



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## Latest News

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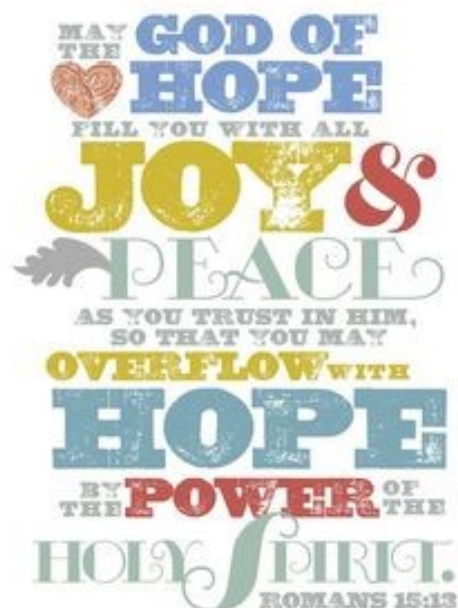
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The Food & Shelter item of the month for May is **Jelly and Mac & Cheese**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

Don't forget to **wear a hat** on Mothers Day.

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, May 10 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.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

The end of the school year still brings the question, "What are you doing this summer?" The answer may include graduations, vacations, new jobs or camps. Whether you are in school or not, summer has a way of bringing the daily grind, if not to a halt, at least to a change in speed.

It seems that the month of May has become a month that leads to changes, and this year's May is definitely on track for that theme.

Our dear friends Bill and Norma Taylor will be leaving us to move to the northeast United States to be closer to children. They have been an integral part of the life of this congregation for decades, and their presence will be greatly missed. We wish them well as they make this transition. The Deacons will host a reception for them following worship on Sunday, May 20 before they fly out on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will be celebrating our High School graduating seniors, Mariolise Sama (Norman High) and Roland Ngom (Norman North). We will celebrate this milestone following worship on May 13.

In another transition, our organist Stephen Wurst has accepted an amazing job opportunity with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond, where he will be Director of Parish Music. Speaking as a choir member, I have truly loved having him at the organ, as well as seeing his growth as an organist in his time at Memorial. He has added his gifts to the Worship Committee and we will miss his expertise. We wish him well in this new chapter. FYI, we are in the process of interviewing for a new organist.

I heard recently about looking for the "exclamation points" in our lives, in our days, in our hours. Sometimes (or often), we feel that we are slogging through life, just getting through it. The exclamation points become markers that remind us that life is more than that. These joys and celebrations may be as small as a nice smile from a stranger, or as big as a life-changing event.

Together, we will be celebrating several "exclamation points" this month. May the God who is the constant in our lives, in our "hellos" and "goodbyes", give us strength for the journey.

Your companion on this journey,  
Tracy

## CLERKS CORNER

The regular meeting of session was held Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7PM. Session approved two requests to use our fellowship hall. A date for the session retreat was set for Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 4-7PM. The next regular meeting of session will be Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, there was a special meeting of session for the purpose of receiving new members. Solange Bobga and Martina Doh requested and were approved by session to join Memorial Presbyterian Church on transfer of church letter. They were to be publicly received on Sunday, April 29 during worship.

Respectfully,  
Joan Cole  
Clerk of Session

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Stewardship Update			
April 1 to April 30, 2018			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Budget
<b>Pledges</b>	\$53,632.98	\$52,500.00	\$157,000.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$2,291.06	\$1,999.96	\$6,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$55,924.04	\$54,499.96	\$163,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$57,466.59	\$61,959.80	\$185,881.00

### BEHIND THE SCENES

She sings in the choir. She moderates the deacons. She leads the Kids Club activities. But did you know her involvement with Kids Club also includes arranging transportation, arranging meals and usually doing the cooking, not to mention clean-up afterward? She loves our kids and puts her heart and soul into providing a safe and fun place for them to be on Wednesdays. When you see Holly Van Auken, give her a hug, or at least a big thank you, for all she does for Memorial. Thanks be to God!

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**We have a new prayer chain!** Just send an email to [MPCprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:MPCprayerchain@gmail.com) with "Add Me" in the subject

## Prayer Chain



We will also 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.



# YouthQuake 2018



Our youth also joined metro area Presbyterians for a tour of the OKC Memorial.





## May Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Mike Cole

### May 6

Ushers: Jim and Linda Rodriguez

Communion Servers: Nick Lindley, Holly Van Auken, Trudy Beard, John Beck

Coffee: Grace Tamukong and Holly Van Auken

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Loreen Upton

### May 13

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole

Coffee: Loreen and Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

### May 20

Ushers: Melissa Gill and Linda Eckel

Coffee: Mike Cole and Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

### May 27

Ushers: Will and Jessica Farris

Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

# Love One Another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:9-17

*The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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

1. 18-5-13-1-9-14 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 19-5-18-22-1-14-20 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 10-15-25 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 6-18-9-5-14-4-19 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 12-15-22-5 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 6-1-20-8-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 3-15-13-13-1-14-4 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 13-1-19-20-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_

REMAIN  
LOVE

SERVANT  
FATHER

COMMAND  
JOY

FRIENDS  
MASTER

## 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 Ngunya

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Stephen Wurst, whose grandmother died at the end of April  
 Jayelle Martin whose brother Dennis Neal who died on April 9  
 Family and Friends of Rev. Gene Bergstresser who died on February 16  
 Family and Friends of Janice Crump who died on February 13

### 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 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.

## May Birthdays

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

## May Anniversaries

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



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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7:00 P.M. Boy  
Scouts

7:00 P.M.  
Fellowship &  
Hospitality  
Meeting

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

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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12:00 p.m.  
Honoring  
Graduates

6:00 P.M.  
Worship  
Committee  
meeting  
7:00 P.M. Boy  
Scouts

7:00 p.m Session  
Meeting

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

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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12:00 p.m.  
Taylor Reception  
12:00 p.m.  
Deacons  
Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Stewardship  
Meeting

7:00 P.M. Boy  
Scouts

6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir

27	28	29	30	31
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Scouts

6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir