



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## Latest News

The Food & Shelter item of the month for March is **razors, shaving cream for men and women, combs and brushes**. For a more detailed list please check with Lisa in the office. 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, March 12 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](http://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.

Dear Friends,

Here we are at the beginning of Lent. These 40 days plus Sundays help us as we move closer and closer to the cross with intentionality and purpose.

You may associate Lent with “giving up” something. Or maybe you take the opposite approach and take on something; adding something to your spiritual or personal life. I've done both, and I've done neither one of them.

Regardless of how you choose to acknowledge Lent, I hope you will spend some time in reflection, considering the person of Jesus Christ, the ministry of his life, and the death and resurrection which are keystones of our faith.

Our worship committee has planned the services of Lent and Holy Week with the theme of “Called To...”

Each week in worship we will focus on a different call.

- Called to Community
- Called to Servanthood
- Called to Overcome Greed
- Called to the Cross
- Called to Endure Suffering
- Called to Follow
- Called to Joy

As we explore what it means to be called, and especially called as Jesus' followers, we will look at Jesus' story and how our own lives (individually and collectively) can better reflect the love, grace and mercy of God.

See you on the journey,

Grace and peace,  
Tracy

## Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7PM at the church. The following actions were taken:

1. Session approved a request from Building & Grounds to pursue a Presbytery grant for the purpose of repairing the east stained glass window.
2. Session approved a request from Parents Helping Parents board member, Joan Cole, to include a flyer about this nonprofit's fundraiser in the March newsletter
3. Several church members will be attending a Healthy Pastor, Healthy Congregation training session along with Rev Evans. Those attending will be Charlotte Lovett, Michael Yeager, Mike Cole and Joan Cole.

The next meeting of session will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7PM

Respectfully,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

### Stewardship Update

As of January 31st.

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2020 Budget
<b>Pledges</b>	\$12,335.00	\$13,000.00	\$156,000.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$6,948.90	\$1,250.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$19,283.90	\$14,250.00	\$171,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$14,230.51	\$16,598.40	\$199,181.00



No garage sales, no raffles, no magazines to buy! Let's make this easy! You are invited to participate in our **Envelope Fundraiser for our Camp and Conference Fund**. Simply pick one or more envelopes off the bulletin board in the hall. The number of the envelope is the suggested donation. Fill the envelope (cash or check) , and place in the offering plate or bring to the office. Thank you!

Do not forget to set you clocks forward March 8th daylight savings begins.



No Kids Club March 18th. Enjoy Spring break.

Our soup luncheon went fantastic. Thanks everyone for your help. I'm sorry I have been not myself lately.

Our next, and last for awhile, is the Easter breakfast. Ann has volunteered to make our poster. Thanks Ann!!! Easter is on April 12<sup>th</sup>. I try to get the poster up at least 3 weeks ahead of the event. Usually for Easter breakfast, we have a sign up or egg dishes, breakfast meats, fruit, pastries, juice, milk and other.

We are not having a spaghetti fundraiser luncheon for the youth this year.

Thanks everyone, Trudy

## MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - OPPORTUNITY TO RECYCLE STYROFOAM

We have information about 2 ways to recycle Styrofoam, which the City of Norman does not collect for recycling.

University Lutheran Church, 914 Elm, has a Styrofoam collection station that is open weekdays from 10:00-4:00, and always on Sunday mornings.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church at Hwy. 9 and Imhoff also has a station that is open M-Th from 9:00-2:00.

At ULC, you enter the church from the parking lot BEHIND the church on College Ave. When looking at the building from the lot, go in the 2nd door from the north (left) end. It has a green sign in the side window that says "Styrofoam recycling." The room on the right, one foot inside the door, is the Styro-Station.

You can drop off ONLY "clean, Clean, CLEAN" Styrofoam other than peanuts or construction insulation Styrofoam.

Peanuts can be taken to many local package mailing places where they will be reused.

This collected Styrofoam is taken to the DART corporation in Ada. They ship it to their facility in Texas where it is remanufactured into products like crown molding, trim for planes, boats and motor homes, and inexpensive photo frames.

If we have a volunteer, we could consider setting up a collection station at MPC.

M.Y GROUP NEWS  
MARCH 2020



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

MARCH 8 – Welcome Home

We are in need of a volunteer to provide lunch for us. Please call me if you are able to help us out.

Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to bring a meal.





## *Words From The Cross*

**MARCH 4**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
555 S. UNIVERSITY BLVD.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
JUSTIN  
WESTMORELAND**  
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**MARCH 11**

**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
211 W. COMANCHE ST.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
TERRY  
WILSON**  
EVERLASTING LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

**MARCH 18**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**  
220 S. WEBSTER AVE.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
MIKE  
BUMGARNER**  
NORMAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

**MARCH 25**

**MC FARLIN UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
419 S. UNIVERSITY BLVD.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
ROY JOE  
HAM**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NORMAN

**APRIL 1**

**ST. THOMAS MORE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
100 STINSON ST.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
RUSTY  
TUGMAN**  
ALAMEDA CHURCH OF CHRIST

**APRIL 8**

**ALAMEDA CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
801 ALAMEDA ST.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
JEFF  
MCMILLON**  
OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
AN OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN FOR KALEIDOSCOPE GRIEF SUPPORT, A LOCAL NON-PROFIT  
THAT OFFERS GRIEF SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO EXPERIENCE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE



**Parents Helping Parents, Inc.**  
presents

# Hopeful Horizons

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

Will Rogers Theatre and Event Center  
4322 N Western Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Announcing our Keynote Speaker.....



## **William Cope Moyers**

Vice President of Public Affairs and Community Relations  
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

William Cope Moyers is the Vice President of Public Affairs and Community Relations for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, based in Minnesota. As the organization's public advocate since 1996 Mr. Moyers carries the message about addiction, treatment and recovery to audiences across the nation. He has appeared on Larry King Live, the Oprah Winfrey show, Good Morning America and Minnesota Public Radio. Mr. Moyers is the author of several books including Broken: My Story of Addiction and Redemption, a New York Times best-selling memoir published in 2006 that is still in print. His next book, a follow-up memoir, will be published in 2021. Moyers lives in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Parents Helping Parents, Inc. extends gratitude to Arcadia Trails INTEGRIS Center for Addiction Recovery for its generous sponsorship of William Cope Moyers at our event.

To sponsor or attend Hopeful Horizons 2020, please go to  
<https://www.parentshelpingparents.info/hopeful-horizons-2020>  
or contact Becky O'Dell at 405-550-7326  
[ed@parentshelpingparents.info](mailto:ed@parentshelpingparents.info)



## March Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Carl Forthman

### March 1

Ushers: JoBeth & Trudy Beard

Communion Servers: Charlotte Lovett, Donna Vint, Susan Beck and Solange Bobga

Coffee: Lisa Upton & Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard & Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Jim Rodriguez

### March 8

Ushers: Linda Eckel & Solange Bobga

Coffee: Gladys Jangha & Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

### March 15

Ushers: Charlotte Lovett & Lucy Lanning

Coffee: Linda Eckel & Ann Forsyth

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

### March 22

Ushers: Anne & Gilbert Doh

Coffee: Donna Vint & Susan Beck

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

### March 29

Ushers: Mike & Karen Girdner

Coffee: Carl Forthman & Mike Cole

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

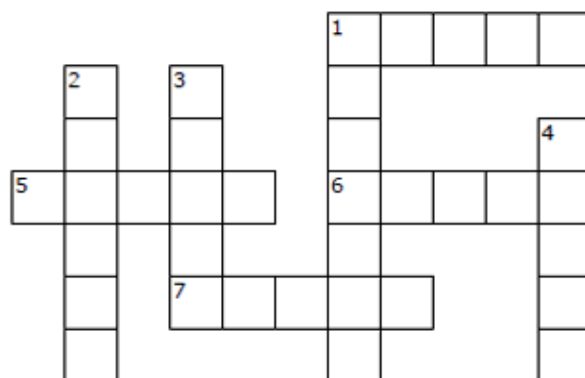
# The Temptation of Christ

## Crossword

### The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

#### DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry  
stone

bread  
tempt

worship  
angel

devil  
world

## 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  
 Janann Yeager  
 Melinda Clements  
 Pam Normile  
 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.

### Joys

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

### Seminary Graduate

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.

## March Birthdays

3	Michael Klenda
4	Angela Jones
5	David Stensrud
6	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

17	Bruce & Trisha Bunce
27	Cornelius & Susan Annoh

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	9 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	10 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting	11 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15 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	16 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	17 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	18 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	19	20	21 7:00 P.M. Wedding for Breanna Upton & Trey Neal
22 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	23 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	24	25 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	26	27	28
29 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	30 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	31				