



MEMORIAL

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Latest News

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

Special Worship on May 15 as we recognize Pentecost, the birthday of the church.

Other News

We had a wonderful Spring Fling Spaghetti Lunch and Auction. Together we raised \$1400 for the Camp and Conference Fund! Thanks to all who worked to make this a success!

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I have recently joined a gym. I have never in my life belonged to a gym before, and until recently, had never even stepped foot into one. I had a trainer for a couple of visits show me what I needed to do, and we will visit again when I need to be challenged. In the month or so that I've belonged, I have been more or less faithful in my appearance at said gym.

It occurs to me that my gym association might be like being part of the church. Do you relate to any of these?

- I show up at my own initiative. It could be due to a habit, a discipline, or simply because I feel like it.
- I often feel better because I have been there.
- As a "newby," I need to have someone show me the ropes.
- If I have more experience, I can help someone who is newer than I.
- I can become better at what I am working on.
- If I don't attend, I may not be missed, unless I have built a relationship with others who attend and would notice I'm gone.
- Sometimes I don't like the people there.

Of course, the gym is not like the church, too.

- When we worship, we don't do it to feel better, or to get recharged for the week. Those things may happen, but we gather to worship because we want to come together to praise the God who loves and forgives us.
- What we do in the church goes beyond the walls of the church. As we grow in faith, we are able to extend the love and grace of God out into the world. We do this through mission, evangelism, and education.
- I don't get sweaty at church. Usually.

What other correlations or differences do you notice? Share them with me when you see me at church (or at the gym).

Peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session is not able to meet until May 1st. The minutes will be available in the office or by email if you are is interested.

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to February 29, 2016			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2016 Budget
Pledges	\$47,233.60	\$50,644.00	\$151,932.00
Other Income	\$3112.35	\$8,333.32	\$25,000.00
Total Income	\$50,345.95	\$59,310.64	\$177,932.00
Total Expenses	\$52,368.87	\$63,106.44	\$189,321.00

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, 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.



May Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Carl Forthman

May 1

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Communion Servers: Ross Robinson, Jessica Farris & Melissa Gill

Coffee: Loreen & Doris

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

May 8

Ushers: Trudy Beard and Melissa Gill

Coffee: Joan & Jona

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

May 15

Ushers: Lucy Lanning and Charlotte Lovett

Coffee: Georgjana & Holly

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

May 22

Ushers: Karen and Kierstyn Upton

Coffee: Trudy & Ann

Sound Booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

May 29

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman

Coffee: Jim & Lisa

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard/Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

Reflecting on Service

Eight years ago, the Memorial congregation elected me to serve on the Session of our church. I viewed such an action as a privilege, and for two three year terms served on the session. I believe that as a ruling elder, it was, and is my responsibility, to the fullest of my ability, to be an active part of the mission of this church. I have attempted to use my gifts and interests in ways that enhance our work of sharing God's love, as manifested in Christ's message of Love to our community. Whether I am on Session or not, I believe that as a ruling elder I have a responsibility to be actively involved in the activities of our congregation, and to be visible during such activities. This involves worship, or other venues of expressing mission.

However, friends in the congregation have noted that on some Sundays during the year, I have been absent. They know that every year during fall, I head up to Michigan for several trips. But this does not account for the rest of the year. As a ruling elder, for the last six years, I have been involved in the work of Indian Nations Presbytery (INP). I have served on various committees, and was Moderator of the presbytery four years ago. Currently, I am a member of the Committee on Ministry (COM), and a Task Force exploring the future of INP. In addition, because of my previous experiences and theology background, I am on the pulpit supply list for the INP. We have many smaller churches which require persons to fill their pulpits in the absence of Teaching Elders. I have had the privilege to be one of those requested to help out in this area. Furthermore, my work on COM, sometimes requires that I be present with churches which require certain services, such as moderating sessions or congregational meetings.

I thought it was important to share with you these activities, because as a ruling elder, I believe that as a part of my Call to serve, I have a responsibility to this congregation, as well as a commitment to serve the greater church body – in this case INP. Our mission is here, and it is beyond Norman.

Thank you for taking the time share in my thoughts about our mission.

Harry Wright

April Fun



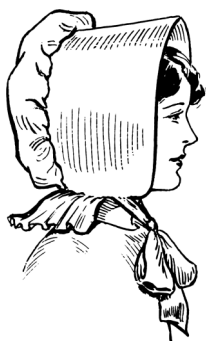
Let's Celebrate... In a new way

The Deacons will now be honoring new marriages and births with a small gift basket and gift card.

For those who have family members or friends who would like to use the church for a shower, the Deacons are available to assist.

Please contact your deacon with news of "new family" or if you have questions about this decision.

Sunday , May 8 is Bonnet Sunday in honor of Mother's Day. Wear your stylish hat to church.



Sunday, May 22, during the coffee time, Fellowship & Hospitality will hold a reception to honor our graduating High School Seniors. Plan to attend and congratulate. Memorial's Seniors.



Dave & Tamera Iske will be celebrating their 20 year anniversary by Renewing their wedding vows. They would like to invite everyone to come. No gifts please. Just show up at the church.

