



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## Latest News

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



## Community News

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, May 9 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,

We on Session, and especially those on the Building Grounds committee, talk a great deal about our building. As with any aging structure, there are plenty of needs. Not long after I arrived as your pastor, we repaired/replaced the south faceted glass windows. We are now due to replace the east window and are making plans for that.

Long-term, we are looking at replacing the flat roof. It's been repaired a number of times, but it's been over 20 years since we have had a brand new roof. We are starting a fund toward those costs which will be used in the next few years.

Some might think that if we were faithful in our call as followers of Christ, we should take any money we have to spend on the building and use it to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Use it to bring about God's justice on earth. Here's the news: both choices are correct.

In the midst of the Notre Dame Cathedral burning, a friend shared this poem by Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer:

Build beautiful churches,  
attend them, and cherish them.  
Build beautiful churches not because  
God needs such a house,  
but because their beauty reminds us  
of God's presence, of his love.  
Use stained glass, include fine  
paintings, icons, and statues.  
Build beautiful churches, not boxes.  
Build beautiful churches,  
not auditoriums with stages  
and coffee houses.  
Build beautiful churches to express  
the beauty of the Lord.  
And if they should burn down,  
rebuild them.  
And then fill them us with your presence,  
with your prayers and songs.  
With God's Word.  
With baptismal waters,  
with altars offering up body and blood.  
For these are the things that make  
a church truly beautiful.  
And the reason we build beautiful  
churches to begin with.

We have beautiful spaces because we desire to reflect, in our limited way, a limitless God full of grace and truth.

Easter peace be with you all,

Tracy

## Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, April 16 at 7PM at the church for their regular meeting. The following actions were taken:

1. A congregational meeting for immediately following worship on Sunday, May 5, 2019 was approved. The purpose is to elect two members from the congregation to the Officer Nominating Committee. Michael Yeager and Devon Upton have agreed to serve if elected.
2. Session approved the Boys and Girls Club of Norman to receive the 40% of the Pentecost Offering.

The next meeting of Session will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 7PM.

Respectfully,

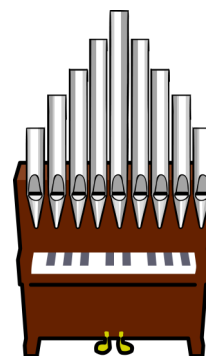
Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

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Stewardship Update			
March 1 to March 31, 2019			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2019 Budget
Pledges	\$48,603.00	\$50,333.32	\$151,000.00
Other Income	\$10,674.67	\$4,000.00	\$12,000.00
Total Income	\$59,527.67	\$54,333.32	\$163,000.00
Total Expenses	\$62,317.15	\$65,799.92	\$197,400.00

We have enjoyed having Solena Rizzato as our organist for the past nine months. She is leaving us for an internship in Boston. We wish her the best in her new endeavors!



The last day of Kid's Club will be May 15th.

Congratulations to Gysheilla Tita-Jangha and Kierstyn Upton who will graduate from Norman North High School in May. A celebration will be held following worship on May 19.



## MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



## HYGIENE KITS FOR REDROCK AND GRIFFIN

The Mission and Evangelism committee will be collecting personal hygiene items for Redrock and Griffin for the summer months (May – August). Travel size items are the perfect size. Our goal is to collect at least 60 of each item listed below, as there are a total of 60 beds between the two facilities.

There will be a box in the hallway that leads to the sanctuary beginning May 5, 2019. Once the items are collected, the Youth Group will create the kits by placing the items in a zip lock bag. There will also be a healthy snack inside each bag (i.e. granola bar or similar). Please do not bring snack items. We'll add those in August.

Here's a list of what is needed:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Comb
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant



M.Y GROUP NEWS  
MAY 2019



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, the last youth group meeting will be May 19.

MAY 19 – The Great Escape

There are no planned M.Y Group activities for the summer (June, July, August).

NEEDED: We still need someone to provide lunch for us on May 19. Also, our activity for this event requires us to be off site. I need a driver and someone willing to stay (and possibly participate).

I want to thank all those who provided a meal for our youth group meetings. Your willingness to help out is so appreciated; not only by me but also by our very hungry youth.

And one last thank you – this one goes Gysheilla Jangha and Kierstyn Upton who are graduating from high school at the end of this school year. Both have participated in youth group activities and their participation and leadership will be missed.

You are invited to attend a program that will help you make decisions to guide your family and church when making arrangements for the funeral service you desire.

Where: Church of the Savior 5600 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> St OKC, OK 73132-7731

When: Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 6:00 pm

Who: Rob Burgess, Bill Merritt Funeral Services, Bethany, OK

This program is FREE with no obligation to purchase any funeral services. Bring your family/friends and join us to ***work through the funeral planning worksheet***. Plan now for your own peace of mind.

Snack and refreshments will be provided. Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend. For additional information contact Judi Johnson at (405) 503-3626 or judi-johnson@cox.net.

## May Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: John Beck

### May 5

Ushers: Carl & Julie Forthman

Communion Servers: Trudy Beard, Ann Fayles, Eileen Burke & Linda Eckel

Coffee: Grace Tamukong & Donna Vint

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Jim Rodriguez

### May 12

Ushers: Ann & Gilbert Doh

Coffee: Carl Forthman & Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Loreen Upton

### May 19

Ushers: Trudy Beard & Ann Fayles

Coffee: Mike Cole & Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

### May 26

Ushers: John & Susan Beck

Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: John Beck

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole



## Feed My Sheep

Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:17b-18a

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



1.

5.

2.

6.

3.

7.

4.

8.

truth	follow	sheep	eating
glorify	lambs	feed	love

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll  
 Sandy Clarke  
 Jim Eckel  
 Laura Eckel  
 Doug Forsyth  
 Alice Lanning  
 Jayelle Martin  
 Joan Thraillkill  
 Jona Thiessen  
 Karen Upton  
 Harry Wright  
 Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)  
 Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)  
 Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty Silman whose husband Bill Silman died on March 17.  
 Harry Wright whose daughter Tracy Garland died on March 30

### Joys

### 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 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
26	Barbara Hudson
27	Chelsea Thiessen

## May Anniversaries

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

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club	2	3	4
5 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7	8 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10	11
12 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	13 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14	15 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Graduate Celebration 12:00 p.m. MY Group 12:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	20 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 p.m Session Meeting	22 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	23	24	25
26 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	27 Office Closed  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	28	29 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30	31	