at once you will find a _____ tied there, with her _____ by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large _____ spread their _____ on the road, while others cut _____ from the trees and spread them on the _____. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed _____,

"_____ to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:1b-3, 6-9 (NIV)

branches	colt	disciples	Hosanna	shouted
cloaks	crowd	donkey	road	village

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Jim Eckel
 Doug Forsyth
 Tamara Iske
 Diana Johnson
 Alice Lanning
 Blair Lanning
 Jayelle Martin
 Harry Wright
 Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)
 Jan Ferguson (friend of Georgiana Mauldin)
 Hudson Von Holt
 Wilhemina Ngunyah

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Family and Friends of Rev. Gene Bergstresser who died on February 16
 Family and Friends of Janice Crump who died on February 13
 Joan and Mike Cole. Joan's mother Gerry died on January 12
 Caitlyn Stensrud-Smith and her husband, Alexander. Alex's mother, Nina Smith, died December 23
 Family and Friends of Anita Harkey who died on December 13

Seminary Student

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 ongoing 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.

March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

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

March 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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7:00 P.M. Lent
Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

6

7:00 P.M.
Fellowship &
Hospitality
Meeting

7

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
4:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

8

9

7:00 P.M.
Building &
Grounds
Meeting

10

11

12

7:00 P.M. Lent
Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

13

14 3:00 p.m.
Kids' Club
4:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Ash
Wednesday
Service
8:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir

15

16

17

18

12:00 P.M.
Deacons
Meeting
5:30 P.M.
Stewardship
Meeting

19

7:00 P.M. Lent
Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

20

7:00 P.M. Session
Meeting

21

6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

22

23

24

25

Palm Sunday



26

7:00 P.M. Lent
Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

27

28

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
4:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

29

7:00 P.M.
Maundy
Thursday Service

30

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**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**