Sunday, May 29th at 2pm



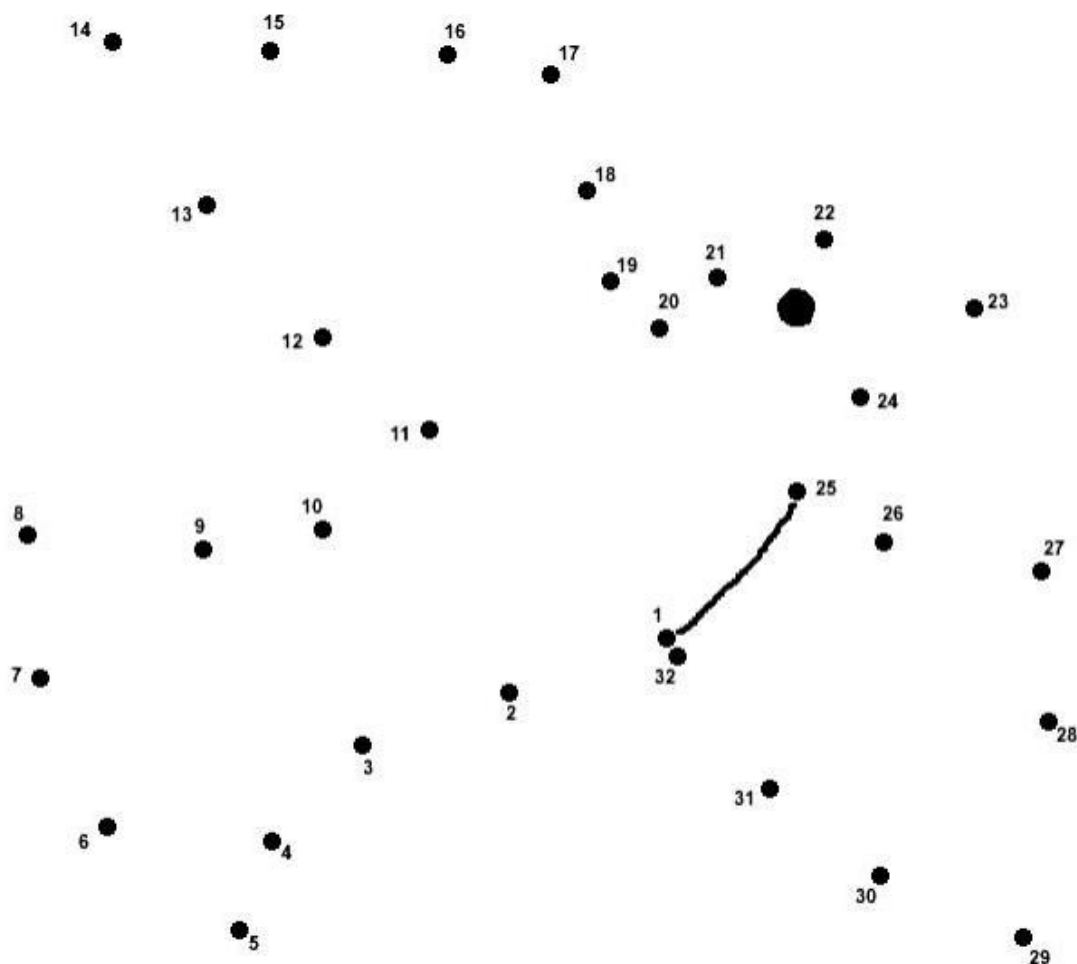
Congratulations

- to our graduating High School Seniors, **Alex Leseney, A.J. Roesel, Chelsea Thiessen, Cassie Upton, and Tristain Young** .
- to Samuel McCann who is graduating from OU with a double major in History and African-American Studies
- to Jessica Ferris who is graduating from OU with a Masters in Educational Administration and Curriculum Supervision
- May you be blessed as you complete this chapter of your lives and move on to the next step in your journey!

Also, congratulations go to Samuel McCann who has received the Horace C. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, which goes to the History Outstanding Senior, the Raymond Gary Memorial Scholarship, which goes to the Af-Am promising student, the Af-Am Leadership Award, and the Fa-Am Student of the Year. Additionally, he will be published in the OU History Journal.

The Father Sends a Helper

Connect the dots to complete the image.



But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send
in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to
your remembrance all things that I said to you.
John 14:26 (NKJV)

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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)

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

May Birthdays

- 2 Chris Sivuilu
- 3 Ann Forsyth
 Rachel Bradley
- 5 Jayelle Martin
 Nate Adams
- 8 Steve Martin
- 9 Breanna Upton
- 10 Laure Sivuilu
 Kaylee Eyabi
- 13 Paige Girdner
 Kay Anderson
- 16 John Silman
- 17 Herve Sivuilu
- 21 Mike Girdner
 Louisa Baker
 Denise Jones
- 22 Madison Thiessen
- 25 Janice Crump
- 26 Barbara Hudson
- 27 Chelsea Thiessen

May Anniversaries

- 14 Paul & Karen Upton
- 24 Mike & Karen Girdner
- 28 Larry & Lisa Upton

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:00 P.M. Worship Meeting	3 6:30 P.M. Nominating Committee Meeting	4 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 Worship w/ Communion 10:55 A.M.	9 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	10 6:00 pm Mission & Evangelism Committee 7:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting	11 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	12 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	13	14
15 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	16 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	17 7:00 pm Session Meeting	18 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	19 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00P.M. Building & Grounds meeting	20	21
22	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 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	27	28 <i>Earth Day</i>
29	30 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	31